

MPUMALANGA S.C.U.T.I.N.G.



We are a Movement, not an Organisation. We work through Love and Legislation. B.P.'s Outlook

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GET SMART! BE A SCOUT! BE NOTICED!

B.P., our Founder, said, "Smartness in uniform and correctness in



detail may seem a small matter, but it has its value in the development of self-respect and means an immense deal to the reputation of the Movement among outsiders who judge by what they see."

The late Doug Landsberg of KZN a wonderful Scouter, Training Team Member and Scout Shop Manager, had this to say,

"Throughout its history the Scout Movement has been clearly identifiable by its uniform. It is a good thing for Scouts and Leaders to understand why we place emphasis on the uniform.

We continue to wear the uniform because the S.A. Scout Association

has built up a tremendous reservoir of goodwill over the years and the uniform serves as a focus for the support of the community. In our uniforms we are all equals and we share common ideals.

The public accepts the Scout uniform as the symbol of an organisation with high ideals and a certain self discipline. Are we going to allow ourselves to become a bunch of "Raggle-taggle" gypsies wearing a motley assortment of colours, styles and shapes, or are we going to be the smartly attired Leaders and Scouts our Founder wished us to be?

The correct uniform, neatly pressed and smartly worn, will go a long way in projecting a good image of our great Movement. If we become sloppy or indifferent to it, it won't take long for people (our supporters!) to disassociate themselves from us!"

BETTY CLAY, B.P.'s youngest daughter has "Gone Home"

The sad news of Betty Clay's peaceful passing on 24th April reached us via our very good friend, John Ineson, from U.K. She had been blessed in being able to celebrate, a few days before, their joint birthdays with her husband Gervas. She was 87 and Gervas 97!

Betty led a very full life, virtually continuing the encouragement and support of Scouting and Guiding where her Dad and Mum left off. Both she and Gervas were so active in attending events around the world, including South Africa. Northern Transvaal Scouters will never forget her excitement and enthusiasm as she travelled with them in the bus from Pretoria to Mafikeng for the 1982 Gilwell Reunion!

She was a wonderful correspondent and inspiration to all. In her last letter to Scouting Mpumalanga she wrote:

"It was lovely to receive your letter with all the news of Scouting in your Area. It would have pleased Dad and Mum so much to hear of your Annual Baden-Powell Camp and to know that the values they had, are being upheld so admirably. It is also good to hear all the little anecdotes about Mum and Dad that seem to inspire so many and continue to promote this "thing" that we all believe in so passionately. How splendidly the Scouts are showing the way. So keep it up!
Yours in Scouting,,"

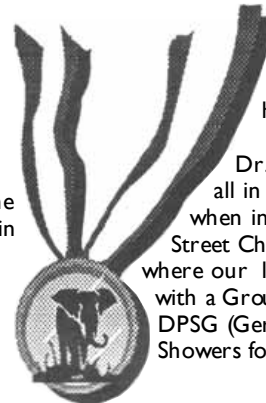
Betty Clay

AFRICA'S HIGHEST SCOUTING AWARD FOR DR. NELSON MANDELA

On Friday Morning 23rd April Ex-President Madiba Nelson Mandela was presented with the AFRICA ELEPHANT, Africa's highest award in Scouting. Patron of the South African Scout Association, he was recognised for his services to the growth and development of Scouting throughout the African Continent through his interest and continued support in the welfare of its young people.

The presentation took place in Johannesburg and was made by South Africa's Chief Scout, Mr. Nkwenke Nkomo, who is also Vice Chairman of the Africa Scout Committee. Among those in attendance was Mr. Kinuthia Murugu, Director of the Africa Scout Region.

Dr. Mandela, Patron of S.A. Scouting, said afterwards, "The importance of a high moral code, which is at



the foundation of the Scout Movement, cannot be stressed too highly."

While President, Dr. Mandela supported us all in Scouting Mpumalanga when in 1998, he visited our Street Children Project at Karino, where our local Scouts together with a Group of Scouters from DPSG (Germany), built Toilets and Showers for the Children's Home.

THIS YEAR'S DUDLEY JAMES AWARD GOES TO LUCY!

