

FIRST KENGRAY BK

Scout Group

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Back with a BANG...



Welcome back to the second half of Scouting in 2009 – Cubs and Scouts will resume normal Friday night meetings this Friday (the 24th of July). As you all know Scouts didn't close during these holidays with a number of events being held – more on these later.

We will be starting this term with the Scout Boot Hike – assuming we have enough interest from the other Troops

in the district! More details will follow but briefly this event is a night hike (held from Friday 31st July at around 20:00 until Saturday morning) and this year Kengray will be organising it. It will be held at a venue adjacent to the Pelindaba Nuclear Research Facility – and we need a show of strength with as many of our Scouts attending as possible!

The Scouters are hoping to fill the remainder of 2009 with as much Scouting as time allows.



Important Upcoming Events

- 31ST JULY: DISTRICT BOOT HIKE
- 14TH-16TH AUGUST: TROOP CAMP/ HIKE
- 6TH SEPTEMBER: SPRING FAIR
- 11TH-13TH SEPTEMBER: CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE
- 18TH-20TH SEPTEMBER: DISTRICT CAMPING COMPETITION
- 3RD-4TH OCTOBER: DISTRICT PIONEERING COMPETITION
- 26TH OCTOBER: ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
- 12TH-21ST DECEMBER: PATROL LEADERS TRAINING UNIT (FOR PLS AND SECONDS WHO MAY WISH TO ATTEND)

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

Contribute...

Patrol Camps... The Patrol System in action



The Patrol System is what sets Scouting apart from other youth movements and it forms an important part of The Scout Method. Scouts are organised into Patrols, with adults only acting as mentors and guiding the boys. The Patrol is the unit of Scouting no matter what activities the boys are involved in. Patrol Leaders are in charge of the Patrol and take responsibility for its running—they can delegate duties to other members of the Patrol in order to successfully complete a given task.

These holidays two of the three Patrols went on a Patrol Camp to Saddle Creek, where much fun was had by all who attended. We hope that this is just the beginning of the adventures our Scouts can look forward to in their respective Patrols.

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.

Holiday Scouting—Not What We Usually Do...



Kengray has traditionally (well for the last few years) closed during the school holidays, this

time we decided to keep busy with some activities that don't normally form part of Scouting. Scouting is not just about camping, pioneering and hiking – it is about having FUN with friends – and I hope that those who attended the events during the holidays enjoyed them.

On the 10th of July a number of Scouts (and Scouters) braved the inclement weather (well by South African standards) to played Adventure



Golf. This sport is deceptively tricky and can cause much frustration... It seems to have been enjoyed by most of the Scouts, and I'm sure we will return to give it another go (maybe when winter

has left us).

Friday the 17th of July was movie night – yes, a real movie! Twelve Scouts and Scouters fought their way to their seats in the fully booked theatre to watch the latest instalment in the Harry Potter franchise, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*.



"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness, that most frightens us."

Marianne Williamson



"Though no-one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new end."

Author Unknown

Cederberg 2010—Great Adventure Awaits YOU!



The dates for the next Senior Scout Adventure in the Cederberg have been released. All Scouts who will be fourteen and a half in December 2010 are eligible to attend. Diarise **Saturday 11th to Thursday 23rd December 2010!** This event is certainly not the cheapest

around but it is well worth the money and it will probably be the best experience of your

Scouting career—take it from people who have been before. Almost two week of hiking in some of South Africa's most pristine wilderness while participating in activities such as

mountaineering, 4x4ing and marksmanship.



"The brave man seeks not popular applause, Nor, overpower'd with arms, deserts his cause; Unsham'd, though foil'd, he does the best he can, Force is of brutes, but honor is of man."

John Dryden



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