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Dear scouts and parents

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

The bright colours of autumn have arrived and there is a definite nip in the air once the sun has dipped below the horizon. Although nature is winding down for winter this is one of the busiest times for the troop as preparations for Kontiki reach fever pitch.

I am particularly pleased with the preparations for Kontiki this year and think that we are going to have a very successful and fun camp. Once again the troop has taken a double stand and the campsite set up at the prep camp was impressive and well-thought out. I would encourage you all to attend Kontiki and to consider inviting potential recruits along too – the large campsite we have secured is big enough to cater for all!



Michael Westhoff's Survival Camp

The District Boot Hike was hosted by Harmelia Gardens this year and saw the scouts exploring urban Edenvale in pursuit of that most elusive of cartoon characters – Wally. The patrol visited the local police station, library, fire station and several scout halls before tracking him down to the Eastleigh Scout Hall. A massive thanks to our aeronautically minded friends for putting together the event.

Thanks must also go out to 1st Kengray for hosting the District Pioneering Competition at Arroe Park. No patrol leaders were available to lead the project but I



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was particularly happy to see a patrol of youngsters take on the challenge despite this. Although we could clearly do a little more work on our pioneering, our scouts did us proud with their spirit with the patrol deciding to change their design rather than not complete the task. That shows true scouting spirit and kept the troop flag flying high.

Our hall also played host to an Easter Egg hunt arranged by the local community. Well done to Simon Kleer who put together a scouting display for this event. At the end of the day scouting is a community based organisation and it was great to see the local community enjoying the hall grounds and having some good, clean fun.

Michael Westhoff also ran a very successful survival camp for his patrol at the Modderfontein Conservancy, where the scouts learnt all about shelters, backwoods cooking and other survival skills.

Finally a massive thanks to those scouts who attended the recent Kontiki Prep Camp at the hall. I think this is the best-prepared we have been for Kontiki in years and this can only auger well for the event. Read more about Kontiki in this newsletter.

Our scouts have also been very busy since the last newsletter. Michael Westhoff



obtained his First Class badge and is making excellent progress on his Explorer. Christian Reib, Hayden Evans, Michael Goncalves and Connor Odgers all earned their Swimmer Badges and Dean Stones, Adam Bartlett and Mogale Kgaswe all completed their Lifesaver Badges. Gordon Grossett completed his Handyman Badge and Dean Stones completed his Genealogy Badge.

We have also had a number of scouts complete a series of First Aid Courses, ranging from Level 1 to a Level 3 certificate, and will hopefully award some First Aid Badges in the not-too-distant future. My thanks to Lee Bartlett and Michelle Kleer for their assistance in organising these courses and to Richard Green for his training.

1st Bedfordview at the Pioneering Compo

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to Ethan Kodisang-Londt, Ethan Patterson and Bradley Stones who were invested since the last newsletter. We wish you all the very best on your scouting career ahead of you.

I must confess to finding it rather odd welcoming Bradley Stones in this newsletter because in the same breath I have to bid farewell to Bradley and his brother Dean, who are emigrating to the United Kingdom. Both have indicated that they would like to continue their scouting careers in England and I hope that both of you will pop in and visit your old troop when you are in Sunny South Africa.

Voting Day (8 May 2019)

Our Scout Hall has been designated a voting Station by the IEC and residents from Bedfordview who would otherwise have very little to do with scouting will be visiting our hall to cast their vote this coming Wednesday. This is an ideal opportunity to let residents know a little more about scouting and to possibly recruit a new member or two.

Michael Westhoff will be heading up an active scouting display on voting day to give residents a good idea of what scouts can do. This will be done as part of his Explorer Advancement Badge. The display will be taking place from 08h00 until 16h00. Even if you could pop down for an hour or two it would be much appreciated, particularly in the early morning or late afternoon when the structure will be built and taken down.



Please bring along a shirt for you to pioneer in (preferably your black troop golf shirt) but also bring along your full scout uniform – this is all about creating awareness about scouts. Do not forget a hat (preferably your troop cap) and sunscreen, it will be hot! If you will be around over lunch please bring a packed lunch. Your annual consent form will cover this activity, so no need for an extra consent form.