The Newspaper Headline was "Scouter Goes the Extra Mile" and that is exactly why Lucy Magagula is the recipient of this year's Award. Lucy was originally Assistant Pack Scouter at 1st Mlilo and has come a long way since then. Her achievements include establishing the 1st Revival Group where she is Pack Scouter. She is a member of the Sekunjalo Scouters' Choir, holds her Cub Camping



Last year's recipient Charlie, presenting the Award Certificate to Lucy on behalf of Nangu Thina.

licence and is an active member of the Training Team, supporting her fellow Scouters in their Courses and Camps. On her trip to Germany which forms part of the award, Lucy will report to Nangu Thina who established the Award, informing them of the Development and Progress of Scouting Mpumalanga.

B.-P.'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED WITH CAMPS THROUGHOUT MPUMALANGA.



From Witbank Dam in the West to Schoemansdal in the East, Camps were in full swing to mark the 147th Anniversary of the Birth of Scouting and Guiding's Founder, Robert Baden-Powell and his wife, Olave (They both had the same birthday!). As the only Chief Scout and Chief Guide of the World, they Headed up the World's largest Youth Movement which today has a total membership of 26 million Scouts and over 10 million Guides.



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B.P.'s BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED ...

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The furthest West Camp was at Witbank Dam where the theme was "Sailing with B.P." Model Sail boats were made (and most of the Cubs completed their Model Boats Badge). Rafts were constructed and sailed on the Dam, and the Scouts all arrived at their B.P. Service by boat, causing lots of excitement amongst the young Cubs. They were all privileged to have former Regional and District Commissioner and Grandfather of Scouting Mpumalanga, Denis Bruckmann, join in to assist in Bases— knots and lashings, parts of a rowing boat, the raft building and sailing and in the evening the Star Gazing session.



A game Farm in the Roosenekal District saw the 1st Middelburg Group camping and hiking for the weekend. They learnt a lot about

Nature and the Environment as well as being given a demonstration on various Fire-arms used in hunting.

Ella Combrink Camp Site was where Nsikazi District's Cubs and Scouts worked on various Scouting Skills, with a swim in the afternoon which included a Life Saving Demonstration and practice in Life-line throwing.



Mpumalanga East camped at Tumbling Waters Farm. They went on an expedition to Sabie with tubing down the Sabie River among the activities. They had the distinction of hosting the visiting German Government Delegation at their Campfire. Some members had been Scouts themselves notably Mr. Bernhard von Grünberg who took an active part in the campfire.



Nyamazane District had a day outing from their Camp on the Saturday, visiting the Nelspruit Fire Department, the Climbing Wall and Valencia Swimming Pool. One Scouter and 15 Cubs from 1st Tiga Cub Pack made their Promise and were Invested. Their B.P. Service was led by 1st Vulamasango's Pack Scouter Rebecca Mngomezulu.



The furthest east Camp was the Nkomazi District at Etiveni Farm, Schoemansdal, where the highlight was their hike up Mandendeka Mountain during which they had to find and collect a list of natural objects. Their Scouts Own Service on the Sunday was on a perfect site beside one of the waterfalls in the area.

Everyone experienced the OUT in Scouting over this year's B.P. weekend.

Thanks to all the dedicated and hard-

working Scouters and everyone else who made it possible. The Cubs, Scouts, Brownies and Guides had great fun!

We only have space for two Cubs' letters, which are printed below:-

I went to the BP Camp. I had lots of sweets they confiscated. Then I was very cross. The next day we ate spaghetti and mince and it was very hot. That very day we made a rafed. We went down to the dam & had a race. The next day we went home I was very sad to go home. — Michael Stroebel. Blue Six.

It was very fun. We swam in the dam, We learnt to tie some new knots. We looked for ackorns in alamam foyl. It was fun building rafts. The food was nice except for the names of the food, but the spaghetti was not so nice it tasted like rice. We slept in tents one night.. The other night we slept in tents but 1st Middelburg staded up very long. — David Parker, Green Six.

...ALSO KNOWN AS THINKING DAY to the Brownies and Guides

When our local Guides send out Thinking Day Cards (which they themselves have designed), to Guides and Guiders Nationally and Internationally just to say "We are thinking of you too", 1st Nelspruit Guides had wonderful responses to theirs, including one from Doreen Haddow, President of the Trefoil Guild of Former Guides ...

Dear Guides and Rangers, Thank you very much for the lovely Thinking Day card, crafted by Cassandra Ngomane and for the lovely poem about Lady Baden-Powell. The sentiments are very true. I was privileged to meet her on several occasions & she was a very special person. I hope you all get as much joy out of your Guiding as I have, God Bless. With love, Doreen Haddow.



