

# MPUMALANGA

## Scouting

If God has called you, don't spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

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### FROM OUR AREA COMMISSIONER, ELVIS

I was reading through an old Woodbadge file and I came across a lesson from GEESE. I felt it important to share this lesson with you all:

As each bird flaps its wings, it creates 'draft' for the bird following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds 72% greater flying range than if the bird flew alone.

**LESSON:** People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are travelling on the

*thrust of one another.* Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the "lifting power" of the bird immediately in front. *If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go (and be willing to accept their help, as well as give ours to others).* When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and another goose

flies at the point position. *It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership—with people, as with geese, we are interdependent on each other.* The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up the pace. *We need to make sure that our honking is encouraging and nothing else.* When a goose gets sick or wounded or is shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. *They stay with it until it is able to fly again or dies. Then*

they launch out on their own, with another formation, or catch up with the flock.

*If we have as much sense as geese, we too will stand by each other in difficult times, as well as when we are strong.*

It makes sense. We have a slogan that says United we stand. Divided we fall. Let us all be like the GEESE throughout 2004

*Elvis Mdeka*



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Reuben Spider Mkwandawire on his appointment as Assistant Area Commissioner Scout Training. After his long years of service as Troop Scouter of 1st Mayfern and as one of the originals on the Mpumalanga Training Team, Reuben brings a wealth of talent and experience into the Area Team. Reuben's Group Scouter was Bevan Estman,

who sends best wishes to all who remember him. He and his wife Carol are currently farming in Somerset in the U.K. The picture shows Bevan watching a Highland Cow →



### 1st SIYAKHULA'S AKELA PROMOTED TO SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Shila Mlangeni, who runs the 1st Siyakhula Cub Pack is the new Principal of the school. Both Shila and Peter, her husband (who is involved in the Scouts), are well known amongst everyone in the Area. A School with a Scouter as the Principal is double lucky! Congratulations and Good luck, Shila (and Peter), and remember - we are with you all the way!



### MESSAGE from the late OLAVE LADY BADEN-POWELL, Chief Guide of the World :-

In the course of travels too, I have shared in some occasions rather less colourful than jamborees and national camps, yet to me no whit less encouraging and stirring, where one is welcomed by a small group of Scouts, or by a Gilwell scarf, in some out of the way corner of the world. Here, unnoticed by the Press, and out of the way of the television camera, are Scouters and Scouts carrying on with the game, putting all their effort, their enthusiasm, their knowledge and their strength into it—and getting out of it, they say, even more than they put in. It is these small groups in their thousands that make up the big

thing that we call World Scouting; for without each and every one of them we should not have our strength and our numbers. Numbers are very important, not because it looks good on paper to have them, but because one does not want any boy to miss the chance, which comes once in a lifetime, of belonging to the greatest of Youth Movements.

So, as we look back with gratitude to the years that are past, let us also look forward with determination to redouble our strength in the years which lie ahead.

*From Boy Scouts World Committee—Biennial Report 1963-65.*

### A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS ...

Courtesy is a very large word. It is normally understood to mean "politeness", eg. allowing a lady to pass before you at a door, or leaving your chair for an older person, but there are other forms of courtesy. **COURTESY OF SPEECH**—Use proper words, not slang. Speak slowly to foreign visitors, they might not understand your language very well.

**COURTESY OF PHYSICAL ATTITUDE**—Stand in a dignified way when addressing anybody, even for someone whom you may consider to be inferior to you. Sit in a proper manner at the table, whether you are eating or assisting at a meeting. Maintain your body - keep it clean and well dressed. It is much more pleasant for the people you meet and work with,

**COURTESY OF MENTAL ATTITUDE**—It costs nothing to pay a sincere compliment to your mother or sister. It has never angered anybody to have said thank you for a job well done - be it your gardener, Scouter or teacher. **COURTESY OF LISTENING**—Pay proper attention to what people say, give them a chance to put their opinion across, do

not interrupt. There is plenty to learn from all classes of people. There are many other forms of COURTESY. Be aware of this Scout Law - it makes life so much easier and friendlier for us all. Try it every day. It will become a good habit rather than just a duty.

*"Northern Transvaal Scouting News" 1981.*



# "SPLISH SPLASH 2003"



Busy at an Activity Base with 1st Sandzile Pack Scouter Jean Mgwenya—Sandile Magagula, Sanelo Lubambo, Thabang Vilekazi, Lerato Molobela, Sihle Mwalu, Nhlanhla Thabete, Sandile Maseko and Khethukuthula Phiri.

