

1st BEDFORDVIEW SCOUT TROOP

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Dear scouts and parents

SUMMER NEWSLETTER

I would like to firstly wish everyone a happy and prosperous 2019. I trust that everyone had a restful break and is ready for 2019.

As always, the troop has been incredibly busy since the last newsletter and has also received a number of accolades.

Firstly, congratulations must be extended to Kyle Botes on accomplishing his Springbok Scout Award. Less than 1% of scouts achieve this milestone and it took much blood, sweat and tears on the part of Kyle to complete his Springbok. Kyle's Springbok means that the troop has produced two Springboks in less than a year. This would not be possible without the constant support of members of the troop and I would like to thank all of you for making this possible.



Michael and Kyle at the Award Parade

Both Kyle and Michael Omand were presented their Springbok Certificates by Andrew Tanner, the Chief Scout's Commissioner at the Springbok Award Parade at Gilwell in February. Only 18 Springbok Scouts were produced in Gauteng over the past year, meaning that this troop was responsible for 11,11% of all Springboks produced in the Gauteng Region over the period, despite there being well over 100 troops in the Region.

be prepared.....

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Joshua on BP Day

On the Advancement Badge side, Dylan Odgers and Dean Stones earned their Pathfinder Badges, Simon Kleer, Michael Goncalves and Jarod Nunn earned their Adventurer Badges and Kyle Botes earned his Explorer Badge in addition to his Springbok.

In terms of interest badges, James Bartlett earned his Scoutcraft Survival Badge, Michael Westhoff earned his Handyman Badge, Gordon Grossett earned his Food for Life (Silver) Badge, Kyle Botes achieved his Hiking Scoutcraft Badge, Guide Badge and Mapping Badge. More recently Alexio Adriaio, Ethan Kodisang-Londt, Ethan Patterson and Bradley Stones all achieved their Swimming Scoutcraft Badges and several scouts are on the cusp of earning their Swimmer and Lifesaver Badges. Well done!

We also had three scouts, Jarod Nunn, Simon Kleer and Michael Goncalves attend the recent Gilten PLTU course and trust that they will pass on their hard-earned knowledge to their patrols. The course is in my opinion the premier leadership course in the country for youth and I am sure that all three candidates did us proud.

I would also like to extend a warm welcome to Alexio Adriaio and Amir Ismael who were invested since the last newsletter. I wish you very many happy years in the troop and all the best on the path of adventure that lies ahead.

At BP Sunday on 24 February the troop received the Jack Barford Trophy for the best troop in the Northrand Scout District. Again this is testament to the hard work of each and every scout in the troop and I would like to encourage you to keep up the hard work. Well done!

In addition to this, the troop was the only troop in the district to receive a Star Troop Award (the troop obtained bronze) and one of our patrols, Kudu Patrol, was one of only two patrols in the entire Gauteng Region to receive a gold star patrol award. The other three patrols received participation awards. Well done to all the scouts!

Our scouts have been very busy on the badge front since our last newsletter.



Adam dons his uniform

Our year-end-camp took place at Gil-Ifafi on the banks of the Hartebeespoort Dam and saw the scouts enjoying hiking, boating, astronomy and other scouting skills on the dam and in the surrounding Magaliesberg Mountains. Though evening storms were a regular feature of the camp a great deal was learned by all and the Sea Scout Base on the far side of the dam was a firm favourite with the lads. I think that the highlight of the camp for many was a visit to the Hartebeeshoek Radio Telescope and in particular the water rockets which the scouts sent soaring into the heavens.

A massive thanks to Kyle Botes for organising the camp as part of his Springbok Award.

The New Year got off to a quick start with our Annual Link Camp. Several potential new members attended the camp and we should see two of the attendees getting invested on 15 March. In addition to covering the basics to join the troop, the recruits



put together a rough bridge and managed to survive the weekend. Thanks to the PLs who helped make the weekend a success.

Keanan, Jarod, Michael and Simon at the end of PLTU

Thanks must also be extended to St Benedict's College for allowing us the kind use of their Swimming Pool. Four Swimming Scoutcraft Badges have already been earned and we are expecting some more Swimmer and Lifesaver Badges to be awarded shortly as a result of this evening.

The troop braved Hurricane Hilda during an orienteering exercise at the Modderfontein Conservancy which saw tents literally blown away. Despite the driving rain the scouts had a super time and the abundant wildlife in the area proved to be a big hit with the scouts.

