



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Dear scouts and parents



Most of you should now be aware that the Group's annual bingo evening will be run this coming Friday (9 June 2017) instead of a regular scout programme. Most of you are not however aware of how important this evening is to the group.

The annual subscriptions for scouts are presently R1 780,00 per youth member. This works out to R148,33 per month or about R37,08 per meeting. If you consider that a movie ticket alone is normally more than R70,00 per show (excluding popcorn etc) then I am sure that you will agree that this is excellent value for money. Going out for a meal can easily cost R150,00 or more per person for a single evening's entertainment.

Of the R1 780,00 charged annually per member an amount of R540 per cub or scout is paid directly to HQ, leaving the Group with just over R100,00 per person per month to run the Group, or roughly R25,00 per person per week.

This amount goes towards programme items, badges, water and electricity, training for scouters and capital expenditure (for items like cooking equipment, tents etc). In addition we also have once-off expenses like supporting scouts who would like to attend the 2019 Jamboree in the USA. The annual subscriptions do not cover all of our expenses and for this reason we need to run fundraising activities which meet the shortfall.

The Bingo Evening is our single most important fundraiser for the year. In order to make this fundraiser worthwhile we need to sell at least 150 seats. We have presently sold roughly 60.

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A huge amount of work goes into these fundraisers and it is vital that the group support these events. It is incredibly disheartening for those who organise events like the bingo evening to not receive the support which they deserve.

The alternative to fundraising is to simply increase subscriptions. As it is though some members struggle to pay the present subscriptions and increasing subs will mean that scouting will be beyond the reach of some of our members. As such increasing subscriptions is not an option that we can readily consider.

The committee simply cannot provide scouting on the present subscriptions without doing fundraising and for this reason I would urge all of you to attend the fundraiser and to bring your friends along too.

To this end please note that all scouts who attend the Bingo Fundraiser will receive five points for their patrol. All scouts who bring a friend along to the fundraiser will receive a further ten points for their patrol per friend. Scouts who bring an adult to the bingo evening will earn seven points per such adult (each attendee can only count towards one scout, so brothers should “split” attendees recruited as a family. Scouts should please send me an email with details of their attendance and tickets they sold so that these points can be added to the points total for the year. A special prize will be made available to the scout who sells the most tickets for this event.

The R100,00 cost includes a prego or a beef burger as well as ten rounds of bingo. It promises to be a great deal of fun and I challenge anyone to provide a basic meal and an evening’s worth of entertainment for only R100,00 per person. If you cannot afford the evening, please chat to your friends and family and try get them to attend. The funds raised will benefit the group and just by getting friends and family members to attend you will be doing your bit to support this event, even if you are not there yourself.

I know that times are tough but I think that all of us go out for the occasional meal or entertainment item. I think this evening is excellent value for money and that the organisers deserve our full support.

Tickets for the evening can be booked at michelle.kleer@gmail.com or carol.bailie@mweb.co.za. Please try and book tickets by Thursday morning at the latest.

Finally, please note that the evening starts at 18h30 sharp and you can start arriving from 18h00 as opposed to the normal 19h00 start.

Looking forward to your anticipated support.

Yours in scouting



Andrew Campbell