

# MPUMALANGA S C O U T I N G

A Scout is active in doing good,  
not passive in being good.  
B.P. in "Rovering to Success"

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## OUR AREA COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE :

I wish to quote from an article by Colin McKay in "SCOUTING" Magazine: -

" Now we have come once again to the start of a New Year. It is perhaps a good thing to take a quick glance at the past 12 months to see what we have achieved. Some will feel that more might have been done. Others will agree that great progress has been made and a great deal of this progress is the direct result of the great enthusiasm shown by Scouters. Yet sadly, there still appears to be a vast number of people outside the Movement who have no idea that the Scout Movement is making continual progress. There are far too many people who have no idea

what a tremendous field of activities is covered by Scouting, what a man-sized job a Scouter's job is, and what a great deal a boy has achieved by the time he gains his Queen's Scout Award or has reached that age. Perhaps you and I should do a bit more to 'educate' the public during 2005"

The message says it all. The challenge is for all Scouts and Scouters to do their best and show the community what Scouting can do for them. We must also share all our achievements with all the people through the magazine and the media. It should be the task of all Scouters to make sure that this year becomes one in which

your Troop or Pack excels in community projects. You only need one project that will get people talking and the rest will just fall into place.

I wish to end my message by paying my respects to SD Mduli who has Gone Home. I was fortunate in that I was his Student. I can remember us calling him Scout, not knowing why he was given that name. Sadly, when I got to meet him again it was rather late and it was in this Movement that I met him again. Now I know why we called him Scout. May his soul rest in peace. And may God bless his family.  
Thank you, *Elvis Mdaqa*



**A grace as we start the New Year:**  
For what we are about to do, may the Lord make us truly responsible.  
For what we are about to think, may the Lord make us truly wise.  
For what we are about to say, may the Lord make us truly sensible.  
For what we are trying to achieve, may the Lord accept and bless our efforts.

## ROTARY PRESENTS BRENDA WITH THE VOCATIONAL SERVICE AWARD.



At a recent Rotary Dinner in White River, Guide District Commissioner, Brenda James, was recognised, in the words of the Award Certificate: - "for living out the Rotary Service above self ethic by setting an example through personal effort and dedication to Girl Guiding."

Brenda supported and encouraged their 8 children through Scouting and Guiding. In 1991 she offered for training and became Guider of the 1st White River Guides. Although their children are all grown up, she has continued to help other folks' children get all the benefits of Guiding. As well as sup-

porting her Scouting husband, Dudley through the years as Troop Scouter of 1st White River, and then through his term of office as first Area Commissioner of Mpumalanga, she played a leading role in establishing the new Guide Province of Mpumalanga.

Her whole-hearted commitment to the Guide promise and Law and to the progress of Guiding and Scouting Mpumalanga endears her to young and old inside and outside the movement. She is a very modest lady, who says she cannot see how she deserves the Award, but can accept it on behalf of herself and Guiding, which includes all the many wonderful folk who have supported her in her efforts.

Congratulations, Brenda!

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## OLAVE, LADY BADEN- POWELL'S LAST MESSAGE



Lady B.P. depicted on a Postage Stamp from the Isle of Man commemorating the 75th Anniversary of Girl Guiding in 1985 —one of many Guide (and Scout) stamps issued throughout the World over the years. Should you be interested in Philately, especially Scouting and Guiding, there are plenty of col-

lectors in the World, in fact there are a number of Clubs and Societies, of which SOSSI (Scouts on Stamps Society International) and SGSC (Scout and Guide Stamps Club) are the two largest and most active. Contact Charlie for further details.

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We've all heard or read B.P.'s Last Messages to Scouts and Guides, to Scouters and Guiders and to the General Public—but how many of us have read Lady B.P.'s Last Message? Here it is then, for you! . . .

