

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

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Dear scouts and parents

## Dads and Lads Weekend

It is once again time for the ever popular Dads and Lads weekend, which will be taking place from 30 September 2017 to 2 October 2017. At the request of the Court of Honour this year we will be enjoying the beautiful spring weather with a water-filled weekend at the Lake Deneys Yacht Club in Deneysville on the Vaal Dam.

The weekend is an opportunity for scouts and their fathers to get away from the rat race for a while and enjoy some quality time together in the great outdoors.

### WHO:

The event is open to all scouts and their fathers. If dad is not available uncles, grandfathers, big brothers or any suitable "substitute dad" is welcome to come in dad's place, or the scout in question can attend without a dad.



### COST:

The weekend costs R300,00 per person. This includes food on the Saturday and Sunday, camping costs and boating activities. Scouts who are presently experiencing financial difficulties are invited to approach the committee for financial assistance to help them attend the camp. Each application will be treated confidentially and on an *ad hoc* basis.

### PAYMENT:

Please make sure that payment is made by Friday 22 September into the troop banking account, details of which are:

be prepared.....

**Troop Scouter:**

**Assistant Troop Scouters:**

**Junior Assistant Troop Scouter:**

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Standard Bank Eastgate (Branch code: 018595)  
Account No: 022646221  
Ref: D&L + your surname

Please email proof of payment to [1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com)

FOOD:

The only meal you need to provide is Friday dinner, which will be a bring and braai. Fires will be provided. Three meals will be provided on Saturday and breakfast and lunch will be provided on the Sunday. Participants with special dietary needs should advise me on the attached reply slip so we can accommodate you. You are welcome to bring snacks if you want. If any dads have a skottel they are willing to bring along to assist with the cooking of breakfast please indicate this on the reply slip.

DRINK:

As this is an official scout camp Scouts SA regulations will be followed. Accordingly this will be a “dry” camp and dads are asked to respect our “no alcohol” policy during the camp.

SMOKING:

Dads who smoke are asked to do so away from the other campers and to dispose of their stompies in the nearest rubbish bin. Though scouting allows smoking this should as far as possible be done out of the sight of scouts.

TENTS:

To ensure that we adhere to Scouts SA child protection regulations each family unit should sleep separately to other units. Accordingly we would ask that each dad and lad provide their own



tent. The troop has a limited amount of two-man tents which can be borrowed for the weekend. Two-man tents will be provided on a “first come first served” basis.

ABULUTIONS:

The venue has full ablution facilities, including showers and flush toilets.

SAFETY:

Participants will have to make use of life jackets on all boating activities unless specifically told otherwise by the scouter in charge of the activity. Families are welcome to bring their own

life jackets if they wish. The troop will provide life jackets for those who do not own life jackets.

Boating is inherently dangerous and we owe a massive thanks to the sea scouts who will be helping to ensure that the boating activities are done in a fun and responsible manner. Please listen carefully to any instructions given to you by the activity leaders, these are for your own safety!

Participants will be expected to complete a consent form (attached) and attendance is at each participant's own risk.

TRANSPORT:

Each family will be responsible for making their own way to the venue. In order to save petrol and costs we will meet at the scout hall at 16h00 on the Friday evening so that car pooling can be arranged and maps to the venue provided. We are also looking for some dads with tow hitches willing to tow boats and some troop equipment (braais, cooking equipment etc) down to the dam. Please note that scouts should travel in full scout uniform. If you have difficulties with the transport arrangements please indicate these on the reply slip.

SUNDAY:

The camp will officially finish at the Vaal at 14h00. We would ask though that participants then go back to the scout hall to help with the offloading of equipment. We anticipate being done shortly after 16h00 at the hall.

PROGRAMME:

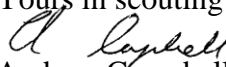
A variety of boating activities will be run during the weekend in addition to other fun like volleyball and soccer. On Saturday afternoon everyone will work together to prepare a traditional scout dinner, so come prepared to eat well!

RSVP:

A great deal of planning needs to go into this weekend and for this reason we need to know the particulars of who will be attending the camp sooner rather than later. Please RSVP using the reply slip at the end of this newsletter by no later than Friday 22 September so we can ensure the planning for the camp is completed timeously. Reply slips can be emailed to [Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

The weekend promises to be a great deal of fun and I look forward to seeing this weekend build on the success of previous Dads and Lads events. Any dads who have particular expertise or equipment that can help make the weekend even more enjoyable are welcome to let me know on the reply slip.

As always, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in scouting  
  
Andrew Campbell

### **SUGGESTED KIT LIST (PER PERSON)**

- Sleeping bag with a pillow and a compact ground mattress
- A rain coat (just in case)
- A hat
- Full scout uniform with a hanger to hang it on (scouts only)
- A bathroom kit (comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, face cloth, deodorant etc).
- A swimming costume (VERY IMPORTANT)
- A towel
- A life jacket (optional – life jackets will be available)
- Insect repellent
- Water-resistant sun cream
- Any personal medication with a basic first aid kit
- Comfortable shoes
- Strops or similar shoes which can get wet. Preferably these should fasten onto your feet so you can wade into the dam without worrying about losing your shoes.
- A torch with spare batteries
- A mess kit (plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork spoon etc)
- socks
- underpants
- 3 x shirts
- 1 x shorts
- 1 x warm clothing for the evening (suggest you include long pants)
- Sleepware
- A duly completed consent form (attached). Please print this document on one sheet of paper.
- A water bottle, preferably with a strap so you can secure it to any watercraft that you are using
- One or two plastic shopping bags to store laundry etc in
- A tent (or arrange to borrow one)
- A fold-up chair

**2017 Dads and Lads Reply Slip**

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| <b>Surname of Family:</b>  |    |
| <b>Contact number and email of dad or substitute dad (if attending)</b>                      |    |
| <b>Name of attendees:</b>  | 1) |
|  | 2) |
|  | 3) |
| <b>Do you require life jackets to be provided (Y/N)? If "Y", how many?</b>                   |    |
| <b>Are you in a position to help tow boats and other equipment to the venue?</b>             |    |
| <b>Do you have a skottel you can bring along to the camp?</b>                                |    |
| <b>Do you need to borrow tent(s) from the troop? If so, how many?</b>                        |    |
| <b>Is there anything else we need to know (difficulties with transport arrangements etc)</b> |    |