That was the name and the theme for 1st Sandzile's Annual Camp, held in December in the Grounds of the White River Scout HQ. The Cubs thoroughly enjoyed all the Camp activities, especially on Saturday, when they paid a visit to the White

River SPCA, where they learnt how to look after pets and what the SPCA does for the Community. The "Splish Splash" swimming expedition was so popular as it was very hot. The water games were great fun. Handcrafts included making their own Campfire Blanket Badge of the Camp. A very meaningful Cubs Own on the Sunday at the end of the Camp had everyone thanking God for the wonderful time they had had together. It was great to see those dedicated Pack Scouters, Grace, Jean, Lucy and Julia all supporting and assisting Camp Chief Nomathemba. Well done!

From the Cub Reporter:- "It was nice to be at the last Camp. We



The Cubs at the SPCA Kennels- Mancoba Magagula, Sanelo Lubombo, Sizwe Lekhuleni, Nomzamo Nkuleleko, Simphiwe and Nkosi Sigolola.

went for the camp on the 5th of December 2003 and the camp ended on the 7th. I was very excited. On the Saturday we went to see Animals and we went swimming."

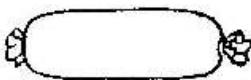
## A SCOUTING WELCOME TO DR. THOMAS FUES & HIS "TEAM" FROM NORTH RHINE WESTPHALIA.

The 21 member Government Delegation arrived shortly before this edition of Mpumalanga Sun went to print. Led by our great friend and supporter Dr. Thomas Fues, the Group is on a fact finding mission, concentrating mainly on Community and Social Development, and including their great interest in the progress of the Scout and Guide Movements in Mpumalanga. The Group, under the direction of Tour Guide Jörg Hagmeier, will join in various Scouting activities in between their busy schedule. We wish them all a happy, fruitful and exciting time, and hope to bring you full reports in the next issue.

## INNER TUBE TRICKS ... Old inner tubes are "in"

When you can lay your hands on an old inner tube from a bicycle, motor cycle, car or truck tyre—keep it—for it has many Scouting uses!

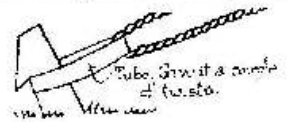
\*A hike-tent cover that's completely waterproof can be made from a section of a large inner tube. Cut a section 15 Or 20 cms. longer than the rolled tent at each end. Slip the rolled tent into the section



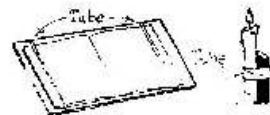
of tube. Tie the ends with cord and strap to top of rucksack in the usual way.

\* Waterproof storage at your overnight camp is provided by the same piece of in-

ner tube after taking out the tent. Use it for storing your camera, torch etc. \*A handy water-carrier can be made of the same red natural rubber tube. at your overnight hike camp, if you have to trek some distance for water. Fold over one end and tie it tightly with cord. It'll take several litres and still leave enough tube at the top end for carrying. Wash it well before using for water, and dry well after use by turning it inside out. \* Tent shrinkage in damp or wet weather



can be taken care of with rubber rings cut from inner tubes. Loop each guy rope through one end of a rubber ring and twist the other end over the tent peg—the rubber stretches as ropes and canvas tighten in the wet. Camp clothesline shrinkage can also be dealt with using thick rings. \* Use thin rings to hold your log book when logging or sketching; fixing a candle to a stick in the ground; improvising garters to hold up your stockings; keeping loose lids on boxes or stowing away dry tinder on a wet hike... And much more!



## TWO CALENDAR GAMES:

1. Select a tear-off calendar with large numbers. Give one sheet to each patrol (30 days in each sheet). They must cut up their sheet with scissors so that each number is separate. These are jumbled up and each patrol's numbers are placed in a pile at the opposite end of the room from the scouts, who are drawn up in relay formation. On "go" the boys will run up in turn, select one number and run back, placing it on the floor. As each boy runs up he tries to find the largest number he can and brings it back. After each boy has run, the game is

stopped while the figures from the calendar in each patrol are added up. Record the highest score. Return the numbers and start again. After several runs, you can add the scores together and record them separately as you wish. Score also for the first finished each time. So that each run, first patrol finished scores five and patrol with the highest aggregate, scores five. You can always vary this game in the following ways; Allow only odd numbers. Turn most of the lights out during the game. Each scout picks up numbers which add up to 20 or more.

