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Cub and Scout Cook-out

By Christopher Burke



The cook-out took place at the 1st Kengray scout hall on the 20th March 2009. The Cubs were with the Scouts. Each six (which is just the name for a cub group) was with a different scout patrol. We cooked



eggs on a fire. The fire boiled the eggs, it was delicious. We cooked the eggs in oranges. First we had to cut the top of the orange off, then we took out all the stuff in the orange, then we put the egg in and put some water in the hollowed out orange to stop the egg burning. We also cooked potatoes in tin foil. The food took quite a long time to cook. When the food was finally cooked it was very tasty. The cook-out was such fun. I hope we do it again soon.

Scouters Get Their Names



A group as old as ours is bound to have some weird traditions as two of our scouters discovered



recently. When a scout turns 18 he can choose to join the adult leaders and give back to the movement they gained so much from. Traditionally in scouting a new scouter gets a "scouting name" – usually related to an animal that they resemble or a character from the *Jungle Book*. Alex Pope and Andrew Marsh received their names during a scout meeting. Unfortunately



for them, at First Kengray BK getting ones name is a messy process that involves a lot of water balloons, eggs and flour. Welcome to the club Alex and Andrew!

Important Upcoming Events

- 22ND MAY: CUB NIGHT HIKE
- 30TH 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
- 18TH-20TH SEPTEMBER: DISTRICT CAMPING COMPETITION
- 3RD OCTOBER: DISTRICT PIONEERING COMPETITION

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

Contribute...

A big thank you to Christopher Burke for contributing to this month's 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/>

Warming up for the campfire...



Our annual mid-winter campfire is due to be held on Friday 19th June. More details will follow, but in the meantime here is a traditional campfire song for you to warm up with...

Campfire's Burning

*Campfire's burning; campfire's burning
Draw nearer; draw nearer;
In the gloaming; in the gloaming
Sing and be merry; sing and be merry.*

*Campfire's burning; campfire's burning;
Put logs on; put logs on;
Higher higher; higher higher;
Build up fire.*



"Sometimes it takes looking through the haze of campfire smoke to see the world clearly."

Author unknown



Scouter Training

Kerry McFarlane, who completed her Introduction to Adult Leadership course earlier this year, is now on the second phase of her training – her Cub Warrant course. Once she has completed this course, which runs over 2 weekends, she will become a warranted Assistant Pack Scouter. Scouters give up a lot of their time to run a successful cub pack or scout troop and I'm sure that all the cubs and scouts appreciate the hard work that goes into 1st Kengray BK.



"Forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair."

Kahlil Gibran



"If you deliberately plan on being less than you are capable of being, then I warn you that you'll be unhappy for the rest of your life."

Abraham H Maslow



"Great spirits have always encountered violent opposition from mediocre minds. The latter cannot understand it when a man does not thoughtlessly submit to hereditary prejudices but honestly and courageously uses his intelligence."

Albert Einstein

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

Amen

As some of you may know the 1st St Francis Scout Group forms one of the branches on our family tree – St Francis merged with 2nd Kensington to form 1st Kengray Rhodes Park in 1994. It was tradition at St Francis that the prayer of St Francis be said at the opening and closing ceremonies in the troop. We have reintroduced this into 1st Kengray BK.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek:
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;



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