

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

He who has no Christmas  
in his heart will never find  
Christmas under a tree.

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## FROM OUR AREA COMMISSIONER

Summer Camp has come and gone, but it is still at the back of the minds of all those who attended it. It is always nice to see a well-planned event such as this year's Summer Camp come together.

I am very proud of our Rovers. As every parent takes pride in his/her children's achievements, I am also feeling extremely blessed to have these young leaders in my Area. We have watched them grow and helped them in many ways. Now we are reaping the fruits of our hard labour. Many have questioned the partnership we have enjoyed with Nangu Thina—the Partnership was about exchanges and sharing of ideas. The cultural exposure into International events has blessed us with these young leaders.

Who would have thought that the Rover Scouts could plan and run the Summer Camp project? The success of the project has given us hope for 2007. Given



more training, these young rascals can change the face of Scouting. This reminds me of the words of Phineas Dube, from Zimbabwe: "God is not looking for good fathers, mothers, or girls and boys, because they do not exist, but God is looking for good followers" This statement tells me that we are not looking for the above-mentioned people, but for good volunteers who will live and abide by the Promise and Scout Laws. For me, this says the Rovers have lived by their motto, "SERVICE".

In closing, I wish to thank all those who have supported us in our quest for success. I thank Nikki for handling the office so efficiently, and I thank all our Scouters, Pack Scouts, Cubs and Rovers for making Mpumalanga Area what it is today. To the Mothers and Fathers we say "keep sending these jewels to us and you will be rewarded." To all the Spouses, we really appreciate your sacrifices. We depend on



you as part of the Team. Your Partners are surrounded by God's most precious gifts (and you are one of them!) Together, both of you and all of us, know the answer to the question "How can I contribute to the growth of this Nation?" We are already doing so in support of our partners in Scouting.

Lastly, we wish all our Scout Troops, Cub Packs and Rover Crews, Brownie Packs, Guide and Ranger Companies, AND all our Readers and Supporters a very warm and loving Christmas. May God bless you and your families. We also wish you a Happy New Year. May it be the best one for you.

Remember "MPUMALANGA SCOUTING ROCKS" and *SO DO YOU!*

*Elvis and Busi*

## 2005 SCOUT SUMMER CAMP - THE BEST YET!

Who would have said that the Cubs and Scouts, who joined Scouting in 1997 when Mpumalanga Area was established, would be organising and running the 2005 Summer Camp? All of them now Rovers chose Mduduzi Manana as Camp Chief, Goodness Mokoena as his assistant and Nokuthula Mashego as Catering Chief. The whole Camp at the Nelspruit Rugby Club grounds was divided into 4 Sub-camps—green, red, yellow and purple, with each Scout easily identified wearing the relevant coloured scarf. The Camp Staff, (the Rovers and the German Volunteers) had the

the German Volunteers. Wednesday day was Cultural Day where there were 10 bases. The Scouts were divided into

Eugene McCarthy (at the back), Cheryl Reum and Adrian Newton of Rotary, chatting about their careers.



Camp Chiefs Nokuthula Mduduzi, and Goodness.

10 groups of 36 and the bases included Marabaraba, Injuba and Skipping run by the Dept. of Sports Arts and Culture who taught different versions of these games and their history. Some of the other bases included San Culture Story telling, Ndebele cloth paintings, Play acting Sangoma stories, Swazi Dancing etc.



Traditional Game of Marabaraba.

fifth, the blue Sub-camp.

The Camp Programme went as follows—Monday, Arrival Day - set up camp - Build Gateway, make Sub Camp Flag - Opening Ceremony - Night Programme, and reflection. Tuesday was Careers Day when the Scouts went round 4 bases. The Mobile Career Unit of the Dept. of Education covered 4 Trades—Boiler Maker, Diesel Mechanic, Electrician



Learning about a Diesel Mechanic inside the truck.



and Plumber. At the second base, Scouts filled in a questionnaire on their knowledge of HIV/AIDS and a personal form—Part of Scouting's Fight against Aids Programme. At third base Businesses, Colleges and Businessmen and women from Rotary International who could answer the Scouts' questions on their particular line of business came to the camp. The Teamwork and Fun base was run by

Sports Day was on Thursday where the Scouts had an opportunity to play a variety of sports they wouldn't normally play, with the help of Volunteers from SPACE and their equipment. They were also able to use the Climbing Wall supervised by our Volunteers who had been trained by Craig.



The Swazi dancers Leader with DC Samson Luphondo and Gracious Mokoena, Assistant Camp Chief.



Astrid & Isabel belaying at the Climbing wall.

The Pioneering Day was organised by Elvis and the Rovers, to teach Scouting skills, and included Kim's Game, Emergencies, CPR, First Aid, Staving, Knotting, and Secret Codes.

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### NELSPRUIT GUIDE WENDY WOODS GAINS THE CHIEFS CHALLENGE.

