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	18 October	Regatta 4	SSB
	23 October	Group AGM	Scout hall
	24-25 October	Sailing	SSB
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	19 September	District 9-year old Hike	
	23 October	Group AGM	Scout hall
	24 October	Edward Shield Cub Competition	
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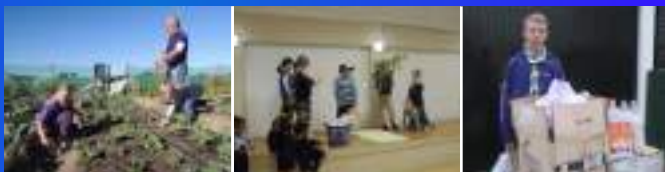
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## 2nd Bergvliet bids Farewell to Dave Crombie

If ever a person has scouting pumping through their veins, it must be our Group Scouter, Dave Crombie. Dave has been passionately involved with 2nd Bergvliet for more than two decades initially as a scout parent, followed by him taking over as Group Scouter in 1998. The Group Scouter plays a key role in the management of both the cubs and the scouts. He is the most senior person who represents the group.



Dave has shown an incredible ability to 'save the day' on many occasions. At a time when our pack was facing a crisis with no Pack Scouter in sight, Dave stepped in. He gave of himself and his time selflessly, holding the fort as Akela for periods in excess of a year. This required enormous commitment, dedication and a true passion to go way beyond what is expected. To be both our Pack Scouter as well as Group Scouter is an enormous task.



Another example of Dave saving the day for 2nd Bergvliet was in 2011 when our group faced expulsion from the hall by the City of Cape Town, the leaseholder. The city was looking for new premises to expand into. Dave literally rallied the troops and at a high-powered meeting with the city executive, they did a complete turn-around. This was the result of Dave explaining the value of scouting to the community.

These are just two examples of Dave's commitment, wisdom and passion for scouting. The real legacy that Dave leaves however is evident in our children. Dave has led, coached, developed and mentored several generations of cubs, scouts, uniformed leaders and scout committees. He has consistently set a high standard, all done while balancing family life and a huge workload. He has given of himself generously and selflessly, all to give our young leaders of the future the best possible chance of doing their best. The strength of the troop, currently numbering 50 scouts and a pack of over 30 cubs, (with more on the waiting list), is a testament to the contribution that Dave has made.

As Dave ends his formal time in uniform, we recognize his distinguished example and thank him from our hearts for all he has done for 2nd Bergvliet Sea Scout Group.

... and 2nd Bergvliet welcomes Peter Otzen as our Scout Group Leader

Peter needs no introduction to us. He is our very own talented Springbok Scout and Troop Scouter of recent years. We are indeed fortunate to have Peter back on board as Scout Group Leader. Peter brings a new dynamic to the Troop; his leadership has been characterised by guaranteeing our children have a lot of fun while pushing boundaries and developing their scouting and leadership skills.

Enjoy reading the rest of your Delta!  
Yours in Scouting



After an extremely exhausting week-end



Sailing on number 18 is a real pleasure

On the Friday before Gordon's shield, our team consisted of one member and the transport arrangements had fallen through. Due to various reasons, most of our patrol couldn't make the awesome provincial camping competition and we were dangerously close to pulling out. The Troop's leadership was scrambled to find a solution. We were however pleasantly surprised by a few of our Scouts, as on that Friday evening three Scouts decided to put up their hands and join in on the weekend's adventure. They saw the Troop needed a hand and they did their duty to fly our flag at the competition. I was truly impressed by the efforts of Hugh Martin Roux, Cameron Schmidt, Tristan Lee and Chad Shepard as they quickly pulled themselves together to make preparations for their adventurous week-end.

I was not only impressed by the efforts of the Scouts, but also the Scouters, as Hugh Martin was only organising his team at the last minute and he was without transport. HM asked Jamie Stewart on Friday evening if he would be able to give up his week-end to truck the patrol and their equipment up to Hawequas and back. Being the man that he is, he obliged. It makes me extremely happy to see people put the Troop ahead of themselves and Jamie showed exactly what 2nd<sup>d</sup> Bergvliet means to him. Thank you Scouts and Jamie for your commitment and living up to BP's name. In the words of the great man, "We never fail when we try to do our duty; we always fail when we neglect to do it."

