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Dear scouts and parents

WINTER NEWSLETTER

South Africans are very lucky in that winter is no real bar to scouting activities, unlike many parts of the world. The troop has been very busy since the last newsletter and many of the patrols have patrol events planned for the near future.

I would like to start this newsletter by congratulating Matthew Leishman on achieving his Adventurer Badge and Michael Omand on obtaining his Scoutcraft Mapping and Handyman Badges. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Aragorn Young, Matthew Williams and Ryan Cubitt who have been invested since the last newsletter. I wish you many happy years at the troop.

I would also like to congratulate the patrols on several well-run patrol events. Most of the patrols have recently run patrol meetings, Springbok patrol did a day hike at Suikerbosrand and Sable ran a survival camp and did a trip to Cullinan on the steam train, where they met the Carte Blanche team doing an item on the train.



Two Michaels with Derek Watts

The troop also did very well by obtaining a 13th place at the annual Kontiki event. I was particularly proud of the professional manner with which the troop camped and the high spirits of the troop despite the horrid weather.

Many troops did not take part in competitions due to the cold and wet but you all kept the troop flag flying high. I was also very pleased to find that the advance party had the common sense to pitch tents immediately on arrival, allowing us to weather out the storm when it arrived. This shows good camping skills.



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I would also like to congratulate the team of younger scouts under the leadership of Dylan Odgers who returned to Arrowe Park to run a successful Beaver Challenge (which was postponed due to the weather). This shows real dedication.

In other news the troop also ran a very successful Bingo Evening which was well supported by friends and family. Over R9 000,00 was raised for the troop, an excellent result.

Prior to the Bingo Evening I indicated that scouts who sold tickets would earn points for their patrols. Please let me know the number of tickets sold by 11 August 2017 so that these can be added to the points total.

Queries from now until 9 August 2017

Please note that I will be at the World Rover Moot in Iceland until 9 August 2017 and accordingly any queries about troop activities should be addressed to Stephen Westhoff, who will be managing the troop in my absence. Stephen's contact details are at the foot of the first page of this newsletter.

Modderfontein Night Hike – 28 July 2017

On 28 July we will be undertaking a night hike at the Modderfontein Nature Reserve in Arden Road, Modderfontein. Scouts are to be dropped at the reserve at 17h15 on Friday 28 July 2017 and can be collected from the same venue at 08h00 on Saturday 29 July 2017.

We will be covering a 10km night hike – long enough to qualify candidates for their Pathfinder log, so this is a good advancement opportunity but will also be a great deal of fun. The hike is a great way to enjoy the great outdoors on our very doorstep.



Sable on their recent Expedition

Tents will be provided by the troop and a full kit list, together with details of meals, will be sent out by Stephen during the course of next week. If you want to log the hike please bring an A6 notebook and a pen. All attendees must rsvp to Stephen by Wednesday 26 July 2017 and must complete a consent form, which will be sent off with the further information.

Fire-fighter Programme – 4 August 2017

On Friday 4 August 2017 we will be visiting the SA Emergency Care Centre in Modderfontein, which is an active fire-fighter training centre. The cost of the evening is R95,00 per person, which includes a boerewors roll and a cooldrink.

During the evening you will be taught how to fight fires properly by a qualified instructor. We have asked the instructor to also teach the requirements for the Fire Fighters Badge, so attendees should be fully trained in the requirements of the badge by the end of the evening and will be able to be tested on the requirements in the weeks after the visit.

Full details, including timings, will be sent out by Stephen prior to the event.

First Aid Competition – 5 August 2017

The closing date for the First Aid Competition, which is taking place between 10h00 and 15h00 at our hall on 5 August 2017, is this Sunday. The cost is R40,00 per person, which includes a badge. If you are interested in attending please let your PL know by Saturday.

District Competition Camp – 1 to 3 September 2017

This is the premier district competition of the year, where camping, cooking and other scouting skills are tested to the max.

This year the event will be hosted by Eastleigh, who have already booked a venue on the Vaal Dam. Expect plenty of boating and other water activities!

If you are interested in the camp please let your PL know by 4 August 2017 so he can provide you with more information.

SANJAMB 2017 – 8 to 16 December 2017

After an absence of 16 years Scouts South Africa will once again be running a SANJAMB (South African National Jamboree). A Jamboree is a gathering of scouts and guides where you get to learn about new cultures, make new friendships and take part in an exciting programme of activities. Though most of the attendees will be



A very wet and cold raft team in good spirits – Kontiki 2017

South Africans, previous SANJAMBS have seen attendees from other Southern African countries and from as far afield as The Netherlands. If you cannot afford to attend a World Jamboree then SANJAMB is the next best thing.

SANJAMB 2017 will be taking place from 8 to 16 December 2017 at the Doornkloof Campsite near Kroonstad in the Free State. The estimated cost is R1 980,00 per person, which normally covers all food, camping fees and activities on the Jamboree but excludes the cost of getting to the Jamboree. Attendees must be born before 8 December 2005.

