

MPUMALANGA

Scouting

"Share our world,
share our Cultures"
20th World Jamboree Motto

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FROM OUR AREA COMMISSIONER

Life can be so tense and difficult for us all. It makes us forget the small basic things that make us the Nation that we are today. A nation with good values and respect. Respect for life, for oneself, for elders, for our families and mostly for the "Man Upstairs". Try to put yourself in His shoes (Almighty Lord) as you read the poem on Page 4, entitled, "The Lord's Test", which I share with you. Would you have done much differ-

ently from Him? To how many people do you owe a simple "Thank you"? I will tell you. You owe yourself, the Scout Movement, your family, your friends and most of all, God. All these people have helped you in one way or another, to be the person that you are. You do not need the Lord's test to remind you to say "Thank You" to them all.

Elvis



20th WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

The 20th World Scout Jamboree in Thailand saw 25,600 Scouts, Girl

Scouts and Guides from all over the world, camping together from 28th December to 8th January this year. A tented city rose up at SATTAHIP, 50 kms. east of Bangkok on the coast with its beautiful white sand beaches and clear sea waters.

"Share our World, Share our Cultures" was the theme of the Jamboree and the Emblem depicted a Thai roof with the World Scout Emblem centred on it. The roof shape was representative of Thailand and the A-shaped gables represented the development of cultures and traditions in Thailand, and sharing them from one generation to the next.

Activities included Patrol visits to rice farms, industry and tourism, and community work with the Thai people to improve schools. On site activities included the Global Development Village, the Cross Roads of Culture, City of Science and Technology, water sports, a hike, a Tournament and "Our Heritage".

The Jamboree was opened by Thailand's Crown Prince Mala Vajiralongkorn during a spectacular Thai ceremony.

One of the highlights was when, from the City of Science and Technology on 28th December, successful live radio contact was made with the NASA Astronauts on the International Space Station on it's 23,425th orbit of the earth!

We were lucky to chat to Troop Scouter Vishel Singh of 1st Shallcross Scouts in Kwazulu Natal and a member of the South African Contingent. Vishal was seconded to the International Service Team (IST) —part of the 6000 Camp Staff! - and was posted to the Jamboree Press Centre, where his job was to go out with the news team and take photos of activities and events for the World Scout Bureau and for the Jamboree sites on the Internet.

The IST Village being 10 minutes from the beach afforded spare time swims, welcome as temperatures soured between the upper 30s and 40s Centigrade. The humidity averaged 85%.

What impressed Vishal? All the people—really friendly and really positive; the organisation of such a huge event - the Jamboree site itself was so vast; and how wearing the Scout uniform opens so many doors. Walking down the street complete strangers came up to talk. Vishal will always remember B.-P.'s daugh-

ter, Betty Clay's message to everyone at the end of the Jamboree:- "If you go out from here and remember my father's advice to you to live up to your Promise and Law always, then you will lead the happiest life possible, just like he did."

Our own dear friend and fellow Scouter, Uwe Bothur of DPSG, Germany, was also on the International Service team, where he too had a very interesting job which brought him into contact with many Scouting dignitaries. Uwe's comments:- The Global Development Village and the new crossroads of cultures were impressive. The Thai people speak surprisingly little English, so "Scout Communication" (sign language/drawing) was the order of the day. But Uwe, like everyone else, was happy to learn at least one word, SAWASDEEEE, which means "Hello" Uwe will always remember the Arrival Day, watching hundreds of smiling, excited Scouts from nearly every country under the sun, greeting and helping each other like long lost friends.

Uwe said to himself, "If only the tired old world outside could look in and see Scouting's example of Peace at this Jamboree" echoing John Edmond's lyrics at the end of the Baden-Powell song: "And the Nations of this great world would live in harmony, if they met in the Peace and Spirit of a Boy Scout Jamboree".



The Thai Tiger Jamboree Seal.

Nikki Clark—Area Manager, Mpumalanga.