Eunice Rikhotso, Guide Regional Commissioner, thinking she is a Cub!

shared the following on the Guide and Scout Motto, "Be Prepared" with BDP's Kerstin Sieber, our friend

and Scouter, and her team in Germany. They ran a Scout Camp—BE PREPARED 2004— during which the Scouts discussed and studied the Motto and B.P.'s Last Message in detail, then sent e-mails of related questions out round the world. They got replies from America, England and two from South Africa, both from Mpumalanga!

This is taken from a Guide Magazine, "Good Company" Vol.3 no.3 of 1985. So you see how observant Badger is and how thoughtful to share it with us all as well:-

BE PREPARED, cleverly taken from

Baden-Powell ...

But what does it mean?

Be prepared for an accident?

Do you know your first Aid?

Be prepared for your mother to be away?

Can you cook?

Be prepared for an electricity cut?

Can you light a fire or a Cadac?

Be prepared for wear and tear?

Can you mend clothes?

Be prepared for disappointments?

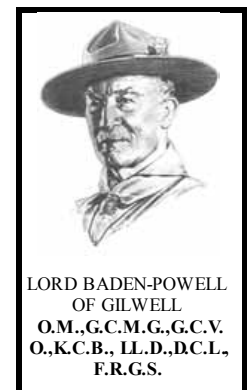
Have you developed your faith?

Be prepared for the unknown future?

Are you learning patience and tolerance from experiences?

Be prepared for life?

There is so much to challenge, learn and experience in the world. Get out and meet the silence of nature, meet the hubub of people and help others to BE PREPARED.



LORD BADEN-POWELL OF GILWELL
O.M., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.
O., K.C.B., LL.D., D.C.L., F.R.G.S.

OUR EXAMPLE

Baden-Powell himself said "Example is the greatest teacher there can ever be". And how true this is, even to Baden-Powell himself, for he gained awards which he didn't really want to accept, as he, like all who followed him down the ages of these 96 years, always reckoned he was doing or had done, his "Good Turn" for which he could accept no reward. This related directly to both his army and his scouting ca-

reer amongst his boys. Just look at the letters behind his name, and you'll soon see the fine figure of a man, whose work, life and example was appreciated by all:—

O.M. = Order of Merit

G.C.M.G. = Knight Grand Cross of St. Michael & St. George.

G.C.V.O. = Knight Grand Cross of the Victorian Order.

K.C.B. = Knight Commander of the Bath.

LL.D. = Doctor of Law

D.C.L. = Doctor of Civil Law.

F.R.G.S. = Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society.

So when you are studying for exams, or learning for a test or a badge at Cubs or at Scouts, just think of the man who started it all and how he must have worked at it until he succeeded, for he never gave up trying and he always did his best. This is the reason why people recognised him in this way.



**POW
WOW
2004
THE SPIRIT OF
SCOUTING**

The Mpumalanga Contingent to Pow Wow 2004 were Solitha Themba from Inyamazane, Letitia Galloway, Tanja Kirk and Lynn Miller from West District, Sue Walden from East, Nomathemba Maphanga, Jean Mgwenya, Lucy Magagula, Julia Mwale, Nozi Nkosi, Jane Vilakazi and Grace Mthethwa from Nsikazi. The ladies from the West travelled together; the rest of us went in the Mpumalanga Area Taxi and we were on our way to Gauteng for Pow Wow 2004. This was held in the grounds of beautiful Heronbridge College, north of Johannesburg.

The theme for the weekend was Mafikeng, and activities included a slide show and a video about Mafikeng, its history and future, and especially the role of the Town and its people in inspiring our founder B.P, to begin Scouting.

Our Groups were all named after forts that were around Mafikeng during the time of the siege. On Saturday afternoon we collected all the equipment needed to make our own "cannon" with which we bombarded the "enemy" with flour bombs.

On Sunday we were taken out to Gilwell where we held a Scouts Own and then had lots of new ideas from a selection of 12 activity bases which included new ideas for compass work with the Cubs, candle making, dream catchers and seedy heads.