SANJAMBS are traditionally run every four years, so if you cannot make this SANJAMB do not worry, there should be another SANJAMB in 2021. Please note that SANJAMB will be run at the same time as the end-of-year troop camp, so you cannot attend both.

A deposit of R500,00 is required by 31 July 2017. To apply or to get more information visit <http://app.scouts.digital/sanJamb2017> or <http://www.sanjamb.co.za>. Please note that SANJAMB will conflict with the troop end-of-year camp, so you cannot do both.

World Jamboree 2019 – 22 July to 2 August 2019 (plus a pre-tour)

On a much larger scale please do not forget that the World Jamboree will be run in West Virginia in the USA in 2019. This is open to scouts born between 22 July 2001 and 21 July 2005 or adult leaders born before that date. The estimated cost is a maximum of R60 000,00 per person, which will include all transport (including flights), food and accommodation on the trip, all activities on the trip and a pre-tour of parts of the eastern USA.



To submit an interest to the organizers, please visit <http://app.scouts.digital/24wsj>.

For more information visit <http://2019wsj.org/> and follow the SA Contingent at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/215134832283791/>.

Fundraising for the 2019 World Jamboree is already under way and I would like to set up a meeting with all scouts and parents interested in attending the Jamboree so that we can set advancement targets and set fundraising targets. Some scouts have already indicated an interest in the Jamboree. Could I ask all scouts interested in the Jamboree (including those who have already spoken to me) to send me an email confirming their interest by 9 August 2017 so that I can set up a meeting at a mutually suitable time?

Payment of subs and other fees

It has been drawn to my attention that a number of families are behind in the payment of monies owing to the troop. Whilst it is the policy of this troop to try and financially assist deserving families with affording the cost of scouts, if you are having difficulties I must ask that you please contact the committee to discuss this rather than not paying at all.

Our Committee has performed fantastically well and it is not fair to expect them to act as debt-collectors in addition to all the other work that they do. The Committee is aware that times are tough but a simple telephone call or email can save them a great deal of frustration.

If you are behind in fees please contact the committee 1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com to arrange payment terms or to seek assistance.

BP Sunday and Kontiki Badges

Several scouts ordered BP Sunday and Kontiki Badges but have not collected them. I have these in my possession, please contact me if you still need to collect your badge.

Star Patrol Assessment

All the patrols have had an interim assessment for the Star Patrol Awards and with a little effort should be able to obtain an award when the final assessment takes place at the end of the year.

One of the biggest challenges in obtaining a “gold” award is attendance, patrols have to average 75% attendance over the year. As such I would make an appeal to all scouts to ensure that you have at least 75% attendance so your patrol can achieve. An updated attendance register can be found on the notice board.



Deconstructing the Kontiki Raft

Scouts During the Holidays

A number of scouts have been asking if there is scouts during the holidays. The troop runs through holidays unless there is a public holiday on a Friday or if there is an overlap between government and private school holidays. These dates are marked on the troop year planner and on the “upcoming events” section of newsletters. So the general rule of thumb is that there is scouts on every Friday, even if it is your school holiday.

Patrol Attendance

Remember that each patrol should be striving for a 75% aggregate attendance over the year. Are you doing your bit? Why not check out the attendance register on the notice board to see your personal attendance?

	Kudu	Sable	Springbok	Wildebeest
April	75,00%	64,28%	64,29%	71,43%
May	55,55%	44,64%	42,86%	57,14%
June	66,66%	85,71%	50,00%	78,57%
Average for Year	60,23%	59,77%	57,50%	69,31%

Patrol Points

The points for the inter-patrol competition as at the end of June are as follows:

Kudu: 578
Sable: 803
Springbok: 646
Wildebeest: 552

Upcoming Activities at a Glance

July:

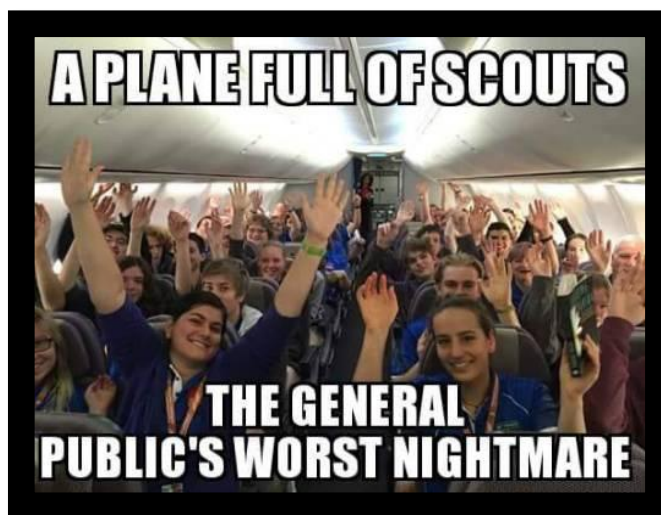
28 Modderfontein Hike

August:

4 Fire fighter programme
5 District First Aid Competition
6 Springbok Patrol Community Service Project

September:

1 – 3 District Competition Camp
15 – 17 Kim Shield
29 – 1 Oct Dads and Lads



Will this be you in 2019?

Yours in scouting

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