2. When you have 60 or fewer Scouts at

a function, here is a game to mix them up. Cut up two calendar sheets (with 30 large numbers on each), so that there is one number for each boy. Mix up the numbers and give one to every person. The boys are then told that they must search for a person with a number that, when added to their own, makes 31. In a party of 60, there are only two people with whom they can match up. If it is a social evening, get the pairs to stay together for the whole time. If you are having a mixed party, work out the numbers beforehand so that the boys and girls finish in mixed pairs.

- "Victorian Scout"



## ANOTHER AWARD FOR ECO LINK -

Our Mentors and co-workers on our Vegetable Gardens and Enviro-scout Project.

Congratulations to our great friend Dr. Sue Hart and her Eco Link team on winning the Lowveld Chamber of Business and Tourism Community Service Award for 2003.

Eco Link was established in 1985 by Dr. Sue as an Environmental "Earth Care" teaching establishment serving the Communi-



ties of Mpumalanga. It has developed and extended to include Income generating skills training, small scale farmers producing a high quality Protein Maize, Youth AIDS awareness outreach and Life Skills Training. So we can say there are many common threads running through Eco Link and Scouting, as well as the Hand in Hand projects.

Eco Link is a wonderful place to visit. The eyes of your Cubs or Scouts, Brownies or Guides, will be opened as the Staff leads them through Nature's Way, and they become aware of God's Creation all around them.

For further details, contact the Area Office at 013 7512410.

## THE EAR TELLS THE HEART Indleb' itshel' inhliziyu THE IMPORTANCE OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS IN SCOUTING AFRICA.

(The reader is invited to write the proverb in his own language, on the dotted line.)

Before the heart is moved to help, people must hear about Scouting, and see what Scouting does for boys. But who are these people, these "publics" whose support we must win? Our most important "public" is the boy himself, because:

1. If a boy enjoys good quality Scouting, makes good Scouting progress, he will stay in the Movement—and encourage other boys to join.
2. If a boy always goes home happy with his Scouting then his parents, his family and all who know him will say "Scouting is good for boys!"

Thus we see that good Public Relations starts inside the Pack, the Troop, the

This is the second of a series by the late Vic Clapham, in cooperation with the late Mack Omega Shange. It appeared as a reprint in "Scouting Digest" from which we have taken it; with acknowledgements to all the above.

Crew, with the boy himself—and with the good quality of your Scouting Programme.

## Cooking with solar energy

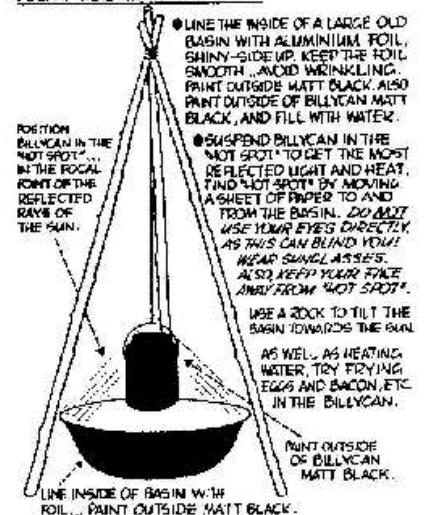
At the end of November 2003 Scouters from Nkomazi district met at Kamshluthwa Shammah College for an environmental workshop day, held by Ines Pleier, the Volunteer for Environmental Awareness and education from the Scout Office. "The morning started off with a session on natural resources, where we found out how these resources are limited and the possibility of using alternative regenerative energies instead. To try that out we built 2 solar cookers made out of aluminium foil and black pots and boiled some sausages that

we had for dessert after lunch...yummy! In the afternoon we worked on the topic water purification, which was followed by a session on different kinds of pollution, which we cut out of newspapers before we discussed them. In between we learnt lots of new games which can be used for troop sessions.

We all agreed that we had had a great day together. A big thank you to all the participants for their good cooperation, interest and the many ideas they brought with them!"

Ack. To the late Vic Clapham, VELDLORE ➔

### SOLAR COOKING EXERCISE



ANOTHER WAY:  
● EXPERIMENT WITH A HALF-DRUM CUT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM, AND FOIL-LINED. SUSPEND MATT-BLACK BILLY IN "HOT SPOT". LINE-UP DRUM EAST-WEST. USE ROCKS TO TILT THE DRUM TOWARDS THE SUN. REMEMBER... PROTECT YOUR EYES!