Greetings to all in the Mpumalanga Area. I would like to introduce myself - having taken up the position of Area Manager since 1 February 2003. I started in the movement in 1977, all of 8 years old, as a brownie in the Dalviera Brownie pack in Pretoria. I stayed

at Dalviera until I became a Founders Guide (now called the Chiefs challenge) in 1984.

My most memorable moments as a brownie and a guide where of course the outdoor adventures, although I also learned many life skills too. In those years we often camped at Bamber, a beautifully equipped Guide camping site in the Fountains Valley in Pretoria. To name but a few of the bigger camps which I attended were the regional camp held at Ben Lavin Nature Reserve in Thabazimbi in 1981,

where guides from mostly Pretoria and Johannesburg filled up a whole train to travel to the camp, the national camp called Maccauvillei held at the Vaal river in 1983 and the Greek Jamboree held on Mount Olympus in 1984 where I was part of a contingent of 14 guides from South Africa. Olympus was a superb highlight of my Guiding career, staying with Greek Girl Guides in their homes and then 7 days of camping with 4000 other guides from 15 countries.

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That's the main title of an American Scout Handbook, with the Sub title, "A Guide to Achieving Scouting's Highest Award" and written by Nancy and Dean Hoch, parents of five Eagle Scouts, and who had joined the Movement and served Scouting for many years.

"GO FOR THE EAGLE"

They wrote:
 "We learnt the hard way, but felt we had to write it all down to share with everyone! During the years our Scouts went through the ranks we learned that many Scouts and their parents were struggling with the same problem areas in the Eagle Scout Programme. Together with our own sons, we could see what was preventing boys from fully experiencing the benefits of the Scout Advancement Programme. Our goal in writing this book is to smooth out

the way, provide helpful hints and make the Eagle Rank a reality for more young men."

Fancy parents taking such interest in their boys and in Scouting that they wrote a book to help all other parents and Scouts coming along behind them!

Come on Scouts – Go for the SPRINGBOK! – South African Scouting's Highest Award, equivalent of the Eagle Scout. Your Scouters will give you all the details.

The Springbok Scout Badge:



Did you know that Eagle Scouts make up :-

- 63% of United States Air force Academy Graduates.
- 68% of West Point U.S. Military Academy Graduates.
- 70% of Annapolis U.S. Naval Academy Graduates.
- 72% of Rhodes Scholars
- 85% of F.B.I. Agents.
- 26 of the first 29 Astronauts!

Did you know that since the establishment of Mpumalanga Area, 3 Scouts have achieved the Springbok Scout Award— all from Mpumalanga West!

While we were in America, a Louisiana State Newspaper devoted a FULL page to all details of this year's Eagle Scouts' Awards!



The 10 Participants with the training Team, seated. Reuben Mkandawire, Michael Nsimba, Solitha Themba & Elvis Mdaka with 1st Kamhlushwa Scouter Amon Mavuso (Middle of 2nd row).

INTRODUCTORY COURSE AT KAMHLUSHWA

The first Training Course of the New Year, an Introductory Course for Adult Leaders was held at the Shammah Community Development Centre from the 10th to 12th January, with Michael Nsimba as Course Director. The ten participants, Nkosingiphile Masilela, Simangele Mhlanga, Lerato Malope, Nompumelelo Shabangu, Joseph Shabangu (back row) and Sibusiso Mahlalela,

Themba Mashiloane, Sydwell Makukule, Musa Sibiyi and Manxoba Nkalanga, came from different villages in the Nkomazi municipality.

These enthusiastic young people will return to their communities with plans to establish Cub Packs and Scout Troops and implement all the skills they have learned.



RECENT TUTOR COURSE

Scouters attended a Tutors' Course on 1 February 2003, which was a one-day course. We were taught about the importance of a tutor and also what is expected from a tutor. We were trained how to ease candidates for the effective flow of courses. Many aspects

were touched on as regards different behaviours and how a tutor can be of good assistance with regards negativity. The Scouters really learned a lot from the course and they had an opportunity to meet a sister from the West District—Liz Graham (Assistant District Commis-

sioner for Cubs). We chatted and laughed as if we had known each other for years and that made me remember the brotherhood that we have in our good movement of Scouting.

