

## Scouts Gear

Most scouts have obtained their gear through the Cape Union Mart's Garage sale. Most of the clothes were bought at a fraction of their real cost, which made it very affordable for everyone to purchase. Even the Committee members could be clothed in a blue shirt and kaki pants to give further unity to the group. The kids looked rather good in their uniforms. Thanks to our parents for sacrificing their food budget. Our next objective will be to purchase the scarfs and the caps. The caps will only be available towards the end of



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## Money

There are still subs outstanding for August 01. We know everybody had a difficult month considering the uniforms that were bought, but please don't neglect this very important fee. This is all we receive to maintain the scouts. We try to abstain from raffles and too many fundraising events. So please pay up. After all it's the right thing to do. Our books were audited and a financial statement have been handed to the DC for the end of the scouts year. With the help of Ann and Rene we



## Optimistic again

The scout boys were really in for an interesting month. A lot have been achieved this month. Wayne taught them some funny song of which I thought was very humorous and nice. Hein eventually taught them how to bake an egg. And were they keen to teach their parents on how to do just that when they returned home. A lot of knot has been tied. I'll surely end up tangled if I have to give it a go. Next week our kids will be invested and eventually commensurate with their link badge. Great guys. Keep up the good



**Please note :** The scouts will start on Monday nights at St Nicholas hall from 18h00 to 20h00. Transport can be arranged. We apologise for dropping the kids off late during October. This was due to preparation for the investiture coming up the 1 of Sept 01 at 4pm in the St Nicholas Church Hall. All parents will be levied.



## Correction.

**Bruce was not a spectator on the Gilray camp. He represented the needlework for the team and achieved a 5/5. Great work Bruce.**

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## From The Committee

We would like to welcome all new scouts and parents.

There are so many typos in this month's edition that we had to omit some nice graphics and pictures. Nevertheless I hope you'll still enjoy this month's issue.

We will cover the Table Mountain Scouts Hut hike in next month's issue. Sorry Ann

## In this month's issue

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## Braai Tips

Do not defrost chops or steak in a microwave. Once frozen, the meat should be placed in a refrigerator to defrost. This ensures that the meat remains tender. Never put the meat in hot water to defrost, as this can make the meat tough. Never salt the meat as the salt acts as a dehydrating agent and extracts all the natural juices, thus leaving the steaks tough. All chops and steaks need to be braaied on a hot fire in order to ensure that the meat will remain tender. Ribs, pork, chicken and sausages need to be braaied slowly to ensure maximum flavour retention. Cook chicken pieces in the microwave for 8-9 mins on high before putting on the braai. Only then do you marinade finish by braaing slowly on coals. By microwaving the chicken, it ensures that the meat is well done around the bone before going onto the fire.

### Fondsinsameling BRAAI / KARAOKE ( Deur Rene Smith )

Wie het gesê, dat 'n fondsinsameling poging maklik is ? Dis uiters harde werk, vra ons voorsitter, aangesien hy baie ingesit het om dit 'n sukses te maak .

Die komitee was almal entosiasies en het hul volle lot ingegooi met die beplanning.

Ons telefoon lyne het behoorlik gegons soos ons oor en weer geskakel het vir donasies. Sommige kere dan vind jou sjarme nogal baie baat, as jy so iets aandurf., want jy word sommer toegegooi van donasies. Arnold het nogal 'n slag met mense, hulle het net na sy jammerlike gesigsuitdrukking gekyk, dan word die donasies van watter aard ook al sommer mildelik in sy hand gestop.!!!

Ons is veral baie dankbaar vir ons Moslem ondersteuners, wat nie geskroom het om hul harte oop te maak vir ons nie.

Elkeen het sy taak gehad wat hy of sy daardie aand moes uitrig. Hein en Wayne het gebrui dat die sweet loop. Spur sal nie eers kan kers vas hou met ons uithaler braaiers van die aand nie. Net 'n jammerte hulle het koue voete gekry met die opruiming !!

Die Karaoke was die grootste aantrekkingskrag van die aand. Klein en groot, oud en jonk het daardie aand baat gevind by die singery. Shirley het haar minnelied gesing uit volle bors gesing " I just call to say I love you" . Manne ons wil hê julle moet weet , ons sê dit nie meer met blomme nie, **maar ons sing dit vir julle.** Onder ons ouers is daar nogal baie sangtalente, julle het seker gehoor na Joanne en Venessa. Die dames wat sing soos 'n nagtegale. Hoop hulle sal hul talente in die scouts inploeg, omdat ons kan doen met 'n scouts koor, of wat sê julle ?

Die aand was baie aangenaam, omdat ons sulke goeie ondersteuning gekry het . 'n Groot dank aan elkeen wat ons geseën het met hul teenwoordigheid met die braai. Julle was sommer 'n bak span, Jonathan jy ook, hoor. Dankie dat julle dit moontlik gemaak het dat ons toerusting kon aanskaf vir

Today we have higher buildings and wider highways, but shorter temperaments and narrower points of view

We spend more, but enjoy less.

We have bigger houses, but smaller families

We have more compromises, but less time.

We have more knowledge, but less judgement

We have more medicines, but less health

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values

We talk much, we love only a little, and we hate too much.

We reached the Moon and came back, but we find troublesome to cross our own street and meet our neighbors.

We have conquered the outer space, but not our inner space.

We have higher income, but less morals....

These are times with more liberty, but less joy....With much more food, but less nutrition....

These are days in which two salaries get home, but divorces increase.

These are times of finer houses, but more broken homes.