In the coming months I challenge our entire group to live up to these words. Find a way to commit to the troop in whatever way possible. It not only helps the Troop, but you will gain so much more out of Scouting if you are actively jumping at opportunities as opposed to just passively passing through the movement.

When making commitments in the Scouting movement, I would like Scouts to think about three different levels of commitment:

**Commitment to Self:**

You have a duty to look after yourself and do what you think is best. This can take many forms. You can commit to getting your Springbok, becoming a Patrol Leader, or improving your sailing skills to name but a few. You will never stop learning from the Scouting movement as long as you put in the effort. Having spent over 15 years in the movement, I'm still learning valuable lessons. You should make a conscious decision to improve yourself and commit to this decision.

**Commitment to your Patrol:**

The Scouting movement is the only youth movement that has this kind of system. It gives you the opportunity to learn from, and train each other. This is far greater than being told what to do by an adult. Being a part of a patrol requires commitments. These include helping each other with advancements, listening to your PL, imparting your knowledge, and being there for each other when you're needed. The best patrols are the ones that are committed and your patrol can be the best if you all pull together.



I wonder what they were up to?

**Commitment to your Troop:**

We are extremely lucky to have a large and thriving Troop. With thirteen Scouters and close to fifty Scouts, we can boast to be one of the very best in the country. With this however comes a certain responsibility to attend competitions, make commitments to yourself and your patrol, as well as doing your absolute best. I look forward to seeing you all showing your passion for 2nd Bergvliet in the coming months.

As I sit here, I am blown away that it is already the end of the third term. It's been four months since the Upton Shield, six since Kon-Tiki and eight since Troop Camp. This year truly is flying by but we can still squeeze a load out of the final months before we have the opportunity to start all over again.





The Pack has been busily working on the Community Challenge for the past term. We have participated in several outreach projects. We covered books for the Bookery, an organisation that assists underprivileged schools create and stock a school library. Those adults who have struggled to use sticky plastic will be impressed to hear that after a quick tutorial by Raksha, even the youngest cubs were able to cover several books beautifully! For Mandela Day, we joined in with an event at Manyanani Peace Park in Khayelitsha. We helped weed their extensive vegetable garden and create a pathway with bark chips. Finally, we rehearsed and put on a concert for the residents of Musgrave Park Retirement Centre. We performed some group singing items, and many cubs did individual items including piano, recorder, violin, guitar, dancing, gymnastics and magic tricks. 2nd Bergvliet sure has talent! It was wonderful to see even the normally reserved young ones entertaining an audience on their own.



This term we have welcomed Tim Belcher, Callum, Beth, Michael and Artie to our cub pack!

Tim Patten went up to the Troop at the end of last term. Tikana completed her Leaping Wolf badge excellently and will be going up to the Troop this coming Friday. Thank you Kyle for completing your Cub Instructor badge with 6 months of service to the Pack. We are enjoying having Jess as our Cub Instructor at the moment, and the cubs have loved the stories she has told them about the Jamboree.



The highlight of our year so far was the Pack Holiday at Sunbird Centre, Noordhoek at the end of July. This is the first proper pack camp that we have held in years, now that our leaders have attended the necessary training, and was



the first time away from home for many of our young cubs. We all had a fantastic time and I'm happy to say that there was not one homesick cub or nightmare! Our theme was Australia - "Adventures Down Under", and the Dingos, Koalas, Wallabies and Emus had much fun making dampers, didgeridoos, playing on the sand dunes, using the bow and arrows and so much more. A big thank you to Heidi and Peter Hodgkinson, camp chef and doctor, for spending their weekend with us! Julia Wood, one of our cub moms who works for Cape Nature, helped us to set up camera traps around the camp, and came back to a Pack meeting last Friday to show us what the cameras captured. We were successful in capturing pictures of caracal, porcupine, grysbok, bokmakierie and more.