Personally, I have acquired a lot as regards counselling skills. My counselling skills have now been bettered to a

wider range of aspects. Dee, Wendy and Jerry, thanks a lot for everything, new games and all the fun. Thanks to Charlie too, who popped in and encouraged us. Scouting is really going in the world.

David Mauku

~ ~ ~ ~ DEVELOPMENT WORK ~ ~ ~ ~

Mpumalanga Scouting is really growing as many schools and some communities have started groups due to the good burning fire of Scouting. Oh, how I wish that this fire burns into huge flames!

My most recent request for information came from Mr. Nkosi, Principal of Entokozweni School. He was so pleased to see me. Some of

his teachers had been to nearby Sandzile School to see the Cub Pack running there. Nomathemba and Julia, the Scouters, were most helpful and encouraging.

The message of Scouting spreads far and I am always amazed at how requests come from the other side of our District, like Vutselani School right down at Malekutu, where a lady teacher

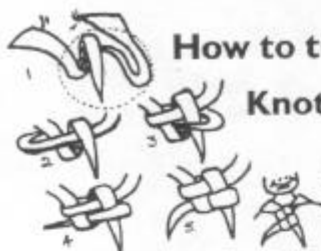
has heard from others, the difference Scouting makes to the young pupils. How Cubs and Scouts prove to everyone that they can achieve, they can make dreams come true and they can take responsibility. Vutselani is sending at least one lady to the Introduction Course in March.

The next to be located will be churches, as our wish is not to scatter seed but to



plough it everywhere. I would like to emphasize the gratitude from my heart, to everyone who assisted me to do my utmost best, ploughing the seed of Scouting.

David Mauku



How to tie a Friendship Knot in your Scarf.

Guiding and Scouting's Friendship Knot (Technically known as the Square Knot).

The Tenteleni Brownies and Guides purchased a couple of scarves for their Brownies, from the Travelling Shop, and when told that Brownies don't use a Woggle, they tie a Friendship Knot! - they looked very puzzled and asked how to tie the knot? Well, Guiders, here it is!

By the way, the custom at Jamborees is to help tie the Friendship Knot in each other's special Jamboree scarf, which is issued on arrival. The "Square" Knot's uses? - Well, one is for joining two ropes or cords in the middle when there is likely to be a pull from 4 directions at one time. And the other is if you repeat this knot using two different coloured cords, it will produce an attractive, tight spiral cord.

The official leather woggle is smart and keeps your scarf neat, but there is nothing stopping you from making

your own woggles for your Group, as long as you all wear the same. All our Scouters have been through the Training Courses where they wore the scarf and the white woggle which is made from ordinary plastic conduit. Now you can get plastic piping in different colours! Or even carve your woggles out of wood. Or make your own "Turks Head" woggle using different coloured cord.

In America, the woggle is known as a Slide, because you slide it onto your scarf—and the American Scouts, especially the Red Indian Scouts, know how to carve the most beautiful Slides for themselves and for giving to visiting Scouts as a farewell gift.



Girl Scouts from St. Francisville, Louisiana, USA—Back: Kimberley Davidson, Leader Staci Beauchamp Lillie Beauchamp, Jessica Davidson, Leader Cynthia Standridge, Erin Sykes. Front: Suzanne Standridge, Caitlyn Matherne, Jolee Beauchamp, Kaylie Hughes, Elizabeth Brigadall & Kaitlyn Standridge.



Our only Scout visit in America was to the St.

Francisville Girl Scout Troop meeting, where the girls were enthusiastically preparing for a working weekend when they all had an "overnight" at the Girl Scout Leader, Staci's home. They did work on 3 Merit (Interest) badges as well as practicing their Home Skills. We showed them the "Mpumalanga Scouting Story in Pictures" book and exchanged notes on the few Training differences between them and our Guides.