*Dear Guides, Scouts, Cubs and Brownies and their Leaders and Friends,*

*I shall have left this world when you receive this message, which I leave to express my thanks for all the kindnesses and the affection shown to me, and to say how greatly I have rejoiced over the way in which you have all carried out your share in the work of the Movement that my beloved husband invented, for the advancement of boys and girls of all countries, years ago.*

*I have a firm belief in Almighty God and in*

*the life in the world to come, when he and I will be reunited, and together we shall watch over you who have been enrolled as members of this world family, and go on caring for your progress and your well being.*

*I trust that you will continue fully to use the system of work and play that our Movement provides, keeping up the fun and the friendships made at your meetings and in camps, abiding by the Promise and upholding the Laws that you undertook to live by when you joined up.*

*In that way you will not only advance yourself in body, mind and spirit, but you will affect those around you, in doing what is honourable and right and wise, and in giving out kindness of thought and action, thus striving against all ills and helping to make the world a happier and a better place in which to live.*

*I trust that you will be successful in all your tasks, and may God be with you all in the coming years.*

*Olave Baden-Powell*



## CHOOSING A CAREER AT THE CAREERS INFORMATION DAY.

A very successful Careers Information Day was held at the end of the year, where all the Scouts and Guides who visited, got a new vision of the opportunities waiting for them out there at the end of their school days.

Volunteer Scouter, Benedikt Feldmann, Scouters Dudley James, Jerry Brown, Sue Walden, Lucy Magagula, Guider Audrey Browning and former Scouters, Don Priest and Joerg Hagmeier,



Benedikt discusses a career in Carpentry with Scouts from 1st Revival.

talked enthusiastically of their vocations at the various "bases", on subjects such as Joinery, Wood work, Engineering,, Occupational Safety and Hygiene, Accounting, Auditing and Office Administration, Education, Nursing, Saw-milling and Timber Technology, Project Management and Tourism.

The co-ordinator of the Career's Project, Benedikt

Scouter Sue shows her Chart of Responsibilities in Office Administration.



Audrey shares her experiences as a Nursing Sister with Ranger Guide Constance.

been run experimentally in selected Troops around the Area and proved very successful.

Feldmann, from Gelzenkirchen, Germany, has written a Career's Guide especially for Scouting and Guiding Mpumalanga. This includes 4 progressive Troop programmes which, through games, activities and challenges, begin with discovering yourself and your talents and progress through to your CV and your Interviews. The programmes have



Former Scouter Don gives an insight into Sawmilling and Timber Technology as a Career.



Some of the 500 Scouts enjoying the Match!

## KickAIDS INTERNATIONAL SOCCER!

500 Scouts from all over Mpumalanga (in 8 busses) arrived to watch the Germany under 19 squad take on the AMAJITA - the SA under 19s. The spirit in the stadium was great and the soccer was very exciting with the teams evenly matched. With only 4 minutes to go the Germans scored a goal ending the game 1 - 0 to

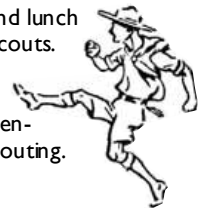
Germany. Well Done!

Scouts and Scouters joined the Nangu Thina choir singing the National Anthem at the opening of the game. Every Scout received a lunch box containing 2 meat sandwiches, 2 sweets, fruit and 2 juices.

This was all made possible through Internationale Weiter-

bildung und Entwicklung (InWEnt) -Capacity Building International, Germany, as well as our friends Lothar Götz and Monika Brand who arranged the provision of the free transport and lunch for all the scouts.

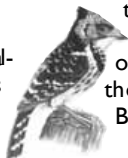
The Scouts thoroughly enjoyed their outing.



## NATIONAL BIRDING BIG DAY

The Guides, Scouts, Brownies and Cubs of Mpumalanga were invited by Birdlife Lowveld, to take part in the Birding Big Day competition at the end of November. This resulted from Birdlife Lowveld's talks to the Cubs, Scouts and Guides at the Summer Camps.

The requirements to qualify was to see at least 5 birds in their home environment or Group meeting place.



Eight groups joined in, namely 1st White River, 1st Secunda, 1st Mhlatsi and 1st Kabokweni Scouts, 1st Secunda Brownies, Nelspruit Ranger Guides, 1st Revival and 1st Tenteleni Cubs.

The Scouts and Guides that took part had great fun and everyone learned a lot., although even with Bird Books and binoculars,



Zulu names.

This is one project which should be repeated as it falls

they had difficulty identifying some birds.

