

FIRST KENGRAY BK SCOUT GROUP

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Kontiki 2009: 'The Pirates of the Caribbean'



Kontiki is just around the corner (6th, 7th and 8th of

March) and I'm sure you have all received the letters the committee has been emailing out. Scout parents,



come and support your sons, even if it's just for Saturday. The dinner on Saturday night will be a traditional scouting feast



cooked on an open fire in Dutch Ovens. There are always plenty of things you can help with around the campsite. Cub parents please remember that cubs are most welcome at Kontiki provided you accompany them. Again, if you don't want to come for the



whole weekend, come along on Saturday. The Beaver Challenge is an event planned especially for the



cubs and your son can help earn Kengray BK some points while he participates in the various bases different Scout Troop set up of them. If you require any more information please contact me:

ewen@scouts.co.za.

Visit the Kontiki website for more information: <http://kontiki.scouting.org.za>

Swimming Gala

Well done to all the cubs, scouts and rovers who participated in the district gala. The rovers won their category once again! The Cubs won the novelty category, and missed out on third place by one point. The scouts were third overall. Congratulations to those who did participate, you held the Group's name high. The photos are on the next page... Visit <http://www.firstkengraybk.org.za> for all the photos.

Contribute...

You all take photos at scouting events, so why not contribute to the newsletter?

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/](http://www.firstkengraybk.org.za)



The Trail Begins...



The scouters would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new cubs and scouts who have joined us this year. You have begun a journey that will change your life for the better – **BE PREPARED** for action and adventure! You have joined a select group of cubs and scouts who have had the privilege of being members of our group since we first opened our doors over 100 years ago, in 1908. Welcome to the great worldwide brotherhood of scouting.



Important Upcoming Events

- 6TH—8TH MARCH: KONTIKI
- 2ND-11TH APRIL: PATROL LEADERS TRAINING UNIT (PLTU)
- 16TH-17TH MAY: KIM'S SHIELD
- 22ND MAY: CUB NIGHT HIKE
- 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

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

Kontiki Preparation and Bring-and-Braai



On Saturday 31st January, the Group held a Kontiki preparation session which doubled as a bring-and-braai for the cubs, scouts and parents to get to know each other a little better. We



hope that everyone who came along enjoyed themselves and felt a bit of the excitement that the scouts feel about Kontiki. A special thanks to the parents who



took the time to come along and help out, your sons almost certainly appreciated your involvement in the Group. Remember, don't be a stranger, get involved in Scouting, you won't regret it!



BP Sunday



Every February Scouting remembers its founder, Lord Robert Baden-Powell. This year the event was hosted by the 1st St Benedict's Scout Group (as part of their 20th Anniversary celebration). The scout troop received a Silver Star troop award for all their efforts this past year—well done to the scouts and scouters. All three of the troop's patrols were awarded Bronze Star patrol awards—congratulations to Cobras, Eagles and Lions. Yet another sign that Kengray BK is moving in the right direction. Ewen McAl-



pine and Paul Diessel were presented with their warrants – Group Scouter and Assistant Troop Scouter, respectively.



Troop Hike

Unfortunately the troop hike planned for the beginning of February had to be postponed as too few



scouts were able to make the event. The scouters will be rescheduling it and will pass on the new date in due course. Scouting is about more than Friday night meetings and our focus this year is to show the boys – both cubs and scouts – that the natural resources they



have access to in this country would make most other scouts in the world exceptionally envious. We encourage you to motivate your sons to participate in these events and feel sure that they will benefit from getting away from the city and out into nature.



"Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, either way, you are right"

Henry Ford



"Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character."

Albert Einstein



"Very little is needed to make a happy life. It is all within yourself, in your way of thinking."

Marcus Aurelius



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