## AMERICAN EAGLE SCOUT SERVICE PROJECT—MAKING QUILTS FOR SERIOUSLY ILL CHILDREN.

Travis Armstrong, 16 years old, from Lilburn in Georgia, U.S.A. spent almost a year on his Eagle Scout Award Service Project, making and collecting 55 Quilts for HIV positive, seriously ill, and abandoned children of ages 6 years and under. Travis, 1,9m tall high School Athlete and Honour student, handed in his Service project plan to the local Eagle Scout Award Committee, which was "to make and collect 20 child size quilts for a National

Organisation who provides quilts for seriously ill children." Travis and his fellow Scouts from Troop 100, spent 2-3 days a week during their Summer holidays at his house sewing quilts on 2 Sewing machines. When the local community heard of Travis' plan, local Quilting Guilds, friends and members of the community all came forward to help, resulting in a total of 850 volunteer hours by the end of the year. Travis completed his Eagle

Scout (equivalent to our Springbok Scout) and was presented with the Award towards the end of the year. But his project continued—a Women's Club, a Cub pack (Cubs and parents together), and a Quilting Guild all took up the challenge and together with Travis and his Scouts who turned out more quilts every holidays, continued to supply the suffering and needy children. What a great project! What a wonderful GOOD TURN! Any of you Senior

Scouts interested? There happens to be a Quilters Guild right here in the Lowveld. What about asking them to teach you how to make Quilts for our sick and needy children? And at the same time earn your badge whether it be an Interest Badge—Your Guide Chief Challenge or perhaps your Springbok Scout Badge! Contact the Quilters Guild via Aunty Dee in the evenings at Tel. No. 013 7501523. Ack. Quilting Magazine—'93.





# TREES FROM DINOSAUR TIMES!

Right at the beginning of the new school year an Environmental awareness day took place at the Lowveld Botanical Gardens. At this time of the year the plants were growing enormously and the garden was just wonderful to be in.

Eight Scouters attended — Grace Mthethwa from Macamela, Nomathemba Maphanga from Sandzile, Solitha Themba from Tenteloni, Nozi Nkosi from Makhahlela, Lazarus Mascko from Gatshweni, Amon Mavuso from Kamhlushwa, Alpha Mogane from Emfutini and Andries Vuma fro Mlilo— also present were the two Volunteers from the Scout Office Tanja Marton and Ines Pleier (Enviroscout)

who organised the day to extend the Environmental theme in this beautiful garden. Mr. Wim Saunders was our guide for the morning and told us about the topic "Nature, a teaching aid". We got to know many different plants and learned about the little secrets they use to attract certain birds and insects. Plants are also choosy and do not want



Female Cone of a Cycad.

just anybody to feed on their nectar so they use certain colours and odours to attract the ones they want to distribute their pollen. Mr. Saunders also



led us to Cycads that were aged 1200 years old and still growing! These

trees already existed in the times of the dinosaurs, but many species are threatened because they grow very slowly.

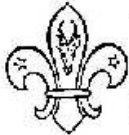
In the afternoon we thought about things we had learned or copied from nature, like the aircraft from birds, ships from water birds, umbrellas from trees or mushrooms and so on. We also learned how the different kinds of animals evolved from the water and built different families and species.



Tanja Marton, Alpha Mogane, Nomathemba Maphanga, Andries Vuma, Wim Saunders, Grace Mthethwa, Amon Mavuso, Solitha Themba, Nozi, Nkosi & Lazarus Mascko

We played some games and also did the rainforest trail. Altogether we had a wonderful day at the Botanical Gardens and gained a lot of information . . . But where were all the rest of the Scouters who were invited?

*Ines Pleier*



## THE NATIONAL CHALLENGE 2004— has YOUR Troop started on this?

- a) That each troop performs some form of service that will improve the environment in a field associated with community health between 16th June and 30th September 2004.
- b) That at least 25% of the Troop qualifies for the Public health interest badge between 1st January and 30th September.