As one Guide

commented, "They fly past so FAST!" The rural groups, who had no books or binoculars had to depend solely on the knowledge of their Scouters.

Many of their birds were identified by their Swazi and



within the ambits of Scouting and Guiding —Learning by doing within our natural environment.

It would be helpful if Groups could be prepared beforehand on how to go about identifying the birds accurately, and also if the rural Groups were assisted with books and binoculars.

Birding can also relate back to the Scout and Guide Interest Badges.

~ ~ Nikki Clark.



## "DEEP DOWN IN THE DARK FORESTS OF MKEKOMUSHA"

—With the night breeze flowing, the songs echo to the mountains" - the words of story teller, Rebs, gripped the imagination at Nyamazane District's vibrant Campfire during their end-of-year Camp. Zweli and Goodman were joint Camp Chiefs assisted by the ± 16 Scouters on Camp. Total attending was ± 100, including a contingent from Nkomazi. The neighbours of Mkekomusha (next to the Ka Daartjie area) were surprised to see Scouting rendering their activities and in a short time the nearby mountain was full of boys and girls watching, and they were willing to join us.

Early next morning more people came in and nearly disturbed our day's plan but we managed to find a place for our activities after the big Parade from Mkekomusha to the main road. More Community members joined us the Scouts Own Service. A word of thanks to all the Guiders and Scouters who helped.

Report by Rebecca Mngomezule of 1st Vulamasango.

## THE ICE CREAM BADGE.



**A BIG THANKYOU to all who forfeited their Ice Cream to support an Mpumalanga Cub/Scout through 2004 and got the Badge!**

**The new 2005 Badge is out now! Make your collection, and Mpumalanga Scouting grow! Remember Ice Cream melts; the Badge won't and neither will Scouting!**





# SCOUTING VERSUS SOCIETY

Special contribution by our **NATIONAL COMMISSIONER FOR SCOUT TRAINING, Gavin Kelly.**

## The eternal battle.

This will appear in Quarterly installments throughout 2005.

**Society** Over the last 15 years society has changed considerably, especially with regard to how it functions and develops. A great contributor to this directional change was the acceptance of South Africa back into the global village in 1994. Our own traditions, character, approach and value system are systematically being imbued with an American flavour. Not only has the way we live changed, but also how we adapt to exist within our ever-changing society.

Whilst the changes of society cause adults to adapt, the youth change into people who seem to be totally different to the older generation altogether. Let's take a look at the general characteristics of the present day youth compared to the Scout programme.

### Youth

- > there has been a reduction in outdoor activities by 30% (hiking, sailing, camping)
- > adolescent group activities take place at malls or in-door entertainment venues
- > 50% of urban middle class primary school children spend most leisure time in electronic amusement areas, at home on computers or watching TV
- > over 60% of urban primary school children don't walk or cycle to school
- > less than 50% of urban secondary school children play sport throughout the year
- > less than 10% of secondary school children belong to an outdoor club or society

### Scouting

80% of the programme takes place in the outdoors and concentrates on:

- > camping, hiking, adventurous activities
- > nature conservation and appreciation
- > open air activities / challenges
- > physical challenges
- > adapting to challenges and tasks
- > forming an identity with a club / activity
- > developing skills in entertainment / learning / acquiring of skills
- > knowledge of own immediate surroundings and home country



## MORE AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS FOR OUR DEDICATED SCOUTERS AND GUIDERS.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NIKKI!



As well as coping with the position of Area Manager, Nikki Clark is now qualified as a Guide Trainer and received her Trainer's Badge and Certificate at the recent Regional Committee Meeting. She is the first "home grown" Trainer produced in Mpumalanga. The other members of the Guide Training Team were all trained at GGASA HQ. Well done, Nikki! (And the Training Team!).

### REBECCA, ANTHONY AND ALFRED RECEIVE SADTU CERTIFICATES.



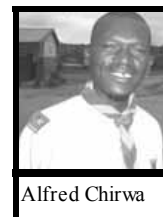
Rebecca Mngomezulu

Congratulations to Rebecca Mngomezulu of 1st Vumalamasango, Anthony Sandleni of 1st Msogwaba and Alfred Chirwa of 1st Sindzawonye, on receiving the South African Democratic Teachers Union's Special Certificate for Voluntary Service rendered



Anthony Sandleni

outside of the classroom. This is in recognition of their dedication and hard work in Scouting with the young people of the Community.