The troop also did well at the District Gala, a mere nine points off the winning troop. A large portion of the troop was away on mid-term break at the time, so well done on those who kept the flag flying high.

Finally congratulations to Wildebeest Patrol who have already run a patrol community service project this year – fixing up the gardens at the Strathyre Home for Girls in Bruma. Well done to Gordon Grossett for organising this.

The year has got off to a very good start and I trust that we can build on the strong foundations that have been laid thus far.

Mark Millward

I would like to extend a warm welcome to Mark Millward, who will be joining the scouter team as an ATS. Mark did his scouting at Eastleigh and will bring a wealth of knowledge on boating and other aquatic activities with him. He has been a member of the Bedfordview Rover Crew for several years and should be a valuable addition to the troop's scouter team.

BP Day Photographs

As part of the BP Day celebrations most schools allow their students to wear scout uniform to school and several scouts did the troop (and Scouting in general) proud by wearing their uniforms to school. Several of the photographs taken by these scouts can be found in this newsletter.

Well done to Hayden Evans for the best photograph – your prize will be presented to you on at the next troop meeting.



Hayden with two Air Scouts – BP Day

Entsha Programme

In order to ensure that scouts remains relevant in the modern age a review of the advancement programme has taken place and the new Entsha Programme is in the process of being phased in. All scouts need to have moved from the old programme onto the Entsha Programme by 30 June 2019.

At 1st Bedfordview each scout will be able to decide for themselves when they want to move onto the Entsha Programme, provided that all scouts will be moved onto the programme by 30 June 2019 and provided that all new members of the troop will start on the Entsha Programme. The guiding principle is that no scout should be prejudiced by the move to Entsha and if a scout wants to finish off an advancement badge on the old programme he may do so, provided that such badge is completed by 30 June 2019.

Scouts Digital can only handle one programme at a time, so until the entire troop moves onto Entsha only those scouts on the old programme will be able to view their progress online. Manual records will be maintained for scouts on Entsha. Once the entire troop has moved onto Entsha, all scouts will be able to view their progress online. All scouts will be able to view their interest badge and challenge award progress online irrespective of which programme they are on.

More information on the Entsha Programme can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.za/2019/01/15/new-scout-programme-launch/> and I am happy to try and answer any questions that you may have on the programme.



Aragorn does the Troop proud

District Boot Hike

The District Boot Hike will be taking place on Saturday 9 March 2019 from 16h45 until 22h00 in Edenvale. The cost is R40,00 per scout plus R100,00 per patrol, which will be split between the patrol members attending.

There is some space available on in the Bedfordview Patrol. If you are keen on attending the hike please let me know by 17h00 on Tuesday 5 March 2019.

Kontiki Prep Camp

There will be a Kontiki Prep Camp held on the weekend of 12 to 14 April at the Scout Hall. Details of this will be sent out over the next few weeks, but in the interim please pencil this date in.

This camp is very important for those who want to attend Kontiki and especially those



Hartebeeshoek Radio Telescope – Year End Camp

who want to be on the raft.

Kontiki

Kontiki is just around the corner and will be taking place from 17 to 19 May 2019 at Arrowe Park, Benoni. This is one of the highlights on the scouting calendar and is not to be missed.

This year we are expecting to be invaded by hundreds and hundreds of little yellow Minions, so make sure you are in the Gru-ve and ready for anything. For more information on the actual event you can visit <http://kontiki.scouts.co.za/>.



It would be appreciated if all scouts could complete the reply slip at the end of this newsletter so we can get a feel for who is interested in attending Kontiki. The cost of attending the camp will depend on the number of scouts attending but is estimated to be in the region of R300,00 per person, including food and camping fees.

If you do not want to attend the camp you can visit as a day visitor at a cost of R50,00, which includes a badge. If you attend as a day visitor, no meals will be catered for you and your parents will be responsible for getting you to and from

Kontiki. You will not be able to be eligible for the raft and will not be able to camp at Kontiki.



Space on the raft is limited and will be allocated in the discretion of the Court of Honour. The amount of effort you put into the various prep functions leading up to Kontiki is very important in determining if you will get a spot on the raft.

Connor at St Benedict's College – BP Day 2019

Scouts who want to be on the raft **MUST** hold the Swimming Scoutcraft Badge and **MUST** be available for the entire weekend.

Friends of scout-going age with a genuine interest in possibly joining the troop are welcome to join us for the weekend, provided they are prepared to follow the Scout Promise and Law.

First Aid Course

As part of the new Entsha Programme scouts wanting to obtain their Springbok Scout Awards will have to complete both their Scoutcraft First Aid Badge and their First Aid Interest Badge.