Girl Guides have to extend themselves to their limits in fulfilling the requirements for the Chiefs Challenge, the highest Badge a Guide can obtain.

The Chiefs referred to are Lady Olave Baden-Powell who was the World Chief Guide and Lord Robert Baden-Powell, who was the World Chief Scout. This Top Award used to be called the Founders Badge, until January 1987 when, after 75 years of Guiding in South Africa, the National Council updated the Guide Training Programme

and renamed the Badge the "Chiefs Challenge".

Wendy Woods, in her 4 years of Guiding, has qualified for her Chiefs Challenge by completing the Syllabus for the Discoverer's Challenge and Explorer's Challenge and obtaining the Service Emblem by gaining the Accident Prevention, Car Handy Woman, Nature Conservation and Friend to the Blind Badges. She has also earned the Guiding Badges—Guide History, Heritage and WAGGGS Knowledge (World Association for Girl Guides & Girl Scouts) — and gained



The Chiefs Challenge Certificate.

And Wendy proudly holding her Certificate.

badges for the Naturalist and Woodcraft Emblems:- Stalker, Axemanship, Camper, Map Reader and Outdoor Cook.

### MPUMALANGA EAST REGION GUIDE SUNDAY - "JOINING HANDS IN MPUMALANGA."

The Service was held in the Kanyamazane Community Hall on 21st August and Deaconess Sister Sheila Richards gave the address. The Service was very much in line with our "Lend a Hand" and "Be Prepared" mottoes and fitted into our Guiding lives like a glove. Brownies,

Guides and Ranger Guides all renewed their Promise. Wendy Woods was presented with her Chiefs Challenge and Eunice Rikhotso received her Training Certificate plus the 5-year Service Award. Thoko Lubisi. was also presented with her 5-Year Service Award.



Nikki Clark, Ranger Guides Constance Mazibuko, Catheline Savage, Thokozile Lubisi, Lindiwe Ntimane. Seated: Gracious Mazibuko & Sister Sheila Richards.

### "WHO I AM, MAKES THE DIFFERENCE"



The Guiders who attended the day—Back: Zanele Mkhonto, Busisiwe Nsiband, Elizabeth Chauke, Audrey Browning, Thoko Lubise, Koekie Malinga, Beauty Motha & Lemmy Chiloane. Front: Brenda James, Eunice Rikhotso, Mania Mauku, Lilly Shakwane, Joanna Mgwanya and Andrea Vinson.

To celebrate Women' Day 2005 the East Region Guiders gathered in the Botanical Gardens. Here in the most tranquil and people friendly environment they spent the day learning about each other, and strong women before and around us.

The different sections of the theme, based on "WOMAN" were: **W** - words of kindness = yellow. **O** - Our Organisation = white. **M** - Mary and other women in the Bible = pink. **A** - Amazing women we can admire. **N** - Nature and the lessons we can learn = green.

The Guiders made Dream Catchers using the same colours in thread, ribbon, beads and feathers to remind them of their day. Morning tea and lunch were provided and all had a very informative, caring and sharing day. Each Guider was given a motivational Story Book which they could use with their Guide Companies. A beautifully decorated Note Book and Button-hole Posy were also gifts for each Guider.



Beauty Motha busy making her Dream Catcher. Elizabeth Chauke and Koekie Malinga busy on their Dream Catchers in the background

### BROWNIE FUN DAY

2005 was held at White River, well supported by Brownies and their Guiders. They worked on the Outdoor Challenge as their theme The girls took part in activities involving:-

- Water - Sailing Origami Boats.
- Air - Bubble Blowing.
- Sport - activity—obstacle races.
- Earth - painting pet rocks as paper weights.
- Fire - cooking over candles.
- Horizons - learning to dance to traditional Portuguese music.

All had a really fun day!

Sailing (or sinking?) their Origami boats in a tub!



Carol Davies, former District Commissioner- and ex -Guider from Secunda, and also previously a Cub Pack Scouter went Home during August and will be fondly remembered by all who worked with her. We all in the Area extend our sympathies and prayers to the family.

### 1st TIGA'S LOG-BOOK TELLS THEIR STORY IN THE GLOBAL YOUTH SERVICE PROJECT

Akela, Joyce Sebuyi, has produced a pictorial log-book recording the success of their part in the Disney Global Youth



Service Project. 1st TIGA came in to the 2nd phase after Disney had responded to our initial efforts with a further Mini Grant to Scouting Mpumalanga. 1st TIGA Cub Pack's story describes chapter by chapter from

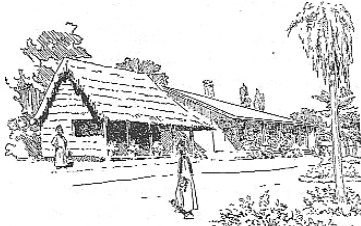
The Cubs have learnt that all vegetables must be washed before cooking, and that the very first thing to do is to wash your own hands.

the purchasing of tools and seedlings, the involvement of the Cubs in teaching the Orphans vegetable growing to the first harvesting from which the Cubs cooked a wonderful meal for the Orphans, sick and disabled Parents and themselves. Joyce says in their Log-book, "Thank you Disney! Our Cubs are now responsible as they

tend the Gardens regularly, they like to spend time in the Garden rather than play games. The Orphans can now keep themselves busy, happy and healthy. Me and the Cubs got the B-P Spirit deep in our Hearts!"