Scouts on 10 May 2019

As part of the programme on 10 May 2019 scouts who have almost finished badges will be given an opportunity to complete them. In particular the numerous scouts who recently attended First Aid Courses with a view to obtaining their First Aid Badges and Scoutcraft First Aid Badges will be given an opportunity to complete the First Aid Scenario portion of the badge. Please do not miss this opportunity!

Kontiki 2019 (17 – 19 May 2019)

For those who didn't know, Gauteng's Kontiki event is the largest annual scouting event in South Africa, with over 3 000 cubs, scouts, browies and guides expected to be in attendance. This year Gru and his band of merry yellow minions will be paying a visit to Arrowe Park and joining in the fun.

This event is open to all scouts and potential recruits and I would encourage as many of you as possible to join in the fun. Jason Bailie, Simon Kleer and the PLs have put in a lot of work into planning this year's event and if the prep camp is anything to go by we can look forward to a super event.

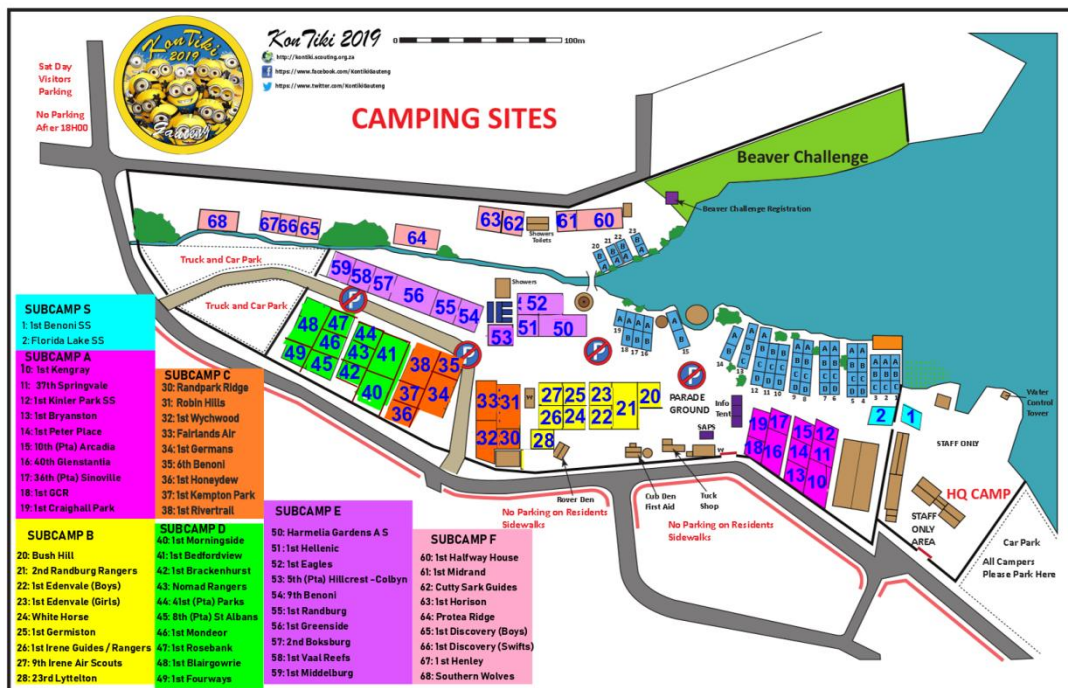
The event is also open to parents, cubs and siblings during the day so if you would like to visit and see what scouting is all about please feel free to do so. The beaver challenge is specifically set up to cater for our younger fans so there is plenty to do.

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>. We are team number 41 camping in sub-camp D in the west of the campsite (marked in green on the map below). The map of Arrowe Park with the campsites marked on it can also be found at <http://kontiki.scouts.co.za/SiteMap> if you would like to visit us.

Please note that there is a cost to visit Kontiki. Under 5s can come for free, but everyone else must either have a day pass or a badge in order to get access. A badge gives you unlimited access for the entire weekend, a day pass is a slip of paper that only gives you access for one day. Badges cost R50,00 if ordered timeously through the troop (R60,00 at the gate) and day passes cost R30,00. Scouts who are camping at Kontiki have the cost of their badge worked into the cost of the weekend.