Monday saw us once again loaded onto buses and taken to the Lion Park where we saw different animals at close quarters, but coming from the most beautiful Province in the country we could brag that we had already seen the animals, and in fact warthogs wander round parts of our towns!! The Ngwenya Glass Factory was our next stop, where we saw lovely vases being made from recycled glass. After lunch we were taken to Montecasino where we were treated to the show "Flights of Fantasy" which is a close-up view of some of the most beautiful birds in the world (and also the ugliest!) in the world, and learned about the dangers and pressures that man is putting on the world's bird life by indiscriminate use of pesticides, littering and the illegal trade in exotic birds.



Nomathemba, Lucy, Grace & Julia in front of the Flamingoes at Montecasino

The time flew by far too quickly and it was time to say good-bye to all our Scouting friends—new and old—with a gala banquet. Each Area performed an entertaining item, the standard was very high. We told with song and pictures, the story of the formation & growth of Mpumalanga Area. We were congratulated on our performance which let everyone know where we come from.

To those of you who missed the fun, start saving now! We are going to Durban in 2006, and want a contingent of at least 36 Pack Scouters! - ADC Cubs *Sue Walden*

Contingent Comments . . .

"A wonderful, well organised event" - "We learnt a lot to bring back to our Cubs" - "We made many friends to share our Cub ideas with"

"Wow! What an experience! The satisfaction, learning and fun was more than what I expected. Sharing the Spirit of brotherhood with people from all over South Africa revived me, and made us enjoy every minute that we spent together. We learnt new skills and shared good ideas, which we took back to our Packs. I am looking forward to the next Pow Wow in Kwazulu Natal in 2006. - *Lucy*.



Lucy, Zukiswa and Lynn with a Lion Cub.

It was so powerful. I made a friend, Elizabeth from Cape Town. I enjoyed the outings. - *Jane*
Wonderful—Trusting—I learnt a lot. - *Julia*.

Well organised. Excellent ideas to teach. skills and handcraft.. Saw some in shops! - *Nozi*

So wonderful! We learnt new games. I have already used some with my Cubs. I have phone numbers of new Scouter friends in the Cape and Kwazulu.. - *Grace*

I made some wonderful friendships. I learnt so much. I enjoyed the tour. Gilwell was wonderful, so was the Lion Park and the Bird show at Montecasino. - *Nomathemba*.



Mpumalanga's logo for the Pow Wow—the Mafikeng Flame of Scouting!

NATIONAL CAMP AT MAFIKENG!

Mduduzi Shabangu and Mduduzi Mbowane from 1st Sandzile, Nontobeko Thabetse and Portia Manowe from 1st Guduza, Bongani Magagula from 1st Revival and Leader of the Group, Nsikazi's Development Scouter David Mauku, all had a good learning experience at the National Camp under the auspices of S.A.H.Q. They joined Scouts from 8 of the 9 Provinces in the Country, at the Birthplace of Scouting, to assist in the "testing out" of the requirements for the Proposed Practical Agricultural Skills Badge, as well as various other Community Skills Topics. Our Scouts did well—see Bongani's report below.

Our Scouter David was kept busy all the time. —Tutoring, Assisting at the First Aid Facility, helping in the Kitchen, and was chosen to run the Scouts Own Service. David's main comment— "It gave me the experience about running a Camp with Youth that is coming from different backgrounds and with different Languages!"



Bongani in front of the Spirit of Scouting Memorial

Bongani Reports—

It was the most wonderful and exciting experience to me. It was a long journey to Mafikeng but we travelled safely. We arrived in the evening and we were altogether happy to see new faces. We learnt a lot from the lessons we had each day on Gardening, Aids Awareness, and the Child



The Gardening Session

Protection Urit. We had an outing to the town of Mafeking itself—not long enough but we were fortunate to see the Shave—athon with all the people shaving or spraying their hair in different styles.

It was a privilege to meet all our Scout Brothers from the various Provinces and I hope I will see them again, some at the coming Summer Camp. I would like to say Thanks for us all, to the Area Office for giving us this opportunity of a lifetime. I can now say that I have been to a place called Mafeking to a Scout Camp, and I will teach the others each and everything I have learnt there.



This Flame representing "The Spirit of Scouting" was lit on 16th March 1985 in the presence of Representatives of National Scout Associations from around the World during the Mafikeng Centenary Celebrations by Dr Lazlo Nagy, Secretary General of the World Scout Movement and was dedicated by the Right Reverend George Alfred Swartz, Lord Bishop of Kimberley and Kunman to commemorate the association of the Founder of the Scout Movement, Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell with Mafikeng during the Siege of 1899. The Courage and responsible behaviour of the boys of the Cadet Corps during the Siege helped germinate the Seed that led to the founding of the Boy Scout Movement.