## CHERYL SHARES THEIR VISIT TO B-P'S AFRICAN HOME IN KENYA



B-P's sketch of their cottage Paxtu and Outspan, Nyeri, Kenya.



The Scout Law Pathway leading to the Promise Gateway.

Mpumalanga's Pack Scouter, Cheryl Calmeyer, Akela of 1st White River Pack, and her two Cub sons, Jeffrey and Ryan took time over the holidays to drop in on the Baden-Powell's home in Africa, situated in Nyeri, Kenya. B-P and Lady B-P lived there from October 1938 until B-P's death on the 8th January 1941. Cheryl reports on a most interesting visit. They were shown round by Kenyan Scouts who act as Tour Guides for visitors around the Cottage, its garden and surrounding area. The Cottage contains a very comprehensive Museum of Scouting and Guiding and includes accounts and records of B-P's and Lady B-P's activities before and during their period in their lives.



Ryan and Jeffrey at Promise Gateway



The Calmeyer Boys admire the Scout Badge Bird Bath



B-P's Grave with Jeffrey, Cheryl and Ryan.



### Comments from the Public—

"These Big Scouts and Guides did a wonderful Job!" - "Great to see the Scouts again!" - "Didn't think the Scouts were still around!" **And they're still all talking about it!! -Well Done Rovers! And everyone else too!**

## WHITE RIVER'S 100TH BIRTHDAY AND SCOUTING & GUIDING MPUMALANGA WERE THERE!

The Rovers, Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies and Rangers arrived in White River. The Rovers started to set up the Scouts' Displays at the Area Information Stand, while the others went to prepare for the Parade.

All the Rovers were given a job for the day - to help the elderly people by serving them with drinks, showing them where to sit, and basically to help them with whatever they needed.

Then the Mayor of

Mbombela, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule, gave her speech, which was the highlight of the day. After the speech was over, the Mayor had the honour of cutting the Birthday cake.

The Street Parade followed, led by the Stevenson-Hamilton Pipe Band. It included the Mpumalanga Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. There were also Bike Riders, Karate Kids etc. After the Parade was over, there was live Music entertainment from Jazz,

Dr. Victor and the Rasta Rebels, who got everybody tapping their feet! "On the real side though, the day was all about Fun and Giving a Hand, because that is what Scouts do!" -Mduuzi Manana



Reuben, Gracious, Nikki and Sue, manning the Scout Area Information Stall.

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**ARBOR MONTH**  
 Scouting Mpumalanga was very active during Arbor Month. One of the Groups who took advantage was 1st Revival Cubs and Scouts who planted their first Mango trees as part of the Plant a Tree Campaign. The Cubs planted one Mango Tree and the Scouts planted two. In three year's time they hope to be able to use their own Mangoes to make Achar for Fund Raising!

## A BIRD IS PRETTY BECAUSE OF IT'S FEATHERS Inyoni yinhle mgezimpaphe zayo.

*Continuing the series, written and illustrated, with the help of some Zulu proverbs, by the late Vic Clapham, in cooperation with the late Mack Omega Shange,*

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

Scouting has many fine feathers to show. **Show** is the important word.

- \* SHOW parents the Scout Promise, the Scout Law. Show them to everyone.
- \* SHOW how Scouts try to live up to the Promise and the Law.
- \* SHOW the Patrol system in action—in camp, on Field Days and elsewhere.

- \* SHOW Scouting skills at gatherings where your "publics" are present.
- \* SHOW what the Good Turn really means—what Community Service means.
- \* SHOW, ABOVE ALL, THAT Scouting is good for boys by sending every boy home happy with his Scouting programme and his Scouting progress.

Fine feathers grow in only one way, in Scouting. Fine feathers grow out of a top quality programme that produces top quality Cubs and Scouts.





### A MESSAGE FROM AUSTRALIA.



From our friend, Peter Nickl, Regional Commissioner International. Greater Western Sydney Region:-

"Thank you for the continual mailing of the Mpumalanga Area Bulletin, which I very much appreciate. You asked me about the flower on our Regional Badge. Well, it is the Waratah which is the State Emblem flower for New South Wales. However, we have had this flower on our various Area and Regional Badges for some eighty

odd years, the reason being that it is so prolific in our Region, especially amongst our famous Blue Mountains.

I have also enclosed a badge from our State International Friendship team, of which I am a member, as well as our International Base Badge for this year's 28th Regional Jamborette held in June."

Now where have we all heard that name, the Waratahs? Yes! You are right. It is the name of the New South Wales Rugby team!