Dates to remember:

23 October - Group AGM

24 October - Edward Shield Cub Competition

07 November - District 10 year old First Aid Course

4-6 December - Cub Camp





# Penguins Patrol

by Zach Preyser - PL



Hey Yall, Penguins are here: more exciting stories to tell. The term has flown by so fast but not without being busy and adventurous. The Penguins have

been here and there, near and far and in everything we have done, we have really lived up to the scout law and promise. The menace bunch comprise of Zachery Preyser (PL), Dylan Geldenhuys, Michael Van Alterna, Kyle Cato, Connor Stockdale, Ben Smith and Graham Schmidt.

This term I have seen my patrol members grow and mature into strong, courageous and humble men. All of them have excelled in improving their skills and at every meeting we all joll together and have a great time. I want to congratulate the patrol for winning the term. This is a big achievement and it puts us on the run up to winning the patrol stave at the end of the year.

Advancement has never been so good in the patrol, Ben working like a demon on

Adventurer, Graham very close to achieving Pathfinder, Michael, Connor, Kyle and Dylan working hard on their First Class. I am so proud of you guys and as for me I have three more requirements for Springbok.

One of the terms highlights was the troop hike to the scout hut. Penguins and Cormorants started together at Kasteelspoort and had a fantastic time together and at the hut we all jammed, socialised and cooked our meals. I was very happy that the entire patrol came and together we had a blast.

We have to say good luck to three Penguins, Zach, Kyle and Connor who will embark on a journey of a life time. They will be attending the 23rd World Scout Jamboree 2015 which is to be held in Japan. Congratulations to them and farewell. Have unbelievable time and make memorable moments and long life friends.

The term ahead looks promising and I am positive Penguins will have another fantastic term. We might be crazy but we are a special crazy.....PENGUIN CRAZY!!!! Term ahead awaits boys!



# Collection Of Plastic Bottle Tops

by Kyle Cato

I am Kyle, a scout from 2nd Bergvliet Sea Scouts. I would like you to help me collect PLASTIC bottle tops. If I can get 150kg of bottle tops, Interwaste (a recycling company) will sponsor a wheelchair for a child who can't afford one. You can contact my mom to find drop off points in Cape Town. Lashies shops have kindly agreed to be collection points for me. They have branches in the Southern Suburbs, Northern Suburbs and the Helderberg area. If you need more info please contact Cara Cato on 083 415 4380 or email cara@lashies.co.za.

Thank you for your help in my project. If other scout groups, schools and companies can all collect, with your help, we can make a

BIG difference in a child's life. We also collect bread tags for wheelchairs if you want to collect these as well.

Examples of plastic bottle tops: Fizzy drinks like coke etc, lids of long life milk cartons, lids of 2L milk, normal bottled water and Aqua pump lids etc.



# Albatross Patrol

by Jordan Isaacs - PL

Hi everyone . Wow what a term and how fast it has gone by ,along with this year, with great meetings and activities. This has been an especially exciting term as welcome two new members: Aiden Pringle , a keen young man showing great potential and adding great ideas during bases and activities. Tim Patten, a keen cub coming up with great skills and a bright smile. They will make great additions to our patrol. I encourage them to get working on their advancements as soon as possible as it will aid them greatly in the future and rack up some points for star patrol. We need to show the other patrols that Albatross are not to be trifled with. I also urge you all to go on badge courses. As they teach you important skills, they are great fun and you make great lasting friendships. I would recommend cooks and PLTC (When

you are old enough).One of the best things this term was the troop hike. The annual winter troop hike is one of the best patrol /troop bonding experiences.

Nothing beats sitting around a fire with your patrol playing card games while sipping hot chocolate. It was Connor and Aiden's first hike and they loved it.

