



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

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Dear scouts and parents

## KONTIKI INFORMATION

The annual Kontiki event is just around the corner. With over 3 000 cubs, scouts, browies and guides expected to be in attendance, this is the largest annual scouting activity in South Africa and should be an experience worth remembering.

The troop will be camping in style this year as we have taken a double stand, which means that there will be plenty of space in the campsite. The committee has also purchased a brand new army tent which we will be using for the first time on Kontiki. This means that there will be a large, warm, dry area for shelter in even the most inclement weather.

This year's Kontiki is themed on Middle Earth and takes place from Friday 18 May 2018 to Sunday 20 May 2018.

Please take note of the following important information:

### Venue:

Kontiki is taking place at the Arrowe Park Campsite in 5 Ebenezer Street, Lakefield, Benoni (just off the Atlas Road offramp from the N12). The GPS Coordinates of the venue are 26.172 S, 28.283 E. A map of the venue is available at <http://kontiki.scouts.co.za/Venue>.



Please note that you will require a Kontiki badge or a day-pass in order to access the venue. These can be purchased at the gate if you have not pre-ordered a badge. Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited at the venue.

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We are team number 16 located in Sub-Camp A in the east of the campsite (close to the raft building area). You will not be able to drive to the campsite but will need to park in one of the allocated parking areas. Marshalls will direct you to these areas on the day. A map of the Kontiki campsite can be found below.



Kontiki Prep:

Kontiki takes a great deal of preparation and many of you have attended some prep sessions already. There will be a final preparation session on Sunday 6 May 2018 from 11h00 until 14h00. All scouts are encouraged to take part in this session, even if it is only for an hour or two.

Please bring a packed lunch with you. Your annual consent form will cover this activity.

Raft Team vs Land Team:

There are a limited number of places on the raft. It is a prerequisite that all raft team members hold the Swimming Scoutcraft Badge and we cannot consider anyone who does not hold this badge for the raft team.

Places on the raft team will be announced in due course. This will be based on a number of factors, including the age and maturity of the scout in question, how involved scouts have been in Kontiki Prep and whether they have been on the raft before.

Raft team members must obviously be available for the entire Kontiki weekend as once the rafts have launched you cannot come off the raft unless there is an emergency, or the entire team faces disqualification.

### Packing on Thursday 17 May 2018:

To ensure that we get off to as good a start as possible on the Friday, we will be packing for Kontiki on Thursday evening at the hall from 18h30. It would be appreciated if as many of you as possible can attend so that the trailers are ready to go on Friday. Please **DO NOT** wear your uniform on Thursday.

### Meeting on Friday 18 May 2018:

We will be meeting at Arrowe Park and not the scout hall. If you have a problem getting to Arrowe Park please let me know and I will see if we can arrange for you to get a lift with a scout or scouter going out to the venue. **SCOUTS MUST TRAVEL IN FULL SCOUT UNIFORM** with your Kontiki badge sewn on your uniform above the right breast pocket.

An advance party will be at Arrowe Park from 12h00 and scouts can start arriving from that time. Scouts should please try to be at Arrowe Park by 15h00 on Friday, or as soon as possible thereafter if you cannot be there by 15h00. When you arrive at Kontiki please make your way to our campsite and report to a scouter or PL and hand in your consent form to them. You can change out of scout uniform once you have reported to the scouter or PL in question. Don't forget to hang your uniform neatly on a hanger once you have done so!

### Badges:

Scouts spending the night at Kontiki will receive a Kontiki badge as part the cost of attending the camp. This will allow access to Kontiki. Each badge may only be used for one person.

Day visitors or friends and family visiting Kontiki will require a badge (valid for the whole weekend) or a day pass (valid for one day only) in order to get in to the event. Badges can be pre-ordered from the troop at a cost of R45,00 per badge (which is cheaper than at the gate).

Alternatively you can purchase badges and day passes at the gate (R50,00 for badges, R30,00 for day passes).

If you would like to order additional badges please send me an email ([Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za)) by no later than 12h00 on Friday 11 May 2018. Badges will be handed out at scouts on Friday 11 May 2018.

### Consent Forms:

Attached to this letter is a Kontiki Consent Form. Scouts are not allowed to stay at Kontiki without a consent form. Please print it out, get your parents to sign it and hand it in as soon as you arrive. Day visitors should also bring along a consent form.



### Day Visitors:

Scouts attending as day visitors are welcome to join the troop for activities and can also take part in activities such as the beaver challenge, but will not be catered for. Friends, family and parents are also welcome to visit Kontiki as day visitors.