### ANOTHER BATCH OF SHEETS AND TOWELS FOR THE ORPHANS HANDED OVER.

Volunteer Hilke Stumpf from Germany, initiated her Idea while with us here in Mpumalanga. She approached various Hotels in the Area and asked if the Scouts could have the used / defective linen (sheets and towels) which the Scouts in turn would pass on to the Aids Orphanages and to destitute families. Photo shows Volunteers Astrid & Isobel plus two Rovers making the latest distribution at Siyakula Primary School.



### TWO MORE OF UWE'S ANGELS, JOINED BY AN OLD ONE!

For Astrid and Isabel their two months in Mpumalanga flew past. By the time you read this they will both be back into their busy "ordinary" lives in Germany. Both talented ladies with good and often novel ideas. See their Rhyming Report opposite! They were an asset to Scouting everywhere they went and in all they did; from Area Office work to the planning and participating in the Big Annual Summer Camp, the main reason for their volunteering their services. They participated in the Regional Guide Sunday Service; The Guide Hike; attended the opening of a new Scout Group; spent a week training on the Climbing Wall to be able to assist at Summer Camp; distributed clothing, linen, and food to the various Orphan and Street Children projects, and much, much more! As a result of all their hard work they had little

time left to see Mpumalanga and beyond. So we were happy to hear of their very successful visits to the Kruger National Park. They became very dear to everyone in Scouting and Guiding. They worked very well together -dare we call them "The Twins"? Certainly 2 more of Uwe's Angels who more than earned their Mpumalanga Area Scarves which A.A.C. Reuben Mkandawire presented at a Farewell Function. Thank you and Well Done Isabel & Astrid!



Scouters, Guiders - here we are Two Scouts, from Germany, very far!  
Getting to know South Africa's Spirit  
That's the reason for our visit.  
We are preparing Summer Camp  
That we hope you'll all attend.  
What's left to say: Be prepared

and remember ~ ~  
We'll see you in September!  
Gut Pfad, Astrid and Isabel

all Careering around! Benedikt also followed up on his Vocational Guidance Handbook being used in the various Scout Groups, getting report backs and giving advice to the Scouters running the Programmes. He is now



Reuben Mkandawire with Astrid Boetling and Isabel Meisen after receiving their Mpumalanga scarves.

An old friend and 2004 Volunteer, Benedikt Feldman got a great welcome on his return to Scouting Mpumalanga in September. He volunteered yet another month of his life to contributing even more of his talents and ideas in the Vocational Guidance Project he initiated in 2004, and which he expanded to fill a whole Careers Day for the 370 participants at Summer Camp. This included a careers Exhibition, and the planning of a Hike for the Scouts & Guides to all the Businesses in the City. He sent them

forward planning to help our Scouts and Guides decide wisely for their working lives ahead. Area Manager Nikki Clark presented a Thank You gift to Benedikt shortly before he left for home.



Benedikt Feldmann with his "Thankyou" gift, with Nikki Clark.

### American Boy Scouts roll up their sleeves to help Hurricane Victims!

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita have passed leaving devastation behind but not despondency! And the Cubs and Scouts in Louisiana are rolling up their sleeves to assist wherever they can. Packs and Troops have opened their doors and are absorbing misplaced children where-ever they are evacuated to. Most Scout Camps have been opened to evacuees to stay in until they are sorted out. 9 Scout Area Offices were affected. 6 have been put right out of action. Many employees lost everything. A Fund has already been established to help! An

appeal went out to Scouts of Sam Houston Area from the Mayor of Houston and American Red Cross, to initiate a food drive for Hurricane evacuees. This was done so successfully by the Cubs and Scouts. There are many stories of the Scouts helping. One such story from a local paper, sent to us by the Scouters of Pack 61, St. Francisville, Louisiana, tells of an 8 year old Cub, (Nicholas Sanchez) who saw a picture of a young boy in Louisiana, dirty and only wearing shorts sitting in front of a pile of rubble - his home. This really made Young Nicholas sad

seeing this boy had lost everything and being a Cub wanted to help right away. So he went to his parents who decided with him to involve the other Cubs in the Den with the idea of filling Backpacks with useful items for children displaced by Hurricane Katrina. The Project became known as "Operation Backpack Fun" and eventually involved the Pack, the Troop, their Church, and the community round San Diego where they live. They made fliers with the same picture that Nicholas had seen and the Cubs took them all over town. Money and supplies

poured in. The result? 2000 brand new backpacks weighing 5,5 kgs filled with new clothing, school supplies, even some toys. And with a note of encouragement from a Cub to the recipient, together with a stamped addressed envelope so the boy or girl could write back. What's more they had a colour code on each backpack to give the age, size, and gender of who it should go to. Nicholas's father, a retired US Marine Sergeant, was contacted by the Commander of the local Air Force Base



## THE SCOUTER AS A CITIZEN

It cannot be stressed too much that the personal example of the Scouter is paramount in setting standards for the Scouts in his - or any other - Troop. Scouters become well-known among both boys and men of the Community, so that the criterion of their example will be the way in which they live - *not just their behaviour when in uniform*. This has many sides to it which must touch on a Scouter's life in every possible way.