## TROOPS COLLECTED OVER 2000 kg of LITTER!

Scouts from Kabokweni and KaNyamazane were busy with a litter collection during the Christmas school holidays. They collected as much rubbish as they could and separated it into containers for glass, paper, cardboard, plastic etc. The municipality had agreed to pick up the containers from the different schools at the end of the week and take them to a waste company. The



collection week, initiated by the volunteer for environmental projects, Ines Pleier, was a great success, and the money earned will go towards the next camp. These groups have done an Environmental Good Turn for their schools and the community, by clearing the streets of rubbish.

Hopefully more Groups will take part next time.



## BROWNIES TACKLE THEIR CONSERVATION CHALLENGE.

The Nelspruit Brownies had quite a busy time before Christmas as they were doing their Conservation Pack Challenge together with their German friends, Tanja and Ines. They started off by learning about the Brownie Emblems, which are Dassie, Hare, Duiker and Tortoise. They should also know about the South African National Emblems. The most exciting session was at the Botanical Gardens in Nelspruit, where they had a guided

tour through the rain forest and learnt about the plants and animals in that area. In a litter collection they cleaned the area around the Nelspruit Scout Hall . . . you won't believe how much rubbish was lying around unnoticed! Ines Pleier said doing the Badge with the Brownies was a very nice experience for her, and she was sure they had enjoyed doing the badge as much as she did! A big thank you for the Brownie leader who made it all happen.



She is a Guide—but who is she? (Answer on page 6).

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

► Joachim Chissano, President of Mozambique, said, at the close of the Africa Union Heads of State Summit: "Close cooperation and solidarity among young people in Africa, inspired by the Scout Promise and Law, is a guarantee for peace and solidarity for the future of the continent."

► Dr. Eduardo Missoni (Italy) will be the new Secretary General of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement as of 1st April, 2003. Dr. Missoni (49) will succeed Secretary General Dr. Jacques Moreillon (Switzerland), who has held the position since 1988. The decision was announced by Dr.

Marie-Louise Correa

(Senegal), Chairman of the World Scout Committee, the elected Governing Body of World Scouting.

from *World Scouting News*.





## St. George for Scouting!

Why was it that in 1908 the flame of Scouting sprang spontaneously to combustion and swept across the world? Many have wondered at the rapidity of its early growth, and at the impact which it had on youth.

The reason for success was that it fulfilled a need. The boys who lived at the beginning of the last century were emerging from a social era which emphasised that a child's place was to be seen and not heard. Scouting gave the opportunity of escaping from the Victorian restraints of the home; it provided an opportunity to respond to the thrill of adventure in the company of young boys of similar ages and dispositions. It catered for the gang where leadership qualities emerged, and were exercised and developed more or less freed from the trammels of adult control. Scouting gave the opportunity to boys to learn how TO LIVE.

Today, nearly 100 years after, the world has lived through a period of social, material and moral change which surpasses in its magnitude and importance that which occurred during the whole course of previously recorded history. Now the parental bonds no longer chafe, but are sometimes so loose that young people often lack the sense of security which it is their right to expect from a family environment. Scouting, to survive, must adapt itself to provide for the needs of youth TODAY, and not provide for the needs of youth of years ago. To this end Scouting must insist



A message to all Scouts from Carveth Geach, former Chief Scout's Commissioner.



on sterner standards, higher ideals and stricter discipline, to compensate for the lack of these qualities in many a family environment.

### Symbol of Chivalry

As a symbol of determination to provide the opportunity, for the boys of today, to equip

themselves spiritually and physically, mentally and morally, to survive in a world which offers far greater challenges of excitement and adventure than did the world a century ago, let us pay homage to St. George of Lydda, who exemplifies the great qualities which we should strive to gain in our own lives. On St.

George's Day, April the 23rd, let all real Scouts give thought to St. George, the patron saint of the chivalrous Knights of the Round Table, and the patron saint of Scouts everywhere in the world.

### Venerated by all Men

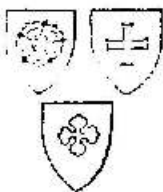
St. George was venerated by the Moslems of the East long before Richard the Lion Heart, during the course of the crusades, restored the Church of St. George at Lydda and returned from the Holy Land with the adopted battle cry of "St. George for England".

St. George was a Roman officer of high reputation who chose death, in preference to acquiescence, when Diocletian the Roman Emperor ordered a Christian persecution. When the Crusaders were in the Holy Land they heard stories of St. George's courage and holiness. So im-

pressed were they by the undoubted essence of courage and chivalry which St. George displayed that they adopted him as their patron saint. There is a little Arab ruin of a village called Banias on the slopes of Mount Hermon. At first, long ago, it was called Paneas when the ancient Greeks had a city there. Then under the Romans it became Caesarea Philippi, a lovely city that Jesus knew. Then under the reign of Nero its name was changed again to Neroneas. All that is left today is a ruin with a few Arab hovels which is called by the Arab version of the original Greek name: Pancaas: Banias.

