



1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Dear scouts and parents

YEAR END CAMP

Many thanks to those who responded for the upcoming year end camp. I will be running this camp as part of my Springbok advancement and appreciate your support in attending this camp.

Though I am responsible for the camp planning and programme, there will be adults and scouters on site during the camp in case something goes wrong. Andrew will be present from Friday afternoon until the end of the camp.

Space is limited and spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Dates and Times:

The camp will be running from 7 December 2018 to 11 December 2018.

We will meet at the hall at approximately 14h30 on 7 December 2018 to leave for the venue and should be back at the hall by 16h00. Times will be confirmed prior to the camp. Scouts should eat lunch prior to arriving on 7 December.

A number of scouts indicated that they would not be able to attend the entire camp. If you would like to collect your son(s) from the camp before the scheduled end please contact me to make arrangements.

Who:

The camp is open to all invested members of the troop as well as to potential recruits (boys aged 10 ½ to 18 who are not cubs). If you have a friend who is interested in seeing what scouts is all about why not invite them along?

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be prepared.....

Troop Scouter:

Assistant Troop Scouters:

Troop Helper:

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Venue:

The camp will take place at Gill-Ifafi, on the banks of the Hartbeespoort Dam, next to the Ifafi Aquatic Club. GPS coordinates: S 25° 44' 57.2" E 27° 53' 10.8".

The venue has several boats on site, access to nearby hiking in the Magaliesberg and is part of a wildlife conservancy, with a decent amount of wildlife to be seen. There are ablutions on site and accommodation will be under canvas.

We will be boating and hiking as part of the activities and are hoping to do a visit to the Hartebeeshoek Radio Telescope, part of NASA's South African base.

Transport:

If any parent can assist with transporting to the venue please let me know, any assistance would be very much appreciated. This will be a first come, first served system – people who do transport will guaranteed a spot in the camp.

Advancement:

I plan for each scout attending the camp to have something signed off towards their advancement. If there is a specific item you would like me to look at please advise of this when you rsvp. We will also be affording training towards interest and scoutcraft badges.

Cost:

The cost of the camp is R 700,00 per person. Those who will only be staying for the weekend (7 to 9 December 2018) will pay a cost of R 350,00 per person. The cost covers all food, camping fees and activities for the camp.

Confirmation:

Please confirm whether you are attending the camp by no later than Sunday 2 December 2018. Payments in full should be made by no later than Wednesday 5 December 2018 to the following account:

1st Bedfordview Scout Group
Standard Bank Eastgate
Branch No: 018505
Account No: 022646221
Reference: End of Year Camp + your surname
Proof of Payment to: 1stbedfordscouts@gmail.com

Patrols:

Details of the patrols will be sent out closer to the time as they will be affected by the final numbers of the camp. These details will include the PLs and APLs of the patrol as well as other members of the patrol.

Activities:

What you can expect at the camp so far:

- Boating
- Fishing
- Orienteering
- Tracking
- Hiking
- Visit to an interesting place
- Pioneering
- More to possibly come...

Policies:

- Unless you are specifically advised otherwise, cellphones are strictly prohibited on the camp. (This will be limited to PLs and Seconds of patrols) Parents will be contacted in the event of an emergency. No news is good news!
- All attendees must complete the attached consent form. Please bring the original form on camp with you. No consent form, no camp!
- All invested scouts must arrive at and leave camp in full scout uniform.

Kit List:

A full kit list can be found at the end of this letter. Scouts should pack their own bags as this is a requirement for the Pathfinder Badge. You are responsible for your own kit!

Personal Medication:

If you are on medication or have any dietary requirements please advise me of this fact when you RSVP.

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

Yours in scouting

Kyle Botes

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KITLIST

(Items marked with an asterisk are for invested scouts only)

- Full scout uniform and a hanger to hang it on (do not pack your uniform – you need to wear it when travelling to and from camp.) *
- A sleeping bag
- A pillow
- A bed mattress (inflatable or roll-up – remember you will be hiking with it)
- Sleepwear
- Hiking boots or similar shoes (make sure they are worn in first)
- A hiking bag
- A compass (optional – only if you have one)
- 1 x thick woollen socks
- Strops or comfortable shoes for use in camp
- Underwear and socks
- 5 x shirts
- 1 x troop golf shirt * (non-invested scouts should bring a black shirt in addition to the 5 shirts above. All attendees should have 6 shirts in total)
- 2 x shorts
- A swimming costume
- A black plastic bag and some smaller bags for laundry etc.
- 1 x warm clothes (tracksuit or similar)
- Basic toiletries (soap, deodorant, toothbrush etc)
- A small towel
- Basic messkit (mug, plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoons)
- Basic first aid kit (pain killers, plasters, immodium etc)
- A torch with batteries (maybe bring some spare)
- An A6 notebook and a pen or pencil (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- Your duly completed consent form and health certificate (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
- Any personal medication together with instructions on how to use it
- A hat (black troop caps for invested scouts)
- Wet weather gear (a rain coat is preferable to an umbrella)
- At least 2 litres worth of water bottles (3 litres is probably safer)
- A bag for use on trips away from the Farm (hike and cycle)
- Sun screen
- A campfire blanket if you have one
- Items for advancement (you will be advised of which items to bring when you are advised of which advancement items you will be tested on.
- Camera (optional)
- Bank bags or similar for collecting specimens
- A copy of “The Scout Trail” (optional) *
- Cellphone and power bank (Strictly PLs and Seconds only)
- Insect repellent