Alfred Chirwa

### CONGRATULATIONS TOO TO SOLITHA THEMBA,

of 1st Tenteleni, who also received the Certificate. It is wonderful to know that there are organisations like SADTU who take time to encourage and say Thank You to our Teacher Scouters! These Scouters all go the "extra Mile" organising District Events, and three of them are members of the Area Training Team

### ~ AND THE WEST HAS ANOTHER SPRINGBOK SCOUT!

Congratulations, Phillip Plant, on getting to the Top by completing your SPRINGBOK SCOUT in spite of all the demands put upon you by your school, your studies and your



sport. Out of the 25 new Springbok Scouts from all over South Africa, one is from Mpumalanga!

Congratulations to your Scouters and to your Parents, who always play an important support role. You now have a very valuable asset to mention on your CV, which will be the key to opening many doors as you journey through life. Well done, Phillip.

### IT'S TIME TO MOVE ON ...

Mpumalanga's Honorary Commissioner and Grandpa of Scouting, Denis Bruckmann and his wife, Sheila, have moved after many, many years of service to the Community, Methodist Church and Scouting in Witbank. They are off to a Retirement Village in Johannesburg to be near their family and grandchildren.



We all wish them both Good Luck and Good Health in their new home. Denis was Mpumalanga's very first Area Chairman, is the recipient of the Silver Protea and 50-year Service Awards.

Those who can, please keep Denis and Sheila updated with the progress of Scouting and Guiding in Mpumalanga.

### 100 YEARS OLD AND STILL PROUDLY WEARING SCOUT UNIFORM!

~ ~ That is Rover Scout Art Wood, of "Scouts on Stamps International" Maple Leaf Chapter, U.S.A. He turned 100 on 16th September 2004 and 3 days later attended the Society Meeting in full uniform!



# DO NOT BOIL THE WATER BEFORE YOU GRIND THE MEAL—Ungaqali ngamanz' impuph' ingakasilwa

*With Acknowledgements, for the 5th article in the series, to the late Vic Clapham and the late Mack Shonge, who wrote the articles for "Scouting Digest"*

*(Write the proverb in your own language on this line.)*

First attend to proper organisation. See to it that the required committees and councils are functioning. See to it that Pack,

Troop and Rover Crew programmes are planned with the progress of the boys in mind. Concentrate on improving the quality of your Scouting Activities. Only the well-organised unit, the well-trained boys, can show that Scouting is good for boys.



## ONE WORLD, ONE PROMISE

Throughout the world, Scouting is educating young people for life, building bridges between the children of those at war, and inspiring common values of peace and friendship across boundaries of nations and religions—through a vision of "One World, One Promise".

28 million young people today are Scouts, in 216 countries and territories around the world. Scouting is a million times bigger than when it first started.

In 2007 Scouting marks its centenary—with World Celebrations, National Celebrations, and the 21st World Scout Jamboree in the United Kingdom, where Scouting was founded one hundred years ago. The year-long Scouting celebrations around the world during 2007 will inspire 28 million Scouts for peace.

Nearly one hundred years ago, in 1907, a national hero called Robert Baden-Powell ran an experimental camp on an island for 20 boys from a wide range of social backgrounds. The experiment was a success and proved that boys were looking for adventure and a sense of purpose. Baden-Powell went on to publish his ideas in "Scouting for Boys", and the worldwide Scout Movement was started.

If you are an adult leader, discover how your Scouts and you can be a part of Scouting 2007. If you're interested in helping at a Jamboree or other major celebration as an International Service Team member, find out what's involved. And of course if you're a Scout, everything in Scouting 2007

is really for you.

Between now and 2007, Scouts around the world will be celebrating the 100th anniversary of Scouting, in a series of World Celebrations and National Scouting Celebrations and at the World Scout Jamboree. These celebrations also provide a launching pad for the second century of Scouting. Through initiatives such as Gifts for Peace, Scouting in 2007 will look beyond its own borders and will continue to help build a better world.