Lee Bartlett has very kindly obtained details for a first aid course to be run from 18 to 20 March 2019 at Jeppe High School for Boys at a cost of R350,00 per person. Scouts under 16 will be able to do a Level 2 First Aid qualification and scouts older than 16 will be able to do a Level 3 qualification. These qualifications cover most of the requirements for the badges and is a “fast track” way to get ahead on your advancement. I would consider all scouts who are able to give serious consideration to attending the course.

If you are keen on attending the course, please let me know by 21h00 on Thursday 7 March 2019.

Money for the course can please be paid into our group account, the details of which are:

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



Some of the Attendees at the Year End Camp held at Gil-Ifafi

Quiz Evening

There will be a quiz evening on the evening of 21 June as a fundraiser for the group and specifically for the scouts attending the World Scout Jamboree. This is a fun-filled evening for the whole family and your friends. Pencil it in now!!!

Cub News

Akela has asked if she can add a short section on cub news at the end of the newsletter. This will allow us to see what our future scouts are up to and for them to see what the exciting world of scouts offers. The first instalment of Cub News can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Excusing Yourself

I would like to make an appeal to all scouts to timeously excuse yourself if you cannot make a programme. A great deal of work goes into planning programmes and sometimes numbers can be very important in determining whether a programme is going to work or not.



Please try to excuse yourself as soon as you know that you will not be attending scouts. By 18h45 on a Friday the programme has already been planned and it is too late to change it, although a late excuse is certainly better than none at all!

Link Camp 2019 – Future Pioneers

Each invested scouts should be part of their patrol's WhatsApp group and all you need to do to excuse yourself is pop a message on the group. This is your responsibility, not your parents'. If you have a cellphone please make sure that you are on your patrol's group, else make sure that you send a message using your parent's phone. If you or your parents do not have WhatsApp an email message will do the trick.

Thanks so much for your anticipated cooperation and for ensuring that "A Scout is Courteous".

Patrol Points

The inter-patrol competition is well underway. Will your patrol lift the trophy at the end of the year? Remember that earning badges, running patrol events and even good attendance can earn points for your patrol.

Kudu	206
Sable	263
Springbok	194
Wildebeest	199

Upcoming Activities at a Glance

March:

- 9 District Boot Hike
- 18 – 20 First Aid Course
- 22 No scouts

April:

- 7 District Pioneering Competition
- 12 – 14 Kontiki Prep Camp
- 19 No Scouts

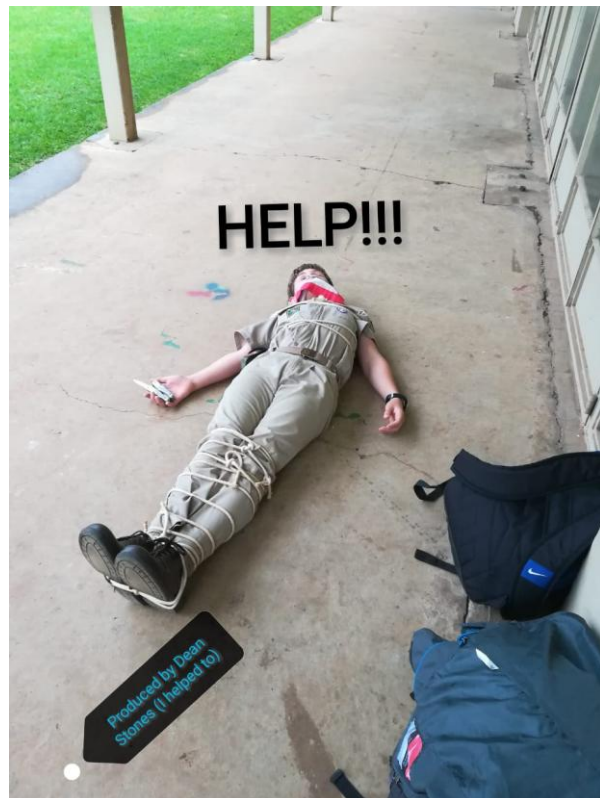
May:

- 17 – 19 Kontiki

Yours in scouting

A Campbell

Andrew Campbell



Beware of Cubs!!!

REPLY SLIP

Please return the attached reply slip by no later than 15 March 2019 to andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za.

This form is an indication only and not a firm commitment.