The start of next term will be very exciting for us Albatross. With Hugh-Martin and I leaving for the 23rd world scout jamboree a once in a life time scouting experience. But I'll tell you all about it in the next issue





## Swifts Patrol

by Chad Corbett - PL



The Swifts Patrol has shown signs of improvement, especially in the new recruits. Chad Shepherd and Alessio Dundulakis proved this statement on the troop winter hike; they proved that they could haul such heavy equipment up the mountain at their young age; well done: I am very impressed! Michael Paarman has made progress in his First Class advancement; he successfully completed his friendship activity and is currently working on his first aid report back. Michael Tiffin is also working on his First Class, he has not

completed any requirements this term but he is making progress. Tristan Lee is also making progress in his advancements, well done for helping me on my community service project. Luca Patterson-Jones has been absent for most of the term; however this is because he has been attending a prestigious soccer club; the Swifts Patrol wishes you the best of luck in your games. I have been making major progress in my Springbok Top Award; I am currently awaiting approval on my final report for my community service project. I also finished my Springbok meal. I believe Swifts has made outstanding progress in terms of advancements and skill. I look forward to next term and all the experiences the patrol and myself will encounter on the Jamboree.

## Springbok Community Service Project

by Chad Corbett

As a part of my Springbok troop award I had to host a 40 hour community service project. I chose that the Kalk Bay Haven Night Shelter to be the venue of my project. This is because I felt that in terms of community projects, night shelters are often overlooked.

On the first day my party which consisted of Hugh-Martin Roux, Tristan Lee, Michael Tiffin, Connor Stockdale and myself. We spent the morning weeding and creating plots for where we would plant herbs, in the afternoon we mixed in the compost and lined the plots with stones.

On day 2 my party consisted of Tristan Lee, Sofia Kluifhout, Serena Kluifhout and myself. We spent the morning of this day painting the shelters first aid box. In the afternoon we planted the herbs and added stones to the pathway in the herb garden.

On day 3 my party consisted of Geoffrey Frost, Connor Stockdale, Jordan Isaacs, Trevor Rochat and myself. We spent the morning

washing down a wall which we would later paint in the afternoon, it was a shock as when we washed the wall the current coat of paint washed off, this made our lives a lot easier as we then didn't need to sand down the wall. In the afternoon we painted this wall once the water had dried up.

On day 4 my party consisted of Geoffrey Frost, Connor Stockdale, Alexander Lee and myself. We did pretty much the same thing as the day before. We washed and painted more walls.

On the final day my party consisted of Geoffrey Frost, Trevor Rochat, Alexander Lee and myself. On this day we finished all painting and added a second coat to all walls. We also added lino to the shelters pantry cupboard.

All in all I feel my project was a great success. We worked solidly from 9:00 till 17:20 every whole day (except for our lunch break). The occupants of the shelter were very appreciative for all the work we had done.

## Chad's Springbok Community Service Project

by Tristan Lee

"I really enjoyed Chad's community service. I felt like it was well managed and under control the whole time. The people at the shelter were extreme kind and offered help whenever needed.

I think that the herb garden that we built will

be useful to them in the future and the newly painted walls looked amazing. I am glad that I was able to help and because of that I feel amazing."

## Being a Scout

by Graham Schmidt

I enjoy being a scout. it has taught me life skills that I would never have known about. We learn how to work in a group, do good deeds for other people, respect nature and how to be independent of our parents. We recently did the mini expedition in the July holidays and since then I really see Cape Town in a different light. Being out hiking out Table Mountain or having fun with other

scouts on the beach, make me see everything through different eyes. I have definitely changed as a person since joining scouts and this is for the better. In scouts I have learnt how to plan and be prepared and always do my best.

We have many experienced scouts in our troop and I hope to one day be as good as they are.



## Kestrels Patrol

by Jono Harrison - PL



Jono Harrison (PL), Trevor Rochat (2nd), Cameron Schmidt, Cameron May, Daniel Preyser, Michael Hobden, David Noble.