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.

Scouts on the land team will be camping at site 41 and will be taking part in a variety of competitions, including the campsite competition, the STA (Spare Time Activity) competition, the Supporter's Meal and the Beaver Challenge. It will be possible for members of the land team to pop out of Kontiki if they have sports commitments, though I do not encourage this.

Scouts attending should indicate their preference (land or raft) on the reply slip at the end of this letter. I cannot guarantee that you will get your preference but at least we can try and accommodate you.

Packing on Thursday 16 May 2019:

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. This should take about two and a half hours as we are offloading most of the heavy equipment at Arrowe Park on Thursday evening.

Meeting on Friday 17 May 2019:

We will be meeting on the Friday 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 R50,00 per badge (which is cheaper than at the gate) or R30,00 per day pass.

Alternatively you can purchase badges at the gate (R60,00 per badge at the gate)

Additional badges can be ordered on the reply slip at the end of this letter which must please be submitted to Andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za by no later than 12h00 on Friday 10 May 2019. Badges will be handed out at scouts on Friday 10 May 2019. If you want to take part in the beaver challenge you will require a badge, not a day pass.

Consent Forms:

Sent out simultaneously with 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 their meals 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 an adult to assist with gate duty from 19h00 to 21h00 on Friday and again from 15h00 to 17h00 on Saturday. If anyone can assist with this (even if only for an hour) please let me know (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 / Discoverer, 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 a badge, camp fees and meals for the entire weekend (Friday dinner to Sunday lunch). Day visitors are not catered for and need to order badges separately.

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

1st 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)

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 + 2 x R50,00 = R400,00. If you have ordered a copy of "My Scout Journey" please add this to the total too.

Payments are due on Friday 10 May 2019.

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.

Cellphones:

A reminder that, with the exception of the scouts running the event (Jason Bailie and Mogale Kgaswe on raft and Simon Kleer and Michael Goncalves on land), scouts should not bring cellphones to Kontiki. 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 19 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.

District Competition Camp

The District Competition Camp will be taking place from 7 to 9 June 2019 at the Lake Deneys Yacht Club on the shores of the Vaal Dam in Deneysville. The competition camp is perhaps the premier competition of the year because it includes most of the major skills of scouting.

The organisers have not provided much information at this stage but full details of the weekend will be provided as soon as they are available. The organisers have indicated that they will be taking advantage of the site's facilities and scouts who enjoy boating and related activities should really enjoy this event.

If you are available for the Competition Camp please indicate this in the Reply Slip at the end of the newsletter so we can start planning our entry.



Group Quiz Evening

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be holding a Quiz Evening at the Tony Dobson Pavilion at St Benedict's College. The event will start at 18h30 and will be a fundraiser for the group, but should also be a great deal of fun at the same time!

This event is open to all members of the Group and friends, family and potential recruits are more than welcome to come along too. Scouts who bring along a potential recruit to the evening will earn 10 points for their patrol.

The cost of the evening is R150,00 per person which includes a light dinner. Please rsvp to kleerm@stbenedicts.co.za by no later than the 17 June 2019. If you are able to assist with the donation of any prizes please also let Michelle know.

World Scout Jamboree

The members of the troop attending the World Scout Jamboree in July and August are in for a real treat. Part of the recent Head of Contingent meeting included a visit to the site and shooting ranges, climbing ranges, scuba facilities, boating dams and a mile-long zipline were all on display on the 14 000 acre Jamboree site.