That's why I propose that as from today;

You do not keep anything for a special occasion, because every day that you live is a special occasion. Search for knowledge, read more, sit on your front porch and admire the view without paying attention to the needs.

Pass more time with your family, eat your favorite food, visit the place you love.

Life is a chain of moments of enjoyment; it isn't only survival.

Use your crystal goblets. Do not save your best perfume, and use it every time you feel you want it.

Take out from you vocabulary phrases like "One of these days" and "someday".

Let's write that letter we thought of writing "One of these days".

Let's tell our families and friends how much we love them.

That's why, do not delay anything adding laughter and joy to your life.

# Think it over



### Snow Camp (By Shirley & Bruce)

The weekend of 20/07/01 Second Elsie's River Scouts had its first snow camp. All the scouts, the committee members and some of the parents went on this camp. Everybody was very excited, because we are going to see the snow in the Ceres district! Some of us, myself and Ann included had never experienced real snow in our lives and had only seen it on Tv. We left at approximately 12h00 from Arnold's home for our destination, which was to be the Dennebos Caravan park in Ceres. We travelled in Arnold's 4x4 Bakkie and David's car. Arnold took the caravan to sleep in. The road was very scenic. All the rivers on our way were full. The beautiful waterfalls in the Hottentots Hollands Mountains were very impressive.



We arrived at the campsite at about 15h00 and set out camp. It was very rainy and wet. We decided that seeing that the rain is only a few hours of daylight left, we will settle in at our campsite before we begin with the evening meal. The next day we're going to get up very early, have breakfast and leave to see the snow. It was fairly cold at the campsite. We gave the children sandwiches to eat and set about starting the fire for the potjiekos. The children set about exploring the campsite. Some of them went to collect dennebolle for the fire, which of course was very wet. Some of the children wanted to play on the trampoline in the evening, but was disappointed as it was closed. We chatted with each other and got to know each other during those first hours of the camp. Lots of jokes and plain good old-fashioned socialising went on and we enjoyed ourselves thoroughly. We went to bed at about 2am. The women slept in the caravan and the men in the tent, with the exception of Bruce and Ashton who both slept with their respective mothers. We also had two small boys with us (Ethan and Garrih) who also slept in the caravan. At about 5am Ann suddenly jumped up and shouted that she was wet. She pulled Ethan who was sleeping on the top bed, out. By then he was soaking wet though he still didn't realise he was sleeping in a pool of water. The caravan was leaking on the side where he was sleeping. Ann only became aware of it after swallowing a few drops in her sleep. We quickly undressed the little boy, dried him off and dressed him in clean dry clothes after which he was put to sleep beside Rene and Joanne. It was quite funny for us.

The next morning we all slept late because of the previous night's excursions. We only got up at about 09h30 and then it was a flurry to get breakfast ready for all the adults and children. We were 8 adults and 13 children! It was still raining and cold. I hoped that it would snow during the night seeing that it was so cold, but it only continued to rain in one continuous drizzle. We hoped that there would still be snow left for us to see, but secretly I doubted it. It rained non-stop from the time we got there and I thought that surely all the snow would have melted by now. Never the less we kept up a brave front. The children were very excited about seeing the snow. Arnold told us that we were supposed to leave the campsite at 2 pm if we still want to go snow seeking. We prepared lunch before going up to the Matroosberg Nature reserve to see the snow. We started about starting a fire for the braai. I must say that the fire was a sorry affair as the wood that they had for the fire was very wet and refused to burn. Also once the wood had burned, it simply refused to give us coals. It was not a very successful braai and the men struggled with the fire until well after 1pm. We eventually got all the meat braaied and everybody was fed. Then we set about breaking-up camp. Arnold made the comment that he thinks it is not nice camping out for only one night and that he thought next time it should be done over a long weekend. He said "we hardly set up camp know we must break down again. I agree with him and it is a lot of work for only one night's camp. Arnold got all of us on camera, some in very compromising positions and clothes.

We left for the Matroosberg Nature Reserve at about 15h00 and got there at about 16h00. On our way there we were watching the surrounding mountains and places for any sign of snow. We only saw snow on the uppermost tops of some of the mountains and we wondered how are we going to get to that snow. It really looked far out of our reach. When we got to the nature reserve we discovered to our disappointment that we had arrived too late to go look at the snow on top of the Matroosberg. Unfortunately we had waited too long to go to the reserve and that it became late to go up there. The guide said that there was only about one hour of daylight left and that the hiking trail to the snow was about one hour long. He said that it would be dangerous to go up there at this hour in the day and that we could be stranded there for the night if we go up there. We decided not to go up the mountain and thus missed out on seeing the snow, the point of this whole exercise! The thing that really stands clear in my mind was that it was hellishly cold up there and that I promised myself that if I ever go again, I would definitely put on more clothes next time. In conclusion, it was a very nice weekend, which we enjoyed very much. It afforded the scout kids and parents the opportunity to get to know each other better and to improve their social skills. The children learned some teamwork with the Dennebol collection and the washing up of the dishes in the evening. I am sure a lot of friendships were made and strengthened during this weekend. The only drawback was that we did not get to see the snow but I think that we learned from our experience. Next time we should plan our events better and spend less time eating. All in all it was a good teambuilding exercise for all of us.

I agree with Shirley, we definitely need to spend less time eating. Perhaps we can take along foods that are easier to prepare and do not require a lot of cooking. Especially when we have time constraints and bad weather. We also need to start earlier if we want to make the most of each day. Most definitely we must learn to depart earlier from home.