And in the Sunrise Ceremony on 1st August 2007, Scouts around the world will promise to do their best for the future of the earth and its many peoples. Peace is not simply the absence of war. Peace happens because individuals and communities decide to make it happen. From the early days of Scouting, Scouts have promised to be "a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout."

In today's world, the search for peace and justice has never been more important. The mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society. Scouting worldwide is therefore committed to creating a more peaceful world, and to linking with others having similar aims. For a long time, Scouting has been leading initiatives to promote peace and justice—for example

- Scouts in Africa helped refugees, re-educated child soldiers, and cared for orphans in the Great Lakes region.

- Scouts from diverse eastern Mediterranean countries led a "Peace Cruise" which visited countries in the area to increase understanding among young people.
- Scouts from El Salvador ran camps for young people to teach peaceful resolution of conflicts, following grenades being hurled between schools.

"Gifts for Peace" is a major initiative by Scouting worldwide, where National Scout Organisations each run a project for peace between 2005 and 2007. These projects will respond to needs which are important to young people, and will involve young people in both the decision making and the practical activities to promote peace. These Gifts for Peace will then be part of the Centenary World Celebrations, and showcased as part of the Global Development Village at the World Scout Jamboree in 2007.

Join in Jamboree programmes will be run concurrently with the Jamboree in all Scouting Countries, to enable those who could not go, to experience the Worldwide Brotherhood.

The next few years are clearly going to be exciting times for all Scouts around the world. It is not too early to start your planning. For more information about all events and your opportunity to be involved, visit our Scout Web Site—[www.scouting.org.za](http://www.scouting.org.za). Or contact the Area Office.

"For just over 2 weeks we lived a unique experience known as the Jamboree. For me, the opportunity of being exposed to so many nationalities & so many diverse cultures all brought together in the name of Scouting was unbelievable."

- *With grateful thanks to Eric Moffat, Area Commissioner for Dumfriesshire, Scotland, the Author of this article, for his permission to use it in Mpumalanga Sun.*

## GONE HOME † "CARVETH GEACH—A life in Scouting"

ing About's heading for the tribute to one of those special people who gave his all for Scouting—Cub, Scout, Rover. (It was at the Bedfordview/Kensington Rover Crew Meeting in 1959 that Charlie first met Carveth). He didn't stop at Rover Leader, but became a member of the National Scout Council, still serving at the time of his Going Home. That is where Elvis and Dudley got to know him.

Carveth was South Africa's Chief Scout from 1968 to 1973, currently was Vice President of the Association, Chairperson of the Boy Scout Jubilee Trust Fund and Trustee of the Scout Foundation. He was awarded the Bronze Wolf, the World's highest Scout Award. Carveth was a true Scout throughout his business career in the legal profession, and with Mary, his wife and their six children, spent many hours hiking and camping, learning from Nature. Latterly they were able to share in the same way with their grandchildren—a real Scouting family, just like the Founder's family!

Dudley and Charlie, on behalf of Elvis and the Area, joined a packed Church in Bedfordview, Johannesburg, giving thanks to God for the example of one so dedicated to Scouting.

† **OLD "SCOUT" SD**, was a support and encouragement to all in Scouting and Guiding. He would put on his uniform and appear at Pack or Troop meetings and District events around Nyamazane. He did his Woodbabe many years ago with Northern Transvaal Division's Training Team and the late Benny Leeuw, Trainer and Scouting legend. Representatives from Nyamazane District, along with AC Elvis Mdaka, gathered at the family home for a Memorial Service and tree-planting ceremony.

Mpumalanga Area echoes the words of the Nyamazane District: "We express our deepest and sincerest condolences to S.D. Mdluli's family, friends and community. All who knew him will miss his infectious enthusiasm, noble thoughts and kind heart. May he rest in eternal peace, knowing that he left this place a little better than he found it."



## THEME PROGRAMME FOR CUBS AND BROWNIES: B.P.'S EARLY LIFE.

**5min. GRAND HOWL.** Flag, Inspection.

**5 min. INTRODUCTION:** Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell (B.P.), born on 22nd February, 1857; he had 5 brothers and 1 sister. His Father was a Minister of Religion. His Godfather was Robert Stephenson, the famous engineer, who invented the first steam Railway engine. As a very young boy B.P. wanted to become an Engine Driver on the railways.

