



# 1<sup>st</sup> BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Dear scouts and parents

## End of Year Camp

Due to the National Senior Scout Adventure no year-end camp was planned for this year. Only two scouts will be attending the National Senior Scout Adventure though and a number of scouts have asked if a year-end camp can be run.

To gauge the interest in such a camp I would ask that all scouts complete the reply slip below and return it to me by 4 November 2016. Details of the year end camp (if any) will be provided shortly thereafter. This form is not a commitment to attend a camp, it is merely an "expression of interest".

With regards the possible venues, please note the following:

### Mpumalanga Drakensberg:

200ha farm with numerous small game species located near Lydenberg. Possible activities: Hiking, commando course, swimming, boating, fishing, game drive, visit to Sudwala Caves or Long Tom Pass. Disadvantages – heavy rainfall area, expensive tolls to get to venue, quite far.

### Vaal River

Small holding on Vaal river. Possible activities: Hiking, commando course, swimming, boating, tubing down Vaal river, visit to Vredefort dome, fishing, pioneering. Disadvantages – river is low due to drought. Close to home though, pioneering is an option.

### Van Reenen

Small farm on Free State side of Van Reenen. Possible activities: Hiking, bushmen paintings, visit to smallest church in the world, visit to Natal battlefields, boating, swimming, fishing. Disadvantage – far away, drought at present so dam very low. In December / Jan expect one can expect rain.

be prepared.....

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Gilbanken

140 ha scout centre close to Bronkhorstspuit. Next to 1000ha conservancy with hiking access. Possible activities: hiking, pioneering, raft building, veldcraft, visits to Pretoria attractions. Very close to home (travel costs low and pioneering an option) but dam is very small (no proper boating, swimming limited).

If you have other suggestions for a venue we can look into them.

I would encourage those who have not made plans for the end of the year to try and attend the camp.

Yours in scouting



Andrew Campbell

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**REPLY SLIP**

(Please mark the option that most applies to you)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be interested in a year-end camp (Y/N)  
(If you mark “no” please do not fill out the rest of this form)

I would be able to attend a camp run from (you can mark more than one):

8 – 11 Dec	9 – 11 Dec	5 – 8 Jan	6 – 8 Jan	6 – 9 Jan
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Please rank the following possible venues in order of preference (1 – like most, 4 like least)

Mpumalanga Drakensberg (same venue as last year)	Vaal River	Van Reenen, Natal Drakensberg	Gilbanken, near Bronkhorstspuit
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I would be able to afford the following for a camp (pick one):

R500 or less	R500 to R550	R550 to R600	R600 to R650	R650 up
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I would prefer the camp to focus on (can mark more than one):

Badge advancement	Interest Badges	Pure fun (troop holiday)	A mixture of the first three.
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