They also handed out their 2003 Girl Scout Cookie Fund Raising brochures, detailing the project, selling tips and the 8 varieties of cookies—Olé Olé, Trefoils, Do-si-dos, Samoas, All Abouts, Aloha chips, Tagalongs and Thin Mints! Doesn't that make you want to buy some and want to join the Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts of America for the Fun, Adventure and Challenge?

NEWS FROM THE GUIDES

WEST: Congratulations to Guider Thandeka Ndlovu on becoming the new Regional Commissioner. Also to Margaret du Preez, Finance Chairperson on gaining her 15 year Service Bar, to Dudu Maseko on becoming Chairperson for Youth Development and to Eve Mtsweni Chairperson for Communications. Several Trainings have been run by National on Peer Education, Baking skills, International Advisers and Small Business skills—several of our Guiders took advantage of one or other course. Local Trainings are well underway, with the next Regional

Training at Witbank Guide Hall on 8th March.

Scouting and Guiding Mpumalanga join the West in sending condolences to the families of Guiders Patience Lubisi of 1st Mshluzi and Heather Collett of Middeburg (ex Rhodesian Guider and strong supporter) who have Gone Home. We will remember them.

EAST: 1st Siyakhula Guides raised their Thinking Day funds making and selling Valentine Cards.

1st Buhlebuyeta Guides did the Baby Sitting section of the Child Care Proficiency Badge.

1st Nelspruit made special Thinking Day Cards to send around South Africa and Overseas for Thinking Day, 22nd February, the birthday of World Chief Guide, Lady B.P. 1st Kabokweni hosted the District Guiders' Meeting for the first time, and 1st Daantjie/Pienaar and Msogwaba hosted a Guiders' Planning Meeting. Special Dates coming up:- 8th March—Guider Training. 12th March—A.G.M.

15th March—District Guiders' Workshop.

We're the Brownies, here's our Aim ...



Back: Robyn Mitchell, Jenna-Leigh Murray, Bronwyn Tod, Front: Kelly Hammond, Katy Begg and Clare Savage showing some of the toys they collected.

... Lend a Hand

As the Brownies always like to do a good turn, the 1st Nel-

spruit Brownies spent the last term of 2002 collecting toys and making colourful scrap books which they took to the Children's ward at Rob Ferreira Hospital. Now the sick children have books to look at and toys to play with while they recover in hospital.

... and Play the Game!

As part of a six-part Adventure Challenge, the Pack went rock climbing. Craig

Kluckow, of "Rock-On" Climbing has a wall in the centre of Nelspruit and gave the girls an evening to remember. In fact, they had such fun they kept on climbing until late in the evening, using spotlights! They cheered each other on and encouraged those with a fear of heights. At the end of the evening they felt they had mastered this part of their Adventure Challenge.

The Ranger Guides supplied them with hot dogs and cool drinks.



Claire Barnard on the wall in spite of her fear of heights.



THE LORD'S TEST

I woke up this morning and knew that today,
 The sun would not be shining and the clouds would be gray.
 As I stepped outside, rain fell upon my head.
 My car would not start so I walked to school instead.
 I forgot all of my assignments; I failed all of my tests.
 I dropped my head in disgust and asked the Lord for one request.

"Lord, why is it that things won't go my way?"
 He gently replied,
 "Dear child, it is because you didn't thank Me yesterday.
 I woke you up and enabled you to see the sun again.
 I gave you shelter, protected your family, and even let you make a
 new friend.
 I blessed you far greater than I ever had before,
 But you were too busy to thank me once more.

You didn't feel sick because I maintained your health,
 You had money in your pocket because I maintained your wealth,
 You had shoes on your feet and clothes to wear too.
 You had plenty of food to eat, and what did you do?
 You ignored me and went about your tasks
 But when you wanted something you never hesitated to ask.

I was there when you needed me and that wasn't too long ago.
 But when things started going your way, it was Me you did not
 know.
 As if that weren't enough, I provided your favourite luxuries.
 This was something I didn't have to do—they weren't even
 necessities.

And when it was time to get on your knees and show your
 gratitude,
 You decided that after such a fulfilling day, you weren't in the
 mood.
 So I decided to give you just a little test,
 To show you how it would feel to stop being blessed."
 I began to realise what the Lord was saying,
 And when I got home I fell to my knees and started praying.