### The Spirit of El Kodir

Here there is a grotto where the River Jordan begins, and nearby is the tiny white-domed shrine of Sheikh Kedir. The Arabs believe that the spirit of their mythical prophet Sheikh Kedir entered into the body of St. George, who was renowned throughout the East. Thus we find that St. George is revered throughout Arabia as an incarnation of Sheikh Kedir; is venerated by the followers of Islam as a holy man; and is immortalised too as a Christian saint. Today, therefore, St. George has become a universal symbol of a chivalrous, courageous way of life to millions of Boy Scouts of all races and creeds throughout the world. Let us then this coming St. George's Day plan to remember St. George, and mark his day by making a special point of re-dedicating ourselves to living our lives according to the Promise and Law, and by so doing honouring the occasion in a manner befitting real Scouts.



**A DINNER TO HONOUR ST. GEORGE:** *Why not hold a dinner on St. George's Day, April 23rd, with your Troop and invite Fathers to attend. Or this could be a District event. Discuss ideas in your Court of Honour. Plan well ahead with programme and catering. There are table decorations to plan—such as red crepe paper bands on table cloths forming the Cross of St. George; tiny St. George pennants of paper, to fly at each place at table; large painted Knights' shields to decorate the wall; such as an appropriate menu—which is bound to include items such as Dragon's Blood, Crusader Crème, Jelly El Kodir, or perhaps Steak a la Richard the Lion Heart! ... but you work it out!*

## A PACK MEETING: "A CUB IS THRIFTY"

Perhaps you could use this Pack Meeting early in the New Year to help your Cubs to keep their New Year Resolutions!

**OPENING:** Grand Howl, Prayer, Flag, etc.

**INSPECTION:** General Appearance

**GAME:** Cubs remove their shoes, which are then placed at one end of the hall. Cubs line up in Sixes in relay formation at the other end. Each Cub, in turn, runs up, collects his shoes, puts them on and ties his shoelaces correctly.

**WORK SESSION:** Bed making. Tidying clothes and putting them away. How to sew on a button.

**GAME:** "Pocket Money" - Cubs operate in

"Six corners". Each Six is given a list of items of food, e.g. 1 kg potatoes, 500g butter, 250g coffee etc. Each Six is also given tokens with money values, e.g. 20c, 50c, R1, R2 etc. The Six should decide what they should buy with the total amount of money they have in their possession. The total value of the tokens should be say R20.00. Discuss the result with the Sixes.

**YARN:** How Cubs can help in the community.

**ACTING:** Each Six to mime a "Good Turn"

**GAME:** "Threading a Needle" - Cubs join hands in their Sixes and hold up their arms like arches. The leader holds up fingers to

show which arch should be used first (i.e. 2 fingers = arch no. 3). The Sixer leads his Six through the 3rd arch, the 4th arch, the 5th arch, the 1st arch and then the 2nd arch and the first Six alert wins a marble.

**GAME:** "Emergencies" - Cubs sit in a circle on the floor. A toy telephone is placed in the centre. Half the circle is numbered 1 to 10 and the other half is numbered 1 to 10. The leader explains the emergency to the Pack e.g. "The house next door is on fire ...", calls out a number and the first Cub with that number who reaches the phone must say which emergency number he would contact and then give the necessary information regarding the emergency.

**CLOSE**—Grand Howl, Flag, prayer,  
Dismiss.







If God has called you, don't spend time looking over your shoulder to see who is following.