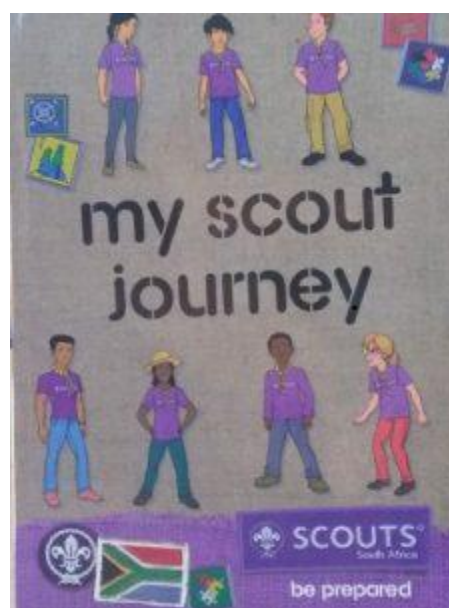
If you are not attending this Jamboree, do not worry, the next World Jamboree will be taking place in South Korea in 2023 and the organising team for that event have already been hard at work for several years to ensure that that event will build on the success of the 2019 Jamboree.

If you are one of the lucky members of the troop attending the Jamboree please ensure that you pay careful attention to your advancement. Time is running out and if you need assistance with your advancement please contact a member of the scouter team for help.

Entsha Programme and Support Material

A reminder to all scouts that we will be moving onto the new Entsha Programme on 30 June 2019. You have just under two months to finish off any advancement that you may be busy with on the old programme, so get cracking! A number of you are very close to obtaining an advancement badge, so push yourself to get the badge done before it is too late!

“My Scout Journey” replaces “The Scout Trail” as the support textbook for the advancement programme and contains everything that you need to know in order to get to Springbok under the new programme. The book is available at a cost of R90,00 at the Scout Shop.



I am aware that there will probably be a large demand for this book from members of the troop. In the interests of saving numerous trips to the Scout Shop there is a spot for you to order a book on the reply slip at the end of this letter. You should pay for

the book with your Kontiki payment and I will then do a trip to the Scout Shop and get books for those who have ordered them. This is a once-off offer. You are of course more than welcome to buy a copy at The Scout Shop if you prefer.

Recruiters Badge

The one badge that I would like to see all scouts wearing is the Recruiters Badge. So how do you earn it?

All you need to do to earn a Silver Recruiters Badge is recruit one new scout from outside the scout movement and get him invested. Everyone knows someone who is not a scout, so why not get cracking?



In order to earn a Gold Recruiters Badge you need to recruit five new scouts and get them invested. This is a much tougher ask, I have yet to award one of these badges so the challenge is out there to be the first in the troop to earn this.

Recruitment now forms part of the Advancement Programme, if you recruit two new recruits you pass something on the Entsha First Class Badge, so a Silver Recruiters Badge is a good start to getting things signed off on your advancement.

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	439
Sable	538
Springbok	362
Wildebeest	382

Upcoming Activities at a Glance

May:

8 Voting Day Display
17 – 19 Kontiki

June:

7 – 9 District Competition Camp
21 Group Quiz Evening

July

- 5 No scouts (overlapping school holidays)
- 14 – 31 World Scout Jamboree (USA)

August:

- 1 – 4 World Scout Jamboree (USA)
- 9 No Scouts (Woman's Day)
- 31 Kim Shield Starts

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

Yours in scouting

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
- A hanger (for your uniform)
- An old screwdriver
- Wellington boots (optional)
- Gardening gloves (optional – useful for pioneering)

KONTIKI REPLY SLIP (SCOUTS)

Please submit ONE reply slip per family by no later than 12h00 on Friday 10 May 2019.

Surname of Family: _____

Name of eldest scout: _____ Keen on Compo Camp (Y/N)

Please tick the box that applies to the eldest scout in respect of Kontiki. If any of the last three options is chosen, you will need to pay R300,00 for this child which includes a badge.

Will not attend	Day visitor only	Will attend, prefer raft	Will attend, prefer land	Will attend, indifferent
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Please set out any special information about the eldest scout (eg time scout expected to arrive if he will not be in camp by 15h00, details of sporting fixtures etc):

Name of youngest scout: _____ Keen on Compo Camp (Y/N)

Please tick the box that applies to the youngest scout in respect of Kontiki. If any of the last three options is chosen, you will need to pay R300,00 for this child which includes a badge.