He said, "My child, you have learned and you know I do forgive,
 But remember to remember this day as long as you shall live.
 I love filling your life with joy, and your pain I'll alleviate it,
 But just a simple "Thank you" would show how much you
 appreciate it."

B-P EMPHASISES THE IMPORTANCE OF THANKS

BP weekend is here -

22nd February—BP's birthday, the
 Chief Scout of the World,
 22nd February—Lady BP's birth-
 day, the Chief Guide of the
 World.

And so we share the notes of E.K.
 Wade, Confidential Secretary to
 the Founder of Scouting, for 27
 years. And her thoughts are on
 the same subject as our Area
 Commissioner's message:-

"I once heard a sermon based on
 the Gospel story of the ten lepers
 who were cleansed by Christ and
 of whom only one returned to
 give glory to God. The point, the
 preacher said, was not—as so
 often supposed—that the other
 nine men were ungrateful. They
 must have felt relieved and thank-
 ful beyond measure, but they
 omitted to express this, and re-

pressed thankfulness does no par-
 ticular good to anyone.
 I thought at once of the Founder's
 teaching and, above all, of his prac-
 tice. He once said, 'When people
 anxious for the welfare of my soul
 ask me whether I pray, I am always
 tempted to reply, "Not often: I am
 far too busy giving thanks."'
 In *Scouting for Boys* he wrote, 'In
 doing your duty to God always be
 grateful to Him. When you enjoy a
 pleasure or a good game, or suc-
 ceed in doing a good thing, thank
 Him for it, if only with a word or
 two, just as you say grace after a
 meal.'
 And again: 'Remember that a pre-
 sent given to you is not yours until
 you have thanked for it.' Both
 Chiefs were wonderful 'thankers'."

From
 27 Years with Baden-Powell.



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**Nikki Clark, Area Manager,
 Mpumalanga :**

At the end of 2001 I joined up
 with the 1st Nelspruit Girl Guides as an
 adult and trained for my Guider War-
 rant. In June 2002 I obtained my camper
 license and I am still actively involved

with the Nelspruit Guides as the assistant
 Guider to Brenda James.

I am an accountant (B.Com.
 Financial Management U.P; AAT SAICA)
 and I hope to use my experience both as
 a manager and as a scouting enthusiast to
 successfully do my duties as Area Man-
 ager.

Guiding has been a huge part of

my life and I could never replace the ex-
 periences that I have had while being a
 Guide. My vision for Scouting in Mpuma-
 langa is to help make scouting and guiding
 accessible to everyone and to possibly, in
 my own small way, pass on some of my
 own belief in and love for the movement
 to others.



NEWS FROM THE DISTRICTS AND THE GROUPS

MPUMALANGA EAST ?

NSIKAZI ?

INYAMAZANE ?

MPUMALANGA WEST ?

KAMHLUSHWA and THE FUTURE NKOMAZI ?

We never received your news - your articles from the Groups -

Those written by the boys and girls never reached us.

Our Deadline was 3rd February and Mpumalanga Sun had to be out by B-P weekend.

Don't be left out!

It's up to you to fill your space!

*Tell the World what your
Cubs and Scouts have done.*

THIS MAGAZINE GOES WORLDWIDE.

You won't get a Reminder!

*Tell the World what your
Brownies and Guides have done.*

Scouts and Guides don't forget!

Give them the Break!

This is the Voice of Scouting and Guiding Mpumalanga!



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FOR YOUR DIARY:

22nd-23rd February

District B.P. Camps

23rd February

B.P. Sunday / Thinking Day

5th March

Travelling Shop (Nsikazi, Inyamazane,)

15th-16th March

Cub Camping Course, Witbank.

20th March—7th April

School Holidays

21st-24th March

Cub Warrant Course, White River.

3rd-6th April

Scout Warrant Course, White River.