## DATES FOR YOU TO REMEMBER !!

<b>February:</b>	
20th-22nd	<b>B.P. CAMPS</b>
28th	Gender Sensitization Course.
<b>March:</b>	
3rd	Travelling Scout Shop
6th	Cub Handcraft/Scout Compass & Mapping Course—White River
6th	West DSC—Witbank
6th-7th	Water Charge Certificate, Witbank
9th	East DSC
15th	Training Team meeting—Msogwaba.
26th-29th	Scout Warrant Course—White River.
27th	Area Meeting.
<b>April:</b>	
2nd-4th	Cub Warrant Course—White River.
3rd	HIV AIDS Peer Education—Training the Trainer—Gauteng.
24th-27th	Commissioners' Warrant Course—White River.
24th-26th	CUB POW WOW—Gauteng
<b>May:</b>	
5th	Travelling Scout Shop
8th	East DSC—Mataffin West DSC—Witbank
15th-6th	Advanced Programme Planning—(Woodbadge Module) W/River.
17th	Training Team meeting—Tenteleni.
21st-23rd	National Scout Council.
21st-23rd	West COMPO camp—Middelburg
29th	West Cub Fun Day—Witbank
31st	Area meeting.

**ALL CLOSING BOOKING & PAYMENT DATES 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE COURSE.**

## Two 'old' White River Cubs from Sweden meet up with their old Akela!

Dr. Raymond Karlsson and his brother, Kenneth were both White River Cubs in the early 1960's about 40 years ago! Over from Sweden for their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary in December, they got together with Charlie and Lorna, their old Akela and "Mrs. Akela", to recall old times and catch up on news of the progress of Scouting in South Africa.

They still remember many of the Cubs at that time. Ray remembers especially the adventures on the old Steam Train to Pretoria, where we joined the Area Cubs for Field Day and also for B.P. Sunday. It was wonderful that the old White River Cub Pack Log Book was available to refresh memories—it was all there from 1959 to 1994!

So Scouters .. Please note that

*your Pack / Troop Log Book is an important and valuable piece of equipment!*

Dr. Ray is a Specialist Gaenacologist in one of the big Swedish Hospitals, while Kenneth runs a flourishing Computer business. Their father is Dr. Len Karlsson, who for many years headed up the Staff of the Swedish Mission Hospital in White River. Dr. Ray and Kenneth send Greetings to all who remember them.



Ray, Charlie, Lorna & Kenneth

## 5<sup>th</sup> AFRICAN INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE



**THEME: Community is Scouts' Mission**

"We are pleased to invite you to the forthcoming 5<sup>th</sup> African Jamboree – CATEMBE 2004

to be organized by the League of Scouts of Mozambique (LEMO) at the National Training Camp in Catembe from

**December 27, 2004 to 7 January, 2005**

to mark the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of national Scouting in Mozambique. We hope you can be among the five thousand participants from abroad (four thousand from Africa Region and one thousand from other regions), whom we are expecting to set up their tents along with some one thousand Mozambican Scouts in 300 hectares of Acacia Palm Savannah. You are warmly welcomed."

Mpumalanga has booked a contingent of 40 Scouts and 10 Scouters. If there are more people interested we can increase the number. The cost will be R1000.00 per person and everyone interested should start saving now!

Activities will include Opening and Closing Ceremonies, hikes in the Lebombo mountains and visit to the Maputo Game Reserve, many handcrafts, water activities, Community service in local Communities, World Educational workshops, rediscovering "Scouting for Boys" and the Jambo Festival on New Year's Day on the beach.

## A STITCH IN TIME - SAVES A FORTUNE . . .

Ever wonder what to do with all those scarves that Scouts accumulate when they take part in special events? Well here is a suggestion: A mother turned out a very nice duvet for her son with scarves he had swapped at the various camps he'd been on. They could also be made into a blanket with the lining directly underneath instead of the space for the duvet filling. A pillow with mini-scarves finished it off!

Have YOU! any bright ideas that you can share with your fellow Scouters? Do send in any such notions or tips that (especially in these days when wallets are thin and bills are fat), could help make the salary cheque stretch a bit further.

## CONGRATULATIONS to our Scouting friend,

Peter Nickl, Regional Leader International for Greater Western Sydney, who has been presented with the Silver Kangaroo Australia's highest award for Services to Scouting, equivalent to our Silver Springbok.



Peter first made contact with Scouting Mpumalanga at the World Scout Conference in Durban in 1998, and has remained in touch ever since. He has supported us over the years by purchasing our badges and receives the Mpumalanga Sun on a regular basis.

We look forward to possible future visits from him, his Scouts and Scouters, when we can meet and show them around Mpumalanga and beyond.

Elizabeth—Queen of England—16 years old at a Girl Guide Camp at Frogmore, Windsor, England!  
You can just think how her Guiding has helped her through all her responsibilities as Queen. Then think how Guiding (or Scouting) is helping you in your responsibilities—and say a wee Prayer of Thanks!

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