**AT HOME:** It is only natural that Scouting will play an active part in the home life of a Scouter who is doing a worthwhile job:- There will be days and evenings that take him away from home—weeks when it will seem that “There are always Scouts in the house”; all those items of equipment have to be stored somewhere; the Scouters' meetings just have to take place; the phone never stops ringing! These are the sacrifices that simply have to be made, and a certain amount of this is not only inevitable, but may be a wholesome thing in the average household. It is, however, important to keep it in perspective and not let it disrupt family life. To do this, a Scouter should:

1. Be reasonably sure that his wife or fiancée is sympathetic when it comes to the sacrifices she must make towards his Scout duties.
2. Endeavour to have her share his interest by keeping her informed of what he is doing, relating human interest stories of the boys he is working with, and showing her the value such work is, that he is trying to do.
3. See that both he, and the members of his Troop, respect his wife, his home, and their possessions. His home must not become a second rate Scout hall!
4. Give to his children the attention they need from a Father. It is a tragic thing when a Scouter's son is neglected for the benefit of other people's children - but it can so easily occur.
5. Maintain a wide interest in everyday affairs, giving proper attention to his business and social life, so that his contribution to Scouting and his Scouts' education remains virile and up-to-date. Fanatical one-lane Scouting is a menace to be avoided.

*While the above is directed mainly to the married Scouter, the single man would do well to*

*consider the implications of it all and adapt the suggestions to his own situation; a young man in his parent's home must show the same consideration for them, as the married man for his wife. This is particularly important—the members of his Troop will follow his example in their homes. What you say doesn't count—what you do, does!*

**IN THE SOCIAL SPHERE:** You never know when you will meet at an entirely social gathering, the parent of a boy in your Troop—or who is going to be in it one day. You dare never lose the respect of the men and women of your own age whom you meet. Your reputation among your business and social colleagues is therefore a vital part of your effectiveness as a Scouter—and it is absolutely essential if you are a Group Scouter or Commissioner. You have a very precious asset!

**KEEPING FIT:** All good citizens should preserve their physical health—Scouting has saved many a man's life by making him, in self defence, take a greater part in cleaner, outdoor living. Get fit, keep fit, or you'll be fit for nothing in this great game of Scouting! There is this consolation—Nothing could be better for you and your family!

*Adapted from and with acknowledgements to “Northern Transvaal Scouting News”*

## SCOUTS STORM NKOMAZI

It was a very exciting weekend in Scouting History down at Elutsangweni Cultural Village where Cubs, Scouts, Scouters, the Sibhaca Group and their supporters gathered for two days of sharing, learning and doing Scouting and Cultural activities.

Four Groups attended — 1st Sidlamafa, 1st Educote, 1st Kamhushwa & 1st Lu-volwetfu. Mrs. Maki la Zwane welcomed everyone and Chris Mthembu spoke on behalf of the Scout Groups. The Scouts were honoured by the presence of Mr. Jerry Ngomane, the Executive Mayor of Ehlanzeni District, Mr. Lubisi and other Dignitaries from the House of Traditional Leaders and Miss Culture.

Mrs. Maki la Zwane, Cultural Officer of the Department of Arts and Culture, led discussions with the Scouts on how to behave nowadays as young people.

They emphasised how necessary it is to respect their elders and each other, and the importance of total abstinence until marriage— Scouting and Guiding's key principle in the fight against AIDS. They also learnt how to build various thatched houses (lilawu, intsanga and lisango). The Scouts were given a special invitation to take part in this year's Umhlanga event in KwaZulu Natal for the girls and Lusekwane, Swaziland for the boys.

The Dignitaries thanked the Scouts for taking the initiative and reminded them of the



Mayor Mr. Ngomane, Mr. Lubisi and Scouts Bongane Ngomane & Elvis Mazibuko.

Challenges young people have to face today. Mrs Maki La Zwane surprised everyone by saying she was so impressed that she wants

to join the Scout Movement, together with members of her family, the Sibhaca Group, and the Umtsimba girl Dancers. What a wonderful end to an extraordinary Weekend for our Nkomazi Scouts, made so special by the support of the Executive Mayor and those from the House of Traditional Leaders. *Chris Mthembu*

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## Hurricane Victims - And what about YOU?

with an offer to fly the Backpacks up to Baton Rouge Airport, in two big Military Cargo Planes. Baton Rouge Area Boy Scouts were to do the distribution. In the end 1500 evacuees, absorbed into the local schools, received the Backpacks. The balance was distributed by the Scouts with the help of the American Red Cross. And all this was started up by one 8 year old Cub in his concern for others and his concern to do his Good Turn!