**10min. GAME: TICKET COLLECTOR.** Pack lined up at the far end of hall/playing area. One Cub is chosen as Ticket Collector, who has a whistle, standing in the middle. The rest, each holding a "ticket" are the passengers. On whistle blast, all run for the train (the other end of playing area). When caught by the Ticket Collector they surrender their ticket and join the Collector in the middle, helping to catch. Game is repeated with the Train at the other end, until one passenger is left. He gets a free ride on the Train!

*B.P.'s Father died when he was 3. His mother had to work very hard to feed, clothe and educate all the children. B.P. said, "It was her influence that guided me through life, more than any precepts or discipline that I may have learnt at school"*

**15 min. WORK SESSION:** Bases or Groups for advancement Badge work.

*Mother taught B.P. his first lessons and he soon began to draw pictures, using either hand. (Show example of B.P.'s sketches).*

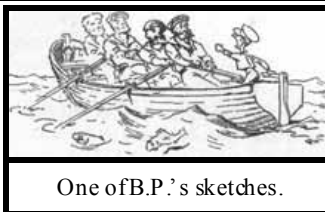
**10 mins. DRAWING RELAY.** Sixes in separate groups, each with large sheet of paper and pencil.

On "go" Sixes run up to Pack Scouter, who has a list of 6 articles to draw, and are given one object to draw, e.g. bicycle. Sixer runs back and in silence draws object, others guessing aloud what it is. Artist may only say "yes" or "no". When object is correctly identified, No. 2 runs up for another object and so on until all six have been drawn. First Six finished wins.

*The family had no money for toys so made their own and had fun exploring countryside and studying the Creatures God has made.*

**10min. SENSE TRAINING ACTIVITY.** Each Six studies a marked off area of ground, about 1 metre square, for interesting natural plant and animal life. List findings.

**10mins. YARN: A YACHTING ADVENTURE.** B.P.'s eldest brother, Warrington, sailor and Skipper; B.P. and his brothers, Crew. Warrington's dream to find a ship in distress to rescue—Good turn—might win fortune in salvage money—great idea! Rest of Crew prayed earnestly—"No poor ship in distress!" But one day the call came! Their yacht anchored in Harwich Harbour—easterly gale blowing—Lifeboat out in answer to distress signal. Baden-Powell's crew under storm sail pushed out to sea; different



One of B.P.'s sketches.

channel from Lifeboat—sea wild, hideous, yellow, tumbling! Sea so big, waves so high, lost sight of Lifeboat. Went on for hours—boat nearly blew over—didn't see anything. Skipper Warrington in his glory, positive—remarked as darkness came—"Good! We'll locate them by the flares." On they went in the darkness, tossed around like a tiny cork in the ocean. Hung on, roped to the boat with enough line to allow each to go about the work he had to do—a real nightmare but eventually reached harbour. Found the lifeboat had also failed to find the distressed vessel—it was picked up by a Tugboat and was already safe in harbour!

With every rough passage—they eventually got back safely—it taught them ready discipline—handiness—keeping one's head in danger - Team work—each playing his part and doing his best to ensure the safety of everybody!

**5min. ACTIVE GAME: MAN OVERBOARD!** Play in small area. Pack Scouter is Captain of a ship in stormy seas. Crew must obey orders: 'Man overboard' -rush to one side to look for him. "To the lifeboats" -all rush to opposite side. "There's a big one coming" - all lie flat on the ground to prevent being washed overboard. The fun lies in the Captain's calling orders very rapidly and naturally mixing the sequence.

**10 mins. TIDY UP.** Notices. **GRAND HOWL.** Flag down, prayers, dismiss.

## .. AND FOR THE SCOUTS AND GUIDES - THE PROGRAMME FROM DAY 3 OF B.P.'S EXPERIMENTAL BROWNSSEA ISLAND CAMP



August 3rd 1907. **OBSERVATION - TRACKING.** Deducing meaning from tracks and sign, etc.