Day visitors must take careful note of the gate times. Outside these times the gates will be closed and you will not be able to enter or leave the grounds:

Friday: 12h00 until 23h00  
Saturday: 06h00 until 23h00  
Sunday: 06h00 to 18h00



Highlights of Kontiki include the following:

Raft launch (11h00 on Saturday)  
Beaver Challenge (13h00 to 17h00 on Saturday)  
Supporters Meal (14h30 to 17h30 on Saturday)  
Rafts come ashore (11h00 on Sunday – we really need help for this so every bit of help will be appreciated. I recommend bringing an old screwdriver to help untie lashings).  
Scouts Own and Prize Giving (13h00 on Sunday)

Please remember that day visitors have not been catered for meals and need to order a badge if they do not want to buy one at the gate. There is a tuckshop that sells hamburgers, hotdogs, cooldrinks and snacks if you do not want to bring a packed lunch.

### Help Needed:

The troop has been asked to provide two adults to assist with gate duty from 08h00 to 10h00 on Saturday. If anyone can assist with this (even if only for an hour) please let me know ([Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za)).

### Kit List:

There is a kitlist at the end of this letter. If you have not passed this item for your Pathfinder, show a PL or scouter that you packed your bag to the list and get something signed off for your advancement.

### Cost:

The cost of Kontiki for full-time attendees is R300,00. This includes meals for the entire weekend (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Day visitors are not catered for and will not be provided badges unless you specifically order a badge before the deadline.

Payment for Kontiki can be made directly into the group bank account, details of which are:

1<sup>st</sup> Bedfordview Scout Group  
Standard Bank Eastgate (Branch code: 018595)  
Account No: 022646221

Ref: Kontiki + your surname (please email proof of payment to [1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com))

Please don't forget to pay for the camp PLUS any additional badges you have ordered. Thus if you are attending the camp and your mom and dad need badges, the cost will be R300,00 + 2x R45,00 = R390,00.



If scouts have a major problem with the cost of the camp please contact the committee who will consider applications for financial assistance on a case-by-case basis. All applications for financial assistance will be treated with utmost confidentiality. Applications should be sent to [1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com](mailto:1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com).

#### Cellphones:

A reminder that, with the exception of the scouts running the event (who will be spoken to separately), scouts should not bring cellphones to scout camps. Cameras are welcome but should be looked after by the owner, the scouters take no responsibility for lost, stolen or damaged cameras.

#### Collection on Sunday 20 May 2018:

There is a huge amount of equipment which needs to be packed away on Sunday, so scouts should be collected from the scout hall and not at Kontiki if at all possible. We will try to finish as quickly as possible and hopefully by 16h30 at the hall.

#### Attendees:

At present the following scouts have indicated that they will be attending Kontiki for the entire weekend:

Jason Bailie, Adam Bartlett, James Bartlett, Ryan Cubitt, Hayden Evans, Andrew Kennedy, Mogale Kgaswe, Martin Kleer, Simon Kleer, Jarod Nunn, Keanan Nunn, Connor Odgers, Dylan Odgers, Christian Reib, Michael Westhoff, Matthew Williams and Aragorn Young.

If your name should not be on this list please let me know before 12h00 on Friday 11 May 2018 for catering purposes.

Those scouts who are not on this list are not attending, or are attending as day visitors only or did not submit their reply slips. If you would like to attend Kontiki please complete your reply slip from the last newsletter and submit it to me before 12h00 on Friday 11 May 2018 ([Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za)).

We have had some visitors to the troop since the last troop newsletter went out. If you would like to join the land crew for the weekend please chat to me, the fact that you are not yet invested is not a bar to you attending.

If you have any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours in scouting

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Campbell".

Andrew Campbell

## KONTIKI KIT LIST

- Sleeping bag with a pillow and a compact ground mattress
- A rain coat
- A hat (preferably your troop cap)
- Full scout uniform together with a hanger to hang it on (do not forget your Kontiki badge). You should arrive and leave the camp in full uniform.
- A bathroom kit (comb, toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, face cloth etc). There are toilets and showers at Kontiki
- A towel
- Insect repellent
- Sun cream
- Any personal medication
- Comfortable shoes
- A torch with spare batteries
- A mess kit (plate, bowl, mug, knife, fork spoon etc)
- socks
- underpants
- 3 x shirts (one of which should be your troop golf shirt)
- 1 x shorts
- 1 x warm clothing for the evening (both a top and long pants. It can get very nippy in the evening. If rain is forecast it is suggested that you bring two sets of warm clothes with you.
- A duly completed consent form (attached). Please print this document before you arrive at Kontiki. No consent form, no camp!
- One or two plastic shopping bags to store laundry etc in
- An old screwdriver
- Wellington boots (optional)
- Gardening gloves (optional – useful for pioneering)