**Are YOU prepared for anything?**

**Are YOU prepared to roll up Your Sleeves like the American Scouts did?**

**Is YOUR FAMILY ready for anything?**

**Is YOUR PATROL (or YOUR SIX – Yes , Cubs and Brownies can do it too!) ready for ANY Emergency?**

**Can YOU all get going quickly as a Patrol and be there first to help?**

**BE PROFICIENT!  
BE READY!  
BE PREPARED!**

## Christmas Stamps



**A PRAYER**  
*By a Guide from Coastal KZN*

Thank you God  
For the Gift of Sight,  
For the Sun and the Rainbow,  
And the dear morning light.  
Help me God to be cheerful and gay,  
And to do at least one Good Turn every day,  
Teach me God, to be Patient and True,  
To think first of others, less of me, more of You.  
Thank you God for the wind and the sea,  
For firelight and moonlight and for caring for me.



### SCOUTING COMES TO HAZYVIEW WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF 1st LUNGISANI TROOP!



L-R Back Row: D.C. Samson Luphondo, N.G. Ngwenyama, our German Volunteers Isobel Meusen and Astrid Boelting and B.P. Mathebula. Middle Row: Sydney Sambo, Bongani Sidell, Selby Ngomane, Tonny Mlotshwa, Xolani Nkambule, Clement Makopane, Nondumiso Mkhabela and Thandeka Mona. Front Row: Angel Mabunda, Bhekani Mgwenya, Shirley Ngomane and Khulu Mashale.

### “TOWER OF TINS” - RED CROSS GOOD TURN

On 21st August the Guides handed over the tins of food they had been collecting, to the local Red Cross Society.



Nozipho Nkuna, Doelie Russel from the Red Cross, Lauren Erasmus and Michelle Lloyd with their “Tower of Tins”

### PATROL HIKE

The Guides enjoyed their Patrol Hike on the Guava Farm belonging to one of Fox’s customers, on the Kaapsehoop Road, Along the 10km route the

Guides had various challenges to complete including Fox’s code.



Nwiwa Maphiri and Cayline Fourie deciphering Fox’s code.

Wendy Woods, Chanel Edwards, Catherine Savage, Chantay Susmak, Kylie Stephen working on the code.

## 1ST VULAMASANGO ESTABLISHES THEIR SCOUT TROOP.



The Brand new Scout Troop after having made their Scout Promise and become part of the World-wide Brotherhood of Scouting.

Four years ago, Akela Mrs. Rebecca Mngomezulu, was transferred from Bushlebuyeta school where she was an assistant Pack Scouter, to Vulamasango, where she started the 1st Vulamasango Cub Pack. Her dream was always that one day her Cubs, at the age of 11, would move up to the Scout Troop to continue their Scouting.

Now that dream has become a reality, with the strong new Scout Troop, under the guidance of Troop Scouter Meshak Mngomezulu, who also made his Promise at the ceremony. The whole school together with Principal Mr. Raph-

ael M. Phiri, turned out to support the Scouts.

Meshak was formerly a Scout in the 1st Mayfem Troop. Many Scouters, Cubs and Scouts from the Inyamazane District, as well as the District Commissioner, Mr. Samson Luphondo attended the Ceremony. The Area was represented by Area Manager, Mrs. Nikki Clark.

The traditional Siswati Dance, Tinga-a-Bisa was performed by some of the Scouts after the Ceremony, and lots of fun was had with Scout games and skits. Well Done 1st Vulamasango.

### SCOUTING VERSUS SOCIETY - The eternal Battle. by Gavin Kelly.

Our final look at the general characteristics of the present day youth compared to the Scout Programme. Our thanks to Gavin for his contribution to our Magazine.

#### Youth

- ~ Wealth is unevenly distributed—80% of South Africa’s wealth is held by 20% of the people
- ~ The average gross wage earned by sixteen to thirty year-old is R1 200 per month for full-time employees and R800 per month for part-time employees.
- ~ Generally 10% of children aged ten to seventeen receive pocket money or allowances while the rest are expected to work for it (either at home or in formal employment).
- ~ 56% of fourteen to eighteen year-old people earn money through part-time jobs.
- ~ Expenditure is based on social.
- ~ determinants dictated by peers and self-image concepts.

#### Scouting

- Scouting is pro-active regarding social and spiritual aspects:
- ~ Scout Law embodies principles of monetary use.
- ~ Patrol Activities encourage seeking of methods for gainful employment/ fund raising.
- ~ Older members can structure commitment through prioritisation and planning.
- ~ Allowing Scouting peer group determination of issues affecting involvement in the Movement.



## Two of our Scouters attend the INTERNATIONAL WOODBADGE COURSE in Solingen, Germany!!

Our Support Organisation, NANGU THINA in Germany, is always looking for new ways to help Scouting Mpumalanga expand their experiences and ability to give our Cubs and Scouts the Best Scouting Possible. This time they really excelled themselves in arranging an invitation for two Scouters to attend the International Woodbadge Course in Solingen.