**TRACKING.** For practice in tracking. The instructor should make his Scouts prepare a well rolled or flattened piece of sandy ground about 10 metres square, and make one boy walk across it, then run, and then bicycle across it. Part of the ground should be as wet as if by rain, the other dry. He can then explain the difference in the tracks so that the Scouts can tell at once from any tracks they may see afterwards whether a person was walking or running.

**TRACK MEMORY.**— Make a Patrol sit with their feet up so that any other Scouts can study them. Give the Scouts, say, 3 minutes to study the shoes. Then, leaving the Scouts out of sight, let one of the patrol make some foot marks in a good bit of sandy ground..

Call up the Scouts one by one and let them see the track and say who made it. **FOLLOW THE TRAIL.**— Send out a 'hare' with a pocketful of corn, and instructions to drop a few here and there to give a trail for the Patrol to follow.

**DEDUCTION.**— For practice make tracks of various kinds overrunning each other, such as a bicycle meeting a boy on foot, each going over the other's tracks, and let the Scouts read the meaning.

**TRAINING EYESIGHT.** Draw a dozen or more small squares on small cards Each Scout should take one, have a pencil and go off a 100 metres. The umpire then takes a large sheet of cardboard, with 6cm squares ruled on it. He has a number of black paper discs with pins ready, and sticks about six onto his card, dotted about where he likes. He holds up his card so it can be seen by the Scouts. They then gradually approach, and as they get within sight they

mark their cards with the same pattern of spots. The one who does so at the farthest distance from the umpire wins.

**NIGHT WORK.** This night and the 3 nights following, the boys on Brownssea Island had the greatest thrill of their camping experience. B.P. wrote: "Each night one patrol went on duty as 'night piquet' (from French *piquet*; soldiers serving to guard an army from surprise); i.e. drew rations of flour, potatoes, meat, tea, etc. and went out to some indicated spot to bivouac for the night. Each boy carried his coat and blankets, cooking pot and matches. On arrival at the spot, fires were lit and supper cooked, after which the sentries were posted and bivouac formed. The piquet was scouted by patrol leaders of other patrols and myself some time before 11 p.m. After that sentries were withdrawn and the piquet settled down for the night, returning to camp next morning for breakfast."

## The Buzz of Busy Pack Scouters



sharing ideas and a general jolly good time.

This will be held from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> April 2005 at Lowveld High School.

The Cost will be R80.00 and if you are

interested, please let Sue Walden know at Tel. 013 7526779 (w) or 073 3173548 as soon as possible..

The organisers need to know numbers before the end of February 2005.

Payment to be made by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2005.

All Mpumalanga Pack Scouters are invited to a Mini Pow Wow— a week-end of fun,



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## LOOK WHAT MPUMALANGA SCOUTING 2005 HAS TO OFFER..

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



#### February

18th-20th District **BP** Camps

20th **BP Sunday—Thinking Day**

#### March

2nd Travelling Shop.

14th Training Team Meeting— White River.

15th Area Fieldworkers' meeting.

18th Schools Close

19th-22nd **Training:**

Scout Warrant Course—Nelspruit.

Cub Warrant Course—White River.

#### April

1st-3rd Nkomazi –Tour for Rovers & Scouters.

6th Travelling Shop.

16th Area Management Meeting –Witbank.

19th Area Fieldworkers' Meeting.

23rd-24th **THE BUZZ** - Area POW WOW

#### May

4th Travelling Shop

Deadline for articles for Magazine.

16th Training Team Meeting—Nelspruit.

17th Area Fieldworkers' Meeting.

