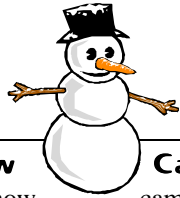


2nd Elsie's River Scouts



Snow Camps

Our snow camp will be coming down in late July or early August weather dependant. Everyone are looking forward to the outing. We also have a Mountain hike to the Table Mountain Scouts Hut. The date is still set for 27 to 29 July 01. All are welcome to attend. Please consult the secretary regarding the cost involved.

Other Camps

Activities planned for the remaining of this year. The dates are still to be confirmed. Snow Camp, Skill training at Appleton, Mapping, A family fun day, A summer camp at Hawequas

What lies ahead

So as you can see we still have a heavy schedule ahead of us. Our very own website will soon be created. For those who have access to a computer will be able to see who's who and all our upcoming events. There will also be report backs on our camps and the minutes of all our meetings.



Birthdays



Please let me know.

Even if it's an anniversary. We'd like to blow the horn.

Scouting is fun

By the way some general info

Nkwenkwe Nkomo is our Chief Scout for the new South Africa

Just thought you'd like to know.



From the Chair

I hope you enjoy'd reading our very first newsletter. We hope to get your input into the next newsletters.

Compiled by:
AJ Fennel

Our Motto is : Be Prepared !

Scouts News 1

20 July 01



History

I would like to welcome each scouters and parent officially to our scouts. The scouts has been operating without a committee for the last 5 yrs. This has put a tremendous amount pressure on the adult leaders who had their hands full with the kids whilst trying to make ends meet with the little funds and resources available.

Scouts Mission and Aim

In a never ending world of war against violence, crime and gansterism we at 2nd Elsie's River Scouts try and compliment our schools, family and community in building a better child for the future.

We Aim to contribute to the development of boys and girls in achieving their full potentials as individuals and responsible citizens by :

- (a) developing their character;
- (b) training them in citizenship and being of assistance to the community
- (c) developing their spiritual, social, intellectual and physical qualities;
- (d) Teaching them useful skills

The Scout program which promotes leadership is based on a system of values such as honesty, loyalty, obedience, cleanliness, trust, helpfulness, brotherhood courtesy, ... A commitment to seek the spiritual value of life beyond the material world.

In a area a stricken by poverty and unemployment it is hard developing and facilitating these youths in achieving these goals due to a lack of resources. However we will rise above our circumstances no matter what.

Committee

A new committee were nominated without much hesitation. The following people were elected

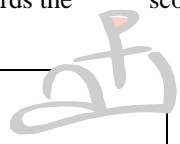
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Secretary	Rene Smith	Home	931 3591	Work	947 2235
Treasurer	Ann Philander	Home	931 7801	Work	591 1071
Quartermaster	Shirley Kinnear	Home	931 8441	Work	
Group Scouter	Wayne Jood	Cell	082 957 8708		
Troop Scouter	Hein September	Home		Work	595 1030

The new committee started off with great momentum and determination. A lot have transpired since then. The committee were actively involved in raising funds. Our first fundraising event were a Karaoke with a braai and was very successful. With hard work and a lot of dedication we manage to reach our goal. Our donators were very generous and we have to put a word of thanks to all who have so freely donated towards the scouts.



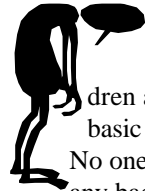
Admin

A new postbox has been opened. The scouts official address is now: PO Box 69 Matroosfontein 7489. All correspondence can be forwarded to this address. Also we manage to open a new Bank account with ABSA, after a heavy battle about bank charges. We were eventually acknowledge as a non profitable organization and was exempt from maintenance fees. We also obtained a Makro card for the scouts. Please feel free to use it. Special discount will be arranged from time to time, so please consult the secretary before you purchase any scouting



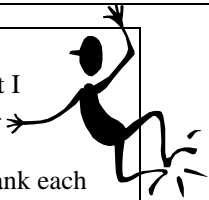
So Sad

Our children are still at the very basic level of scouting. No one has achieved any badges for the past year. It has come to light that a few children still don't know there scouts laws. This is very disappointing as they will not be able to be invested and neither will they be able to commence with the LinkBadge and the Pathfinder course. This is rather sad. A desperate effort will have to be put in if we want our kids to be invested by 6 August 01. I suggest we withhold children who do not know their scouts laws from future camps. There are also a lack of discipline and team work amongst the group. A form of discipline needs to be looked at and anyone with a proposal can inform the secretary.



I'm Happy

It is with pleasure that I write this letter knowing I have a winning team on my side. I thank each and everyone for you effort and commitment as well as your time you have so unselfishly sacrificed to make this movement a success. Remember it is better to educate the child know that to change



Thanks to the Layman family for lending their Karaoke to us. Also thanks to Burton & Roy for organizing the venue for the braai

Money

Scouts Fees were set at R20 per month of which the first R80 will go to Headoffice for their annual membership fees. The rest of the money will be going to the local scouts. Each child need to pay a once off amount of R10 to register. Children who are not registered cannot participate in competitions and will not be allowed on certain camp.



Scouts Gear

There's still an enormous amount of work that needs to be done before the scouts can function efficiently. We had a lot of compliments with our temporary black sweaters and jeans. Our children looked rather cool in it. However we would like to have each scouters fully clothed in their proper gear towards end of this year. Till then the temporary gear will still be worn on Monday's and on



Our sponsors for July 01

CD Fox (Cape Town)
 Foodworls (E/R)
 Excellent Meat Market
 Goolams Butchery
 Coke (Ravensmeat)
 Al Amien Foods (Athlone)
 Shoprite (E/R)
 Something Sweet Bakery
 Osmans (Matroosfontein)
 Balvinie Butchery
 Pick n Pay (N1 & Parow)
 Quality Meat (E/R)
 BlueFin
 Mr A

Equipment

We managed to obtain some ropes, a flag, and a compass and a first aid kit. A few items are still required i.e.: Soccer, Ruby, Volley and Basket Ball . A cricket set, whistle and a stop watch. We are also still looking for a notice and black board. Anybody who can assist please do, it will be much appreciated.



First Camp

The group managed to go on their first Camp at Gilray the 14 – 15 July 01. The group were thrown into the deep end, but luckily Hein was allowed to camp with them. He managed to pull them through. A few certificates were achieved. Hein could not sleep the night as he had to prepare the camp for Sunday morning. We picked him up in a state of exhaustion. The team really tried their best under all the pressure a competition presents. The kids were just very unhappy with the judge. They presented him a whole chicken and was hoping to get something back, but to their dismay the judge kept the chicken for him. They were then left without food as they only prepared the one chick. Hope that will teach them a lesson to prepare 2 chicks next time. The group was woken up at 5am South African time and everyone still seemed disorientated that time of the morning. Warren was assigned to start the fire the morning but rather burned his fingers. The judges were very impressed with Kenake's performance. Duimpie managed to assist the group with the quiz and the roping and did quite well for his first day at scouts. Warren was the cook and had to prepare the toast and tea for the judge. Clayton and Dalton did roping. Ashley did the mapping and bearings. Ranaldo did the trail. Bruce and Elven were the spectators and gave their moral support to the team. I think if there's one thing they learned out of this camp is the importance of teamwork and not to give all your food to the judges. They were all exhausted