After careful consideration and selection, our new Training Team Leader, Michael Nsimba, and our Nsikazi Field Organiser and Troop Scouter, David Mauku were chosen to join Scouters from Iceland, Netherlands, Poland, Latvia, and Germany for this 2005 Course.

The Woodbadge is the World-wide recognition of a Scouter's advanced Training, and the Scarf and Beads worn, are the same throughout the World. Training

Teams in every Scouting Country conduct the Woodbadge Course on the same Fundamental Principles of Scouting, namely the Scout Promise and Law. Michael's comments illustrate the differences in Style of our Course compared with that in Germany.

"I would regard our Woodbadge training style as training in totality, because of the variety of aspects a participant goes through



Michael

during the entire process of the Course. For example, our style considers aspects of Leadership, your interaction with community, your Duty to God, duty towards yourself, and advanced programme and management

skills. Our International partners were concerned with how each individual gets to know themselves at a deeper level; how they interact with group/team mates by considering the needs of the group; and how they employ a variety of strategies in getting a task done by the whole team in a given time. They value every step taken towards the completion of the task and how each person reflects on what was done."

David tells of his Patrol's difficulty in thinking out a Community Project, sharing ideas and coming to the decision, which in the end was to build a "Play" Boat for school-children.

"We were all involved in different duties for the making of the

boat. They were—Construction, Film Making, and Children Organisation. I was involved in the Boat Construction and Film making.. The boat was built from 21 h00 on Thursday until 15h00 Friday, taking 18 hours of work!! The Boat was put on a Trailer, and the children "Sailed" in the Boat., stopping at different Countries for them to do activities which we had worked out for them."

Michael continues- "It was interesting and adventurous to work with, and get to know how Scouting is done in other Counties. Each Country is proud of their own Identity but equally proud to be in the World Wide Movement."

Both Michael and David cannot thank the Course Team, Participants, and Nangu Thina enough, for the wonderful experience which they can now share with our Scouters to the betterment of Scouting in Mpumalanga!



David.

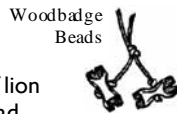
## 2005 GILWELL REUNION

Throughout the World the first weekend in September Gilwell Reunions are held. This is the gathering of all Scouters and ex-Scouters who have during their time of service to Scouting gained their Woodbadge.

25 Woodbadge holders and their partners from Mpumalanga met at Nelspruit at 6 o'clock in the morning and travelled together to the Kruger National Park where they enjoyed a day of environmental adventure consisting of morning talks by the KNP Rangers, a visit to the Experimental Animal Enclosures at Skukuza, and Game Drives, during which they were very fortunate in seeing a wide range of animals, in-

cluding a pride of lion quite near the road.

Back to Lowveld High School in the evening where the traditional Reunion Dinner and Campfire were enjoyed with a vote of thanks to Mpumalanga East DC Rodney Wandrag and his team.



Rodney & Jane Wandrag, Rebecca Mngomezulu.



The Campfire

## THE SCOUTERS SHARED THEIR WINNINGS AND GAVE THEIR SCOUT GROUP THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME!

On the 1st August, fifty-seven U.K. Scouts and Cubs set off on the camping trip of their lives after their Scouters won £15 million on the National Lottery.

Paul and Thea Bristow forked out about £500,000 to charter a Boeing 767 to fly the Group plus

33 adults to Canada for the two week adventure. The couple, who have run the 1st Torbay (St. Mary's Church) Cubs in Torquay for more than 20 years said there were no people more deserving than the Cubs and Scouts with whom to share their winnings!

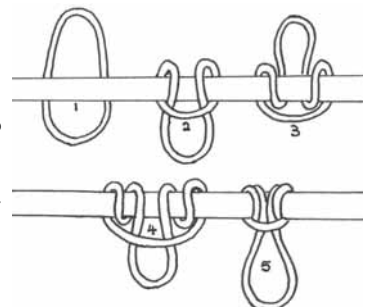
## FIVE OF OUR TRAINING TEAM ATTEND NATIONAL L.T. COURSE IN DURBAN.

Michael Nsimba, Sue Walden, Julia Mwale, Antony Sandleni and Lynn Miller all took the high road to Marianhill outside Durban, to attend the National Leader Trainer Course, run by National Commissioner for Adult Leader Training, Gavin Kelly and his team. The Course concentrated on advanced training skills, planning, presentations, and training aids. Qualifying in this course enables the Trainer to take the position of Course Director on any Scout Association Training Course. A Leader Trainer wears 4 beads on his/her Woodbadge, where the "normal" Woodbadge is only two, and the Assistant Leader Trainer's is three. Reports back received, indicated that the Mpumalanga Participants excelled themselves winning several of the Course Awards - Michael Nsimba's words "We lifted our Area on High!" . Mpumalanga thanks Gavin and all those responsible. Our Trainers have come back full of Ideas, Enthusiasm, and Confidence!