- FIRST AID AND HIV** ~ Free Group First Aid Kit for Groups who pay Annual Capitation by the end of February. Excellent Training Course for Scouters and PLs in July; also at Summer Camp.
- STARTER KITS** ~ A great way to get your Equipment Box and your Troop and Pack going.
- VEGETABLE GARDENING** ~ Wonderful for Fund Raising,, a Community Good Turn. Plenty of advice and support.
- CAMPING** ~ BP Camps; Patrol Camps, Group Camps, District Camps, Summer Camps.
- BIRDING** ~ Experts at BP and Summer Camps; Birding Course in July. Re-member November Birding Big Day Competition.
- CULTURAL PROGRAMME** ~ Campfire Leaders Training Course In May. Campfires at all Camps, opportunity to arrange a Community Cultural event.
- BOTANICAL GARDENS** ~ Programmes and tours for Scouts and Guides. Visit new Centre. Use Scouting Mpumalanga's EnviroScout Hand books.
- PEACE FOREST** ~ Plant and grow fruit and indigenous trees in the Community. Keep record. Every Scout to plant 10 trees by 2007.
- HIKING (ONLY SCOUTS)** ~ Do Fox's Adventure. Do the Scoutcraft Hiking Badge/ Hike Leader Interest Badge. Total up kilometres hiked per Patrol/Troop for 2005. Will you be the Troop to hike the furthest?
- VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE (TROOPS)** ~ Run the 4 week Vocational Guidance Programmes with your Troop and receive a Certificate.
- SWIMMING** ~ Take part in the SPACE swimming programme. STAGE 1—:Learn to Swim; STAGE 2— Learn to Swim better; STAGE 3— learn to teach swimming.
- CANOEING AND RAFTING(ADULTS)** ~ Do the Charge Certificate Course. Arrange a Group/District Water Fun Day. Take part in Kontiki.
- CLIMATE CHANGE** ~ Study and take part in the National New Climate Change programme. Contact the Area office for details.
- POW WOW (PACK SCOUTERS)** ~ Area mini Pow Wow (**BUZZ**) 23-24th April. Be there for the sharing and exchange of ideas.
- THE NATIONAL CUB AND SCOUT CHALLENGES** ~ Take part. They're fun! They're challenging! They give Community exposure.
- WORLD YOUTH DAY IN GERMANY (ROVERS)** ~ Join with the Youth of the World - July/August. Work at raising funds to go if you are chosen, or help raise funds for someone else.
- JAMBOREE IN MOZAMBIQUE** ~ A mini World Jamboree on Mpumalanga's doorstep! - December. The chance of a life-time. Will you represent Mpumalanga? South Africa?

### Boy Scouts of America annual Recruitment drive—

Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops hold a Scout evening at the local School. Parents and interested young people have an informative fun-filled Pack/Troop meeting together and then sign up afterwards. The Group is sometimes lucky to get a Scouter out of the Staff too!



BAIN'S UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2003, 7.00 P.M.  
REGISTRATION: \$15.40 FOR 18 MONTHS  
BOYSLIFE: \$13.50 FOR 18 MONTHS.

**B.P. ON OBSERVATION:** "A Scout must not only look to his front, but also to either side and behind him; 'he must have eyes at the back of his head' as the saying goes". SO—TAKE A MOMENT OFF (Scouters and Guiders are all busy folk, otherwise they wouldn't be Scouters and Guiders!). LOOK BEHIND AND OBSERVE the part we played in the boys and girls lives in 2004. LOOK FORWARD to an exciting year of Scouting and Guiding in 2005, and to THE DIFFERENCE WE'LL MAKE IN YOUNG LIVES!



### VISITING NAMIBIAN SCOUTS INVOLVED IN CAR CHASE ROUND WHITE RIVER!

Scouting Mpumalanga's car sticker, with it's bright red Scout Badge, caught the eye of a Namibian Scout family visiting White River, which resulted in them chasing a little yellow car round the streets of the town. Lorna and Charlie, oblivious of what was going on, were in a hurry that day—so much so, that Mr. and Mrs. Butcher and

their Scouting sons lost track of the little yellow car! They had already found the White River Scout HQ and needed details of who to contact.

Undaunted, they continued their enquiries and as always in Scouting, a passer-by knew the Scouts and that Rob Buchanan was the Scouter. One phone call set up a visit to the Troop Meeting

that Friday evening, where badges were exchanged, a great time was had by all and a new link established between the 3rd Windhoek and the 1st White River Scout Troops.

(You can purchase your car sticker from the Area HQ. Who knows? You might also be involved in a Scout car chase!)

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

**ON OR BEFORE 4th May** (Don't wait for the Dead-line—give us a report right after the event or activity - BP Camps right now!)

To: PO Box 3629, White River 1240  
or e-mail to [chaty@mweb.co.za](mailto:chaty@mweb.co.za)  
or hand in to the Area Manager,  
Nikki Clark

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