THE COW WITHOLDS IT'S MILK WHEN PRODDED, BUT YIELDS WHEN COAXED. Iyagodla nxa igqulwa, yehlisa nxa inxenxwa

(This is the 3rd in the series by the late Vic Clapham and the late Mack..Shange in "Scouting Digest", with acknowledgements to all the above.)



B.P.'s own sketch, coaxing the cow, from the chapter "Musical Cows" in his book, "African Adventures".

(Write the proverb in your own language on the dotted line!)

When they do not support Scouting, it is not good Public Relations to prod parents and others, or criticise them. But it is good Public Relations to coax them . . . Persuade them gently . . . And keep on showing them examples of good quality Scouting. To win the milk of parent support, here are a few other things you can do:

1. When badges and certificates are presented to their sons, invite parents to take part in the ceremony—a Mother is proud to pin a badge on her son's shirt in front of the Pack or Troop. Praise not only the son, but the parents who encouraged him to make progress.
2. Use Field Days—even small Pack and Troop Field Days—and invite parents and others to be your guests, and come and see the boys demonstrating Scouting skills. But . . . Have a good, well organised programme. A good programme wins friends—a bad

programme loses friends.

3. Likewise, invite parents, families and others to come to a well organised Camp Fire, and join in the singing, dancing, and stunts.
4. Camp is a fine place to demonstrate Scouting in action. Have a Visitors' Afternoon—let the world see the high standard of Scout camping, and see Scouting skills, games and activities.
5. Use such occasions to put over the Scout Promise, and the ten points of the Scout Law. People begin to understand Scouting if they know these.

In these and other ways you are "Communicating" information about Scouting. You are Telling! Showing! Let "Tell" and "Show" be your slogan.

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AN EXCITING DAY FOR THE TOWER-OF-LOVE CHILDREN

It all started outside the Nelspruit Police Station where the children from Tower-of-love met with Rovers Wonder Phiri and Excellent Hlatshwayo, Ranger Guides Clare Vinson and Nomazi Rikhotso, Guiders Goodness Moroena and Nokothula Mashogo, and visiting German Scouters Bjorn Timpte and Kerstin Gerenkamp. The Tower-of-love Orphanage is run by Pastor Isaac Mapandza at Matsulu.

The children were taken to the Nelspruit Fire Brigade

where Fire Fighter Jerry Mahlangu welcomed them and explained how the Fire Fighters not only save human lives but also animals. The children had a wonderful time seeing the big Fire Tenders and looking over the Central Control which receives all the emergency fire calls.

The next stop was the playground at Mozart's Garden, where

the youngsters had a great time playing, before enjoying a good lunch. On to the Croc Environmental Park where they were



The children sitting on the Jungle Gym with "the Team".

shown the most common snakes of the Lowveld. They were even able to touch a snake—a unique experience for them all. Their Adventure ended with fun on the Jumping Castle at the Park, for most a first time experience as well.

Thanks to those

eight Scouts and Guides who did their "Good Turn" and gave those little orphans A Day To Remember. The whole idea came from Scouter Bjorn Timpte who, having come to South Africa with several Scout Groups, chose to do part of his practical training as a doctor in the hospitals and clinics of Mpumalanga. His six weeks out here were very informative and he learnt so much. The outing was held on his last weekend in South Africa.

CAMPING FOR CUBS



Nomathemba Maphanga and Lucy Magagula were presented with their Cub Camping Certificates and Badges during B.P. Camp. Since then two Scouters from 1st Duma, Ntombi Fakude and Nurse Zulu ran a very successful Cub Camp, thus becoming the 6th and 7th to qualify for the Camping Certificate this year.



A group of 1st Cophetsheni Brownies with their "Citrus" smiles at their Regional Fun Day. The fruit was donated by Citrus Research International.

BROWNIES

TWO MORE OF UWE'S ANGELS

My name is Kerstin Gerenkamp and I am the new volunteer from Germany in the Scout Area Office. For the 5 months I am here I will help Nikki in the office and organise some projects. I am 24 years old and I am studying economics for two years now. In my home town I am the leader of a Scout Group of 20 boys and girls ages 14 and 15.



Germany on the borders of Belgium and the Netherlands, always in the same city. I have been with my group, St. Adalbert with about 35 members, for 15 years and for 10 years am now chairman of the group. Every year I organise a trip to European Cities with the theme "The dark years of the history of Hitler and the 2nd World War".