Name of scout: _____

I am / am not interested in attending the Kontiki prep camp (delete that which is not applicable)

In respect of Kontiki 2019 (please tick the most appropriate box), I anticipate that (mark one box only please):

I will not be attending	I will visit on my own steam as a day visitor only (cost R50, includes badge)	I will be there most of the weekend, but need to pop out for sport or a similar activity	I will be there the entire weekend
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In respect of Kontiki 2019 (please tick the most appropriate box):

I will not be attending or will only be a day visitor	I would like to be part of the raft crew	I would like to be part of the land crew	I do not mind if I am on the raft or on land
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Parents and family can visit Kontki during the day, but will require badges to get into the venue at a cost of R50,00 per badge. If you require extra badges please indicate the number of badges below. Do not include badges for scouts attending as day visitors or who are attending the camp as full participants, and please only order one set of extra badges per family:

Number of extra badges required: _____



PACK PAW PRINTS



It has already been a busy year for the 1st Bedfordview Cub Pack with a variety of advancements in the Cub Programme being covered on a Friday nights. Designed for learning through fun, our imaginative meetings have taken us all over including the jungle and caving as well as to study bees. Much as the kids learn from us, Mang and I seem to be constantly learning from these bright minds and the strong sense of pride and belonging they have developed with the pack is phenomenal.

Link Camp

January saw four cubs attend a link camp with our Troop Scouter at our hall. As our cubs get near to ageing out (11 years old), this camp is an opportunity to see what scouts has to offer and they are able to cover some of the requirements necessary before being invested into Scouts. As a parent of a scout that disappears to awesome meetings, camps and to attend some slightly wild activities, I am able to look in from the outside at the growth and happiness that this brings to my child. My hope as Pack Scouter is that every cub will be able to carry on in the movement and experience the joy of Scouting through their lives. The cubs that attended this overnight included Bradley Stones. Jian Lee and Fillipo Cinti. A big thank you to Andrew Campbell for hosting this.



Leaping Wolf Camp

Undertaking to complete their Leaping Wolf, a camp was hosted with cubs from other groups in the area from 8-10 February. A busy weekend was experienced with attendees sleeping in shelters that they built from sticks, rope and plastic sheeting. Cubs completed their Outdoorsman and First Aid interest badges as well as their knotting boards. Well done to Rebecca Cook, Gabi Eames, Bradley Stones and Jian Lee for getting through this intense weekend with smiles on your faces.



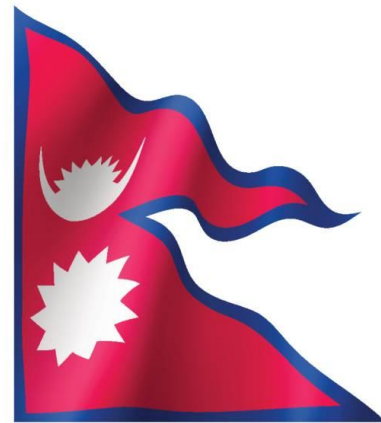
BP Sunday

This year's turnout of smart looking 1st Bedfordview Cubs was amazing and we were so proud. I am sure you will agree that the march itself is always a goosebump moment and we feel it is important for the cubs to see that they are a part of something bigger, a District which in turn is part of

a whole world of cubs, scouts, rovers, brownies, guides and ranger that all celebrated this Founders Day in other countries around the world

Flag to Nepal

The 1st Bedfordview Cubs put their name onto a flag that travelled to Annapurna in north-central Nepal in aid of animal welfare. The flag arrive safely and was left flying on the mountaintop. This is surely the furthest and highest our pack has travelled and all for a good cause.



Upcoming events:



Calling all Pirates!

There will be a camp for all 9 & 10 year olds at SAHETI school on the 13th and 14th of April. We will also be running an interest badge for 8 year olds to visit on the Saturday afternoon. Please diarise for your cub, more details will follow shortly.

Invitation to Modderfontein Reserve

Norman Doak who was also a scout, is a game keeper at the Modderfontein Nature Reserve. We have been invited to spend a morning there and he will take us around and give us information on the fauna and flora in the reserve. The cost will be R35

per person, family and friends are invited. We are tentatively looking at booking for Saturday 16 March but will advise soonest.

Kontiki 2019

The most exciting event of the year! Scouts camp and build rafts and launch them into the Benoni dam. Hosted at Arrow Park, Saturday 18 May is when the cubs get to visit and participate in the Beaver Challenge with lots of fantastic activities to complete. Put this family day aside, the theme this year is those cheeky yellow Minions.

Yours in Cubbing

Akela