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Please set out any special information about the youngest scout (eg time scout expected to arrive if he will not be in camp by 15h00, details of sporting fixtures etc):

Number of extra badges required at R50,00 per badge (if your child is attending as a day visitor he will need to order a badge in this section): _____

Number of day passes required at R30,00 per day pass for:

Friday: _____

Saturday: _____

Sunday: _____

Number of "My Scout Journeys" you would like to order (R90,00 per book): _____



PACK PAW PRINTS



Making Pirate Gear

As we head into the second quarter of the year and winter knocks on our door, the Cub Trail is in full swing. The pack is again growing with a flurry of new Tenderpads being invested over the next couple of months. This reminds me that the core values and training that scouting offers have stood the test of time and the skills provided still make an important contribution in forming confident, stimulated, well rounded and most importantly happy children.

As adult leaders, both Mang and I continue to commit to further training during the year, so as to be able to offer our cubs the best cubbing experience possible. Akela will be upping her First Aid to level 3 and is wanting to get her campers licence. Mang is committed to the IAL (Adult Leader) Course and her First Aid Level 1. Together with the cubs we also grow and learn.

Leaping Wolf Award

A very big congratulations to Bradley Stones on obtaining his Leaping Wolf Award. 1st Bedfordview Cub Pack are exceptionally proud of you and your hard work.

The Leaping Wolf journey is offered to cubs from age 10 as an opportunity in their final year of cubbing to find out about themselves as well as the world around them. It is not an easy undertaking but then again nothing worth doing ever is. In saying this it is age appropriate and achievable with the support and guidance of parents and scouters. Although this is optional, I would suggest that cubs make the commitment to complete this as has far reaching positive results.



Bradley shows of his Leaping Wolf Trophy

If your child is 10 or turning 10 soon please let us know that they would like to do this and we will do everything in our power to assist them.

Interest Badges



There is such a variety of interest badges for the kids to choose from, from cooking to chess, pets or repairs. In fact, with over 70 options there is sure to be a range of badges that will personally excite your cub. I encourage the cubs to choose at least one interest badge a term to tackle at home. From our side we present a minimum of 4 interest badges a year at cub meetings. Cubs is essentially about earning badges as a record of personal achievement and nothing beats that smile on their face when presented with a badge that they have worked towards.

Pirate Camp

The cubs had a great time at SAHETI living their dream of becoming pirates on the high seas. Making what they needed (including hats, telescopes, paper swords and more) they got a true salty taste of pirate life. Cubs who attended did either their Model Boats interest badge or if they were 10 and had not yet done their First Aid badge they did that one instead. The scullery grub was gobbled up and camping was either in tents or shelters depending on age. 8 year olds were invited as day visitors and got to see what they can look forward to when they turn 9. A great camp and luckily Akela was not made to walk the plank!



Parents looking for Fun?

Making Pirate Gear at SAHETI

In this modern age it seems to be more and more difficult to spend quality time with one's children. Have you considered helping out at the pack as a way to spend quality time with your children? Cubs is all about good, clean fun and there can be no better way to be involved in your children's lives than to spend an hour or so on a Friday playing games, doing activities and helping develop your children and the pack.

The pack is looking for enthusiastic parents to join the scouter team and to help out with the pack. We promise a great deal of fun and quality time with your children, together with any support and training that you might require. If you are keen or would like more information please contact Akela.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Beaver Challenge at Kontiki

DIARISE: Saturday 18 May 2019.

The excitement is building for Kontiki 2019. This is a scout event where they camp and build the most amazing rafts and we get to see them launch on the Saturday and also participate in the Beaver Challenge. A variety of activities all based on the given theme (this year is those crazy Minions) are set up by the various groups in Gauteng for the kids to enjoy. Parents and siblings are welcome. If you are interested in attending please contact Akela by 12h00 on Friday 10 April 2019 so she can order the necessary day passes and badges. Badges are, subject to stock, available at the gate but they are more expensive than pre-ordered badges.

This is absolutely my favourite event of each year and truly is a gathering of the movement all having the best fun. Bring picnics or buy food on site. Don't miss out, Saturday 18 May, Arrow Park, Benoni, the pack will meet at 11h45 outside the Beaver Challenge area.

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Attendees at the recent Pirate Camp

Yours in Cubbing
Akela