It is my first time in South Africa and I am very impressed by the country's nature and its beauty. I will stay here until the end of July, then my sister will come to South Africa too and we will tour for 4 weeks to see Cape Town and other nice places.

I am sure this is going to be some great six months and I hope we will gain a lot from one another.

My name is Michael "Heidi" Heiden, 28 years old, and I'm living in Aachen,

I am now studying economy, but also working with Computers -install networks and teach in a Computer school. After reading an article from Nangu Thina, I decided to come to South Africa. Some of the Scouters need help with computer programmes and Virus protection. So my skills are used here in Mpumalanga. Don't hesitate to contact me if there are new problems . . . I like it here because I travel around, see the culture of South African scouting, and get invitations. The life here is not nearly comparable to old Europe where everyone is so stressed and busy.



A Cub Programme for you “JUNGLE THEME ANIMATED YARN”

- 10 mins. **GRAND HOWL - FLAG BREAK - INSPECTION** (Claws and fur)
- 10 mins. **STORY** “It is evening in the Indian Jungle, all the Wood cutters are settling down for the night. There are sounds of Tiger near by among other night sounds. Suddenly Shere Khan leaps up and utter confusion follows.”
- ACTIVITY** - Equipment: 1 “fire” per Six.
The Sixes are in circles facing inwards, holding hands. In the centre is a “fire” (an object easily knocked over). All try and pull each other on to the fire. Touching the fire means “Burnt Paws, Shere Khan” and OUT.
- 10 mins. **STORY** “In the Wolves cave, Tabaqui has already arrived, and Father Wolf has heard a noise in the bushes. Mowgli crawls up and is taken into the cave. Shere Khan arrives and tries to enter the cave.”
- ACTIVITY** - Bean Bag
Pack in a Circle (the Cave), a bean bag (Mowgli) is in the centre. One Cub is chosen as Shere Khan and sent away. Two Cubs are Father and Mother Wolf and remain in the Circle. All join hands. Shere Khan returns and enters the cave where he chooses, but he must leave at the same place. The object is to grab Mowgli and escape with out being touched by either Wolf. The Wolves may not move until after Shere Khan has touched the Bean bag.
- 10 mins. **STORY** “Mowgli was saved by the Wolves, and when a little older was accepted into the Pack. He meets lots of friends, like Baloo, Bagheera and Akela. He has lots to learn about animals, trees and the creatures of the jungle.”
- ACTIVITY** Beasts and Trees of the Jungle.
1. Each Six stands facing the wall while the Pack Scouter traces each letter of the name of a Jungle Animal on the back of a Cub, with his finger. When each Six has discovered what animal they are, each Six in turn must make the noise of that animal.
 2. P.S. then gives each Six a Leaf which they have to go out and identify, and each Cub to bring a leaf of that tree.
- 10 mins. **STORY** “Mowgli had much to learn: Loyalty. Obedience and the Law of the Jungle, which Baloo taught him.”
- ACTIVITY** - Baloo’s Jungle Play. (“Jungle plays & their variations” booklet available from the Scout Shop)
- 10 mins. **STORY** “Bagheera, Mowgli’s other friend, taught him how to hunt and look after himself in the Jungle. Mowgli used to enjoy climbing on the great black panther’s silky-coated back and speeding through the Jungle.”
- ACTIVITY** - Sixes in Relay formation, biggest Cub in front and smallest Cub at the back of the Six. On go, the first Cub is Bagheera, the 2nd Mowgli who climbs on Bagheera’s back and they speed through the Jungle to the end of the play area and across a line. The Mowgli Cub runs back and becomes Bagheera for the 3rd Cub (now Mowgli) and so on until the whole Six is in line again.
- 10 mins. **STORY** “Bagheera showed Mowgli how to hunt and it was his teaching that helped Mowgli to find his food.”
- ACTIVITY** - Bagheera’s Jungle Play. (See “Jungle Plays”)
- 15 mins. **STORY** “Often it was dark before Mowgli got home at night and his road through the Jungle was difficult, but he met friends who helped show him the road home.”
- ACTIVITY** - Blindfolds, String Trail previously set up. Cubs are given blindfolds then led to the beginning of the Trail. Each Cub must keep one hand on the string and the other on the Cub in front. A Leader goes with them and on the way other Helpers stand near the Trail and make noises of Kaa the Python, and Shere Khan. Each Six to identify the animal noise as they finish the Trail.
- 5 mins. **STORY** “Every moonlight night, Mowgli faithfully went with Father and Mother Wolf to the Council Circle where the Wolves and Wolf Cubs did the Grand Howl
- GRAND HOWL- FLAG DOWN- PRAYERS- DISMISS.**

Troop Programme—PAPER THEME. From “St. George Area Scout News” Australia.