9th April

Travelling Shop (Nsikazi, (Inyamazane,)

25th April

Night Hike (West)



The National Annual Badge is dated the year of issue, the first being 2003. Each and every Cub, Scout

and Scouter must buy and wear the badge to show that he is registered in our Area of Mpumalanga. All the other Areas are doing the same.

Make sure you are wearing your badge and make Mpumalanga really TOPS above the rest!

SCOUT OFFICE

The Scout office reopened at the beginning of February. The new office hours are weekdays from 9 am. to 3 pm. But will close at 1 pm. on Fridays. The new Area Manager, Nikki Clark, will be there for you, to answer your questions and help in any way she can. The telephone number for the office is 013-751 1056. Nikki can also be reached on her Cell phone number 073 160 5018, but only during office hours.

Katrin, the German volunteer from Nangu Thina, is also working in the Scout Office. Her cell phone number is 073 160 4833.

1st REVIVAL - FIRST CHURCH GROUP TO OPEN

The First Revival Church in Kabokweni is the very first Church to open a Scout Group for their youth. The 8th February saw the investiture of 12 Scouts and 17 Cubs before a large crowd at the Church. Master of Ceremonies was TS of 1st Mthayiza.

Michael Nsimba and the music provided by talented Scouts Sandile Magagula and Mduduze Mabuza. It was good to see 1st Kabokweni and 1st Macamela Groups represented in support.



1st Revival Scouts and Cubs after their Investiture with PS Lucy Magagula and Thandiwe Maphanga.

At the request of several Groups, we are printing the Scout Shop Price List:-

Belt, Buckle & clips R15.40
Belt webbing, per metre R10.75
Woggles R 3.65
Ropes, for 3 m. lengths R 5.00

Badges

World Membership badge R 5.40
"Scouts" badge R 4.00
Mpumalanga Area badge R 9.50
Mpumalanga East badge R 7.30
Mpumalanga West badge R 9.80
Inyamazane badge R 9.80
Nsikazi badge R 9.80
National Annual Badge R 9.50
B.P. Badge R 9.30

Cheetah, Leopard, Lion and Leaping Wolf badges, each R 6.20

Cub Interest Badges R 0.95
World Conservation badge R 7.40
Sixer Patches R 2.90
Cub Membership books R 1.37

Pathfinder, Adventurer and First Class badges, each R 5.80
Scout Interest badges R 0.95
Patrol Patches R 3.70
Scout Membership Books R 1.37

Books:

The Cub Trail R28.50
The Scout Trail R18.50
Cub Interest Badge books R 7.45
Scout Interest Badge books R46.20



Saubowna Scouts of Mpumalanga!

My name is Katrin and I'm the new German volunteer with Nangu Thina. I've been here since January and will stay till the end of March. My main task here is to help Nikki, our new Area Manager, in the White River Scout-office. I also hope to see as much as possible of how scouting is done in South Africa, meet people and get new Ideas for scouting in Germany. I'm 25 years old and just finished my studies of social sciences. I live in Muenster, which is a city in the northwestern part of Germany, very close to the Netherlands border. There I'm a leader of a Rover group and I'm also a member of the diocesan-committee. Since I started scouting at the age of 14, it is an important part of my life. So I'm very glad to combine my interest in scouting with my interest for this beautiful country in a stay with the Scouts of Mpumalanga. I hope to see some of you at the B.P.-Camp and I'm looking forward to getting to know more about the South African way of Scouting.

TOBI AND MARCUS ATTEND SWAZILAND SCOUT JAMBOREE ...

Tobi Kamm and Marcus Armbruster, our German Scouting Buddies, who have worked so hard these past months on upgrading the White River Scout Hall and Area Training Centre, took time to attend the week long Swaziland jamboree at Sidvokodvo in December. Other countries represented were Namibia and Australia.



The Swaziland Observer newspaper carried a photo of Tobi and Marcus greeting Senator Walter Bennet who opened the Jamboree. They both said the Jamboree was quite an experience. Mpumalanga Area held a farewell function for them shortly before they flew home on 15th January.

Articles for the next Magazine issue

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Not later than 5th May

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