

FIRST KENGRAY BK SCOUT GROUP

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Kontiki 2009: 'The Pirates of the Caribbean'

First Kengray BK again flew their flag high at Kontiki 2009, held from the 6th to the 8th of March at Murray Park in Springs. We achieved 2nd for the supporters camp-site and raft theme and 4th overall. Well done to all the



cubs, scouts, scouters and parents who supported the troop during this event.

We have ensured our place in Chairman's Challenge – an invitation only raft event held



later on in the year – where the troop will almost certainly keep the KBK spirit burning bright.



As seems to have become tradition over the last few years, some of the rovers – Paul, Mel and Ewen – were



involved in the scoring, ensuring a smooth running and fair judging process.

Once more, a special thanks to all who help make this



Kontiki a success – your efforts are appreciated by the group.



Photos are available on the group website: <http://www.firstkengraybk.org.za>



Joint Meeting



As part of our group's plan to have more joint activities between cubs and scouts and to make sure members of all of the group's branches feel part of scouting, a backwoods cooking evening was held on



the 20th of March. Both cubs and scouts got the opportunity to try some traditional backwoods cooking techniques on open fires. I'm sure your sons would be glad to show you how to boil an egg in an orange...



As this event was such a success, more meeting like this are being planned – maybe we will have one where you can join in too...

Important Upcoming Events

- 17TH APRIL: FIRST MEETING BACK
- 16TH-17TH MAY: KIM'S SHIELD
- 22ND MAY: CUB NIGHT HIKE
- 31ST MAY: DISTRICT CHALLENGE
- 19TH JUNE: GROUP'S MID-WINTER CAMPFIRE
- 26TH-28TH JUNE: TROOP CAMP
- 10TH-12TH JULY: PATROL CAMPS
- 31ST JULY: DISTRICT BOOT HIKE
- 14TH-16TH AUGUST: TROOP CAMP/HIKE
- 6TH SEPTEMBER: SPRING FAIR
- 11TH-13TH SEPTEMBER: CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

THE 2009 YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE IS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

Contribute...

Send your photos and/or articles to ewen@scouts.co.za so that we can include them in future newsletters and on our website.

The website is a good place for everyone in the group to have a look at the photos from various group events.

Visit: <http://www.firstkengraybk.org.za/>



Patrol Leaders Training Unit



Becoming a Patrol Leader is a very important step in a scout's career but it is not an easy job. The Patrol Leader has a lot of responsibility and they effectively run the troop under the guidance of adult scouters. Needless to say, this means that they require skills training, and the Gilten Patrol Leader Training Unit is an excellent opportunity for these intrepid scouts. This course, which has been designed by psychologists, is probably the most intense and strenuous leadership training experience for



Scouter Training



Kerry McFarlane attended the Introduction to Adult Leadership course, the first step in the process of becoming an adult leader in scouting. This course is followed by the warrant course, after which a scouter becomes warranted for 5 years. During this time the scouter needs to complete their Wood Badge.

Kerry gave up a weekend of her time to complete this course, for which to group, and in particular the cubs, are very grateful.



"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

George Bernard Shaw



"It's better to light a candle than to curse the darkness."

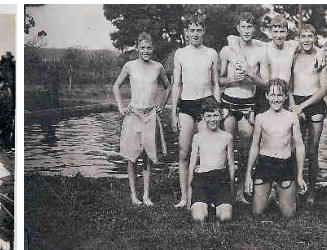
Carl Sagan

More Kontiki Photos...



"All that we are is the result of what we have thought. The mind is everything. What we think, we become."

Buddha



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