- 15 mins **OPENING CEREMONY - FLAG BREAK - Welcome Guests. - INSPECTION**
- 25 mins **GAME - NEWSPAPER HOCKEY.** Troop divided into 2 teams, each numbered and seated in 2 parallel lines facing each other. Goals are between chair legs at either end of the playing area. Name teams and establish their goals. Two “hockey sticks” (rolled up newspapers) and hockey ball (tightly rolled up newspaper into a ball—well stuck) placed in middle between the 2 teams. Call out number. These 2 Scouts hit ball to score a goal. Then repeat with another number. Keep score (a job for your assistant!) Team with most goals scored wins. **VARIATION;** (High speed) - Call out another number while in play. The first 2 Scouts must lay down their sticks immediately and run back to places. The 2nd two Scouts takeover from there. And so on..
- 5 mins **TALK** about a Group Newsletter/Magazine.
- 25 mins **ACTIVITY** Each Patrol to do the following:
PL to supervise.
Patrol Second -.Write a story about past Patrol or Troop
Scout 1: Draw a typical Scout drawing. Activity.
Scout 2: Do a cartoon.
- Scout 3: Write a description of your Troop Scouter.
Scout 4: Write a Scout Joke.
- 10 mins Discuss with whole Troop the results of the above. Select the best and send to the Editor, Area Magazine.
- 10 mins **ACTIVITY** First Patrol to completely cover PL with newspaper gets five points in Patrol Competition.
- 15 mins. **GAME - NEWSPAPER RELAY.** Lay a sheet of newspaper for each Patrol at each end of playing area. (Sheets should be the same for each Patrol) At the word “NEWS” PL runs up and spends a few seconds looking at the sheet laid out. When he runs back he writes down as many of the Headings as he can remember, while next Scout has a turn and writes down the headings he saw, and so on. Each PL then reports what his Patrol noted on the page. Winning Patrol is the one which can tell the Troop Scouter most headings on the page
- 5 mins **GAME - PAPER SNOWBALL FIGHT.** Two teams at either end of the area with balls of newspaper. Let them bombard each other with the newspaper balls for a few minutes. (No rules—let the Troop work them out). Then **CLEAN UP.**
- 10 mins **FINAL PARADE — CLOSING CEREMONY.**

‘PROFITABLE HANDCRAFTS’ - Ideas for Fund-raising.

Basket making, Rafia work.
Painting and Sketching.
Plaiting brightly coloured cords.

Fancy buttons. Bead Work.
Wire Work. Modelling in clay,
plasticine or soap. Carving.

Christmas / Birthday Cards.
Small Christmas trees in Pots.
Fancy articles from Pine cones.

Walking Sticks.
Jig-saw Puzzles.
Burning Mottos and pictures in wood.
Make Sweets (Fudge), biscuits.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

TRAINING COURSES:

JUNE

25-29th - Cub Woodbadge

JULY

1-4th - Scout Woodbadge (cancelled)

5-18th - Cub Warrant

EVENTS:

JUNE

2nd - Mobile Scout Shop

12th - Area Scout Council

19th - Training Team meeting
Nelspruit Scout Hall

JULY

31st - CENSUS!

AUGUST

2nd - Mobile Scout Shop

SEPTEMBER

1st - Mobile Scout Shop

4th - Gilwell Reunion

24-26th - Cub Summer Camp

27-30th - Scout Summer Camp

Scouter's please remember the NATIONAL SCOUT CHALLENGE and the NATIONAL CUB CHALLENGE to be completed by 30th September.

The Editor and Staff of YOUR magazine, appeal to all District Commissioners to encourage their Packs and Troops to keep submitting news of their special meetings and events with a suitable photograph or two —with boys' or girls' NAMES clearly marked and a description of the activity.

Reports may be posted to

- P.O.Box 3629, White River,
- e-mailed to cbaty@mweb.co.za
- Or handed in to the Area Manager

THE RHINE WESTPHALIAN GOVERNMENT DELEGATION

... Who took special interest in Mpumalanga Scouting during their visit.