## CAN YOU TIE AND USE A PRUSSICK KNOT?

One of our District Commissioners was so disappointed when his Scouters did not know what a Prussick Knot was and what it is used for. He'll not be disappointed any longer, for here is the knot and its use for you all to remember and be able to tie! A Mountaineer's knot made in a continuous rope sling on another rope. When properly made it can be moved along the main rope and will lock in position if

strain is placed on the loop. The use of 3 loops will enable a person to climb a vertical rope with ease.





He who has no Christmas in his heart will never find Christmas under a tree.

### Dates for Your Diary!

**January 1st** "A Happy New Year to All"

- 18th** Travelling Shop.
- 23rd** Training Team Meeting.
- 28th** Area Adult Seminar
- 29th** Middle Management Training.

**February 1st** Travelling Shop.

- 4th - 5th** Intro Course -White River.  
Cub Camping Course -Witbank.
- 17th - 19th** District B.-P. Camps.
- 19th** East District B.-P. Parade

## 2005 SCOUT SUMMER CAMP—Continued from P1.



Firefighters of the future?



A lecture on Pills and Medicines at Mopani Pharmacy

Saturday was the final day the Highlights were the Scouts Own and the Closing Ceremony. Three Warrants were presented to Scouters and the Rover team were sincerely thanked for all their hard work. Mrs. Teresa Mashego and the ladies who assisted Nokothula Mashego and the Rovers with the cooking got a special round of applause. As the Flags came down the Lone Piper played "The B-P Spirit", which had been so evident throughout the Camp.



The Closing Ceremony

## †WORLD YOUTH DAY KÖLN † and Mpumalanga was there!

Our two Contingents over in Germany at the invitation of D.P.S.G. and Nangu Thina, the one led by Lynn Miller and the other by Alfred Chirwa, came together with their hosts, to experience World Youth Day along with 800,000 other people who had pilgrimaged to Marienfeld near Köln. The Pope held two Masses with the young people. One of our Scouters said it was a "Mind Blowing Experience" but it was so well organised. They even had a hot meal when they arrived on the Saturday! One of our Ranger Guides in the group said she'd never seen so many people in her life. The Pope arrived in a Jeepmobile with Guards all around it. Everyone was shouting Benedicto. On the Sunday morning the Pope Held another Mass. The whole week had been spent in Camp on the banks of the Rhein River at Dusseldorf with 7500 other Scouts from all over the World –another unforgettable experience. Prior to this, both our Groups had been in Scout Camps; one in a big International Camp, the other in a Group Camp; had Home Hospitality, TV and Radio interviews etc. And our own Uwe Bothur was in the World Youth Day Organising Team! Well Done Uwe !

## THE AREA SALUTES DEE AND LIONEL

Area Chairman Dudley James addressed the Gathering with Dee and Lionel Chandler at his side. He detailed Dee and Lionel's faithful service to Scouting Mpumalanga since they joined us in 1997. Dee was Mpumalanga's first Area Secretary and as AAC (Adult Leader Training) was responsible for building up the strong Training Team we have today. Lionel has been the Area's official photographer over the same period. Both Dee and Lionel have retired from September, when Michael Nsimba took over the Training Team, but they will not be lost to Scouting as they will both follow the Area's progress with interest. The whole Camp, led by Area Commissioner, Elvis, stood and sang to Dee and Lionel in appreciation. Dudley was to make a presentation on behalf of the Area, but due to unforeseen circumstances, the gift did not arrive on time.



Lionel, Dudley and Dee.



Dee finally Received her Plate.



Queueing for lunch

## 2005 CUB SUMMER CAMP

130 young Cubs with their Pack Scouters enjoyed a fun packed Summer Camp 2005. They were kept busy from beginning to end! Through the theme and the various visitors and helpers, the Cubs learnt all about being good Citizens. Local Councilor Sibanyone told them all about why we must have a Government, why it is necessary to vote and the importance of taking your place in the community. He explained his job as Councilor and what

the Government does for the Community.

The Cubs heard all about local artists and the special African Artist who paints rocks, whose work is to be seen in various parts of the Lowveld. The Cubs then painted their own rocks. Bird Life Lowveld came along to assist with the final requirements for the Cub's Bird Badge. So by the end of the Camp there were many happy Cubs who had gained their Bird Badge and their Citizen Badge.

The Camp was not without its drama! With the very dry hot weather, the ants chose that first day of camp to come

out in search of water! Invaded the tents, forcing the whole camp to spend the first night in the big hall. Fortunately, with the help of Sprays, the Cubs won the battle and were able to enjoy their tents the second night..

Many thanks to all the Pack Scouters, the Volunteers, and a Big Thankyou to the Rovers who set up camp and worked really hard with the Scouters to make the Cub Camp the success it was.

Such a pity that no more photos came out to reach the Editor in time!!

Articles from your Company, Troop, Crew, Cub or Brownie Pack, to be submitted

**ON OR BEFORE**

**10th February**

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(Please add your name/Patrol/Group to any article + photo!?).

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