

FIRST KENGRAY BK

Scout Group

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Northrand District Boot Hike—Kengray WINS!



Kengray's Cobras Patrol at the river crossing

Scouts had to complete tasks such as a river crossing and intercepting and decoding a Morse code message. Kengray achieved a convincing first and second place.



1st Bedfordview at the river crossing

Kengray hosted the Northrand District Boot Hike on the 31st of July. This year the night hike was held at a venue bordering the Penindaba Nuclear Research Facility. Scouts from our Troop, as well as from 1st Bedfordview and 1st Eastleigh took part in navigating a course that included various manned and unmanned bases.



Paul's Morse Code machine

Well done to Dylan and the boys from Cobras on their first place and to Tyron and the rest of Eagles for achieving second place.

Important Upcoming Events

- 6TH SEPTEMBER: SPRING FAIR
- 11TH-13TH SEPTEMBER: CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE
- 18TH-20TH SEPTEMBER: DISTRICT CAMPING COMPETITION
- 3RD-4TH OCTOBER: DISTRICT PIONEERING COMPETITION
- 30TH OCTOBER: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 12TH-21ST DECEMBER: PATROL LEADERS TRAINING UNIT (FOR PLS AND SECONDS WHO MAY WISH TO ATTEND)
- 5TH-7TH MARCH 2010: KONTIKI
- 11TH-23RD DECEMBER 2010: SENIOR SCOUT ADVENTURE, CEDERBERG

THE 2009 YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD 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/>

Photos from the centenary have been uploaded, and while you're there, checkout the other albums in our gallery.

Kengray Scouts Improve Pioneering Skills



Recently the Scouts have been brushing up on their pioneering skills as the District Pioneering Competition approaches. The Patrol Leaders have assured us that they will once again dominate this competition. These skills will also be put to the test at the Kensington Spring Fair, where we will be showing the people of Kensington that the spirit of Scouting is alive and well.



Patrol Leaders Training Unit—PLTU



Tyron Borrhalho and Dylan Smith—successful participants of the 49th Gilten PLTU

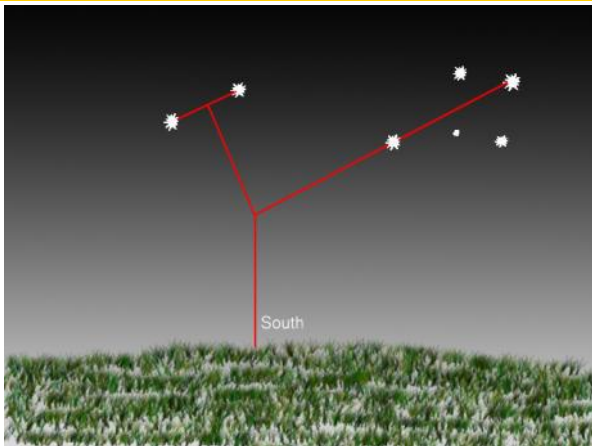
Dylan Smith and Tyron Borrhalho were recently awarded their certificates for successfully completing the Patrol Leaders Training Unit course earlier this year. This is one of the numerous challenge awards that Scouts can earn and is by no means a small achievement. The course runs over about 10 days and has been designed by psychologists to be one of the best leadership courses for young adults in Africa (if not the world).

Congratulations to you both, and welcome to the club – you can now wear the distinctive and sought after maroon “medal” and the distinctive Gilten scarf. The 50th Gilten PLTU course will be held in December and the Kengray Oldboys will be attending the end of course campfire.



Kengray's "recent" PLTU group: Sean, Ewen, Paul, Alex, Robert, Tyron, Dylan, Andrew and Sean.

Scouting Skills—Navigating by Starlight



Cross, and another at 90 degrees from the midpoint between the two pointer stars. Where the two lines meet, drop a line straight down to the horizon—that's South!

Each month we will include a Scouting skill. Some you may know, others you may not but Scouting is about **LEARNING BY DOING!**

We live in the Southern Hemisphere and so one of the recognisable sights in our night sky is the Southern Cross. It is easy to find South using this group of stars (and the two pointer stars found close by). Draw a line through the longest axis of the Southern



"Purpose is something greater than yourself. It changes who you are into who you are meant to be."

Benjamin Earl Taylor Jr.



"The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeing new landscapes, but in having new eyes."

Marcel Proust



"We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and to know the place for the first time."

T.S. Eliot



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