From left to right,
Back Row:- Dr. Peter Markus, Dr. Thomas Fues, Dr. Walter Hüls, Ms Kristine Goller, Ms Tina Jermann, Mr. Lothar Götz.

Middle Row:- Ms Sylvia Strubelt, Ms Gabriele Weigt, Mr. Bernard von

Grünberg, Mr. Andreas Keil, Prof. Dr. Harald Michels, Ms Ulrike Schell, Ms Monika Brand, Mr. Björn Timpte (DPSG Scouter).
Front Row:- Ms Gabriela Schmitt, Ms Inge Seifert, Ms Daniela Peulen, Mr. Marco Riedel, Mr. Uwe Bothur (DPSG), Mr. Werner Schröder.

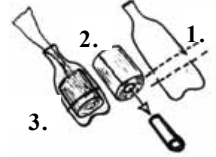


Clare Savage showing the Toilet Roll Holder.

CAMP TOILET ROLL - A SMART IDEA FROM THE GUIDES!

On a visit to the recent Guide Camp at Primkop Dam, we found that the old Scout method of hanging the toilet roll on a stick with string, or else in a tin hung up off the ground, has been improved dramatically by using an empty coke bottle as follows:-

1. Measure the Toilet roll against the straight portion of the bottle. Cut the bottle slightly longer. Cut out the lower portion of the bottle and keep the bottom. (See diagram.)
2. Remove the cardboard centre from the toilet roll and pull out the end of the paper from the middle.
3. Thread the paper's end through the neck of the bottle and place the toilet roll in the bottle. Close the bottle by pushing both pieces together—bottom inside the top. Place the Toilet Roll Holder in a convenient, known position, to be taken to the toilet and returned when finished—and "Hey Presto!" you always have clean, dry toilet paper! **THANK YOU, GUIDES.**



NEWS FROM ROUND THE AREA ~ ~

~ Four Scouts, Mcolisi Ndimande, Banele Matsebula, Thabo Komane and Thokoza Mabunda were Invested at 1st Duma District Camp. Their theme was The Mini Olympic Games and Packs from Tiga, Bushlebuyeta, Tenteleni and Msogwaba also took part.

~ News just reached us that 1st Sandzile have picked the first Spinach of the season from their Veggie Garden. Plenty more vegetables to follow!

~ An interesting first edition of 'Secunda Scout Shout', 1st Secunda's Group News paper, is hot off the press. Well done!

~ Patrol Camps have been the order of the day at Secunda. Both Kestrel and Owls held successful camps with plenty of patrol instruction & activities, at Trichardsfontein Dam.

~ DPSG Scouter Armin Ursprung, his wife Tonny and 2 friends, popped in for tea at the AreaHQ during their visit to South Africa. They wanted to find out how Scouting Mpumalanga has been doing since Armin's visit with the German Scout Contingent in 2001, when they took part in the B.P. Camp Fire at the Municipal Swimming Pool Grounds in White River. They also paid a visit to 1st Mataffin Troop Meeting on the Thursday evening, and send regards and good wishes to everyone.

~ ~ AND THE COUNTRY ...

~ The Chief Scout's Commissioner, André Bredenkamp reached the summit of Mount Everest on 23rd May. He is the only one from the South African Group of three in the expedition so far to have made it. Congratulations André, Mpumalanga Scouting is proud of you!

~ The June 2004 edition of South African COUNTRY LIFE magazine features a four-page article praising the virtues of Scouting. An excellent advert for Scouting!

BIGGEST INTRODUCTORY COURSE EVER!

8th and 9th May saw 26 enthusiastic participants from around the Area joining in the informative Introduction to Adult Leadership Course in White River. The majority, mostly from the Yinhlelentfo Development Organisation came from Hazyview. — Perhaps Hazyview will become our Sixth District in Mpumalanga!

The Course is structured to give a practical, in depth look at Scouting, its Aims and Methods, and the role of the Adult Leaders. Being a hands-on, learning-by-doing Movement, everyone enjoyed the fun of exploring and



Course Director Dee Chandler and her Team with all the Participants.

discovering together, especially the Bases and Training Games.

If the enthusiasm shown on the Course is anything to go by, then the new Hazyview Cub Packs and Scout Troops will certainly not be 'hazy'!