The last few months have been action-packed for the patrol. During the holidays several patrol members attended the inter-troop expedition - it was an exciting experience including activities such as snorkelling, paintball and David's personal favourite, swimming in Simon's Town. Cameron Schmidt also attended and completed the Cook's badge course. The

start of the 3rd term coincided with the start of the Scouts' World Jamboree - many 2nd Bergies were lucky enough to be able to go, including our very own Trevor: "Jambo was just undoubtedly one of the best experiences of my life. Meeting new people and being able to see Japan was amazing. I learnt a lot of new things on Jambo and made plenty of memories. It was an amazing experience which I would happily do again." Trevor also made off with 13 Scout scarves from different countries and a Stetson hat! Meanwhile in Cape Town, Cameron Schmidt and David competed in a Regatta, where they managed to come 4th despite the lack of Seniors. The patrol is excited for the new term properly now that all the Jambo Scouts have returned.



## Cormorant Patrol

by Gemma Lea - PL



This term was a fantastic one for the Cormorants patrol! We were lucky enough to gain a new patrol member, Robyn-Leigh. I grant my best for her and her new scouting career! This term we had many courses

which the girls attended and went on a patrol hike up Table Mountain. With a fantastic group of girls we concurred Kastieelspoort Trail and made it up the mountain without injury or trouble. Once up the mountain we lit a fire and enjoyed a warm meal in the Scouts Hut with the rest of the troop. I trust that all the girls had fun on the adventurous sleep-over, especially with the luxury of bunk beds! Thank you to Shana Lewis for Seconding the hike, Sasha Czech for Seconding the group we travelled with, and Robyn-Leigh and the twins Serena and Sophia for making up such a

wonderful group of hikers. I trust all the hikers are formatting their logs and getting ready to hand them over to the scouters for passing their advancements. Thank you to all the parents who lifted and assisted with this event! Next term is sure to be an exciting one as we have Gordon's Shield coming up, a huge camping competition. Term three will begin however with the absence of myself and Julia Coull as we will be away on the World Scout Jamboree. Finally well done to the patrol for an incredible and fully enjoyable term! I'd like to thank my seniors: Julia Coull, Shana Lewis, Alice Sartori and Sasha Czech for assisting me run the patrol! Your support is very helpful and appreciated. And also a huge thanks to my junior members, Anna Chappel, Robyn-Leigh and Serena Kluijfhout for your spirit and enthusiasm and brilliant attendance throughout the term. I would also like to thank the parents yet again for really stepping up and helping with lifting and transporting. Without your support the patrol would be nowhere!



## Kingfishers Patrol

by Jordan Brink-Murray - PL



Hey there 2nd Bergvliet! Is it just me or is this year going by way too quickly? I can't believe how far into the year we already are, but hey, the glass is always half full - right? In these

past few months, the Kingfishers have continued to grow as a functioning patrol. I want to send a huge shout out to Tom for

getting his pathfinder, Marc for arranging his first ever friendship activity, Jess storming along with her first class, Sofia for being awesome, Edelweiss for also being awesome and Rico and Xander for being small enough for me to pick up and carry around. You guys are amazing! This term is gonna be crazy fun, we've got Gordon's Shield, Seamanship and Orienteering all coming up fairly soon, plus millions of stories from our Jamboree scouts just waiting to be shared. So who's ready to jump in to a new term huh? I know I am. All hail the Kingfishers!

## Editor's Report

by Mauro Saporetti

The second issue of the 2015 Delta was dedicated (for many reasons) to Kon-Tiki 2015. I think some of us who have been lucky enough to be part of this winning event for 2nd Bergvliet Sea Scout Group after a 23 year drought, still cannot get over it. Well, we have to as another very momentous occasion for 2nd Bergvliet has just happened, Jamboree 2015. In 2011, 6 of the senior scouts were lucky enough to partake in the World Scout Jamboree held in Sweden. This year, as many as twelve of our scouts have been lucky enough to be able to go to Japan. There are quite a few articles in this issue and we hope that you will enjoy reading the experiences of the 12 participants. I would personally like to thank our Chairman, Rory Rochat, for sponsoring the printing of all of the b/w issues of the Delta. My thanks also to Digital Express (1 Long Street, Cape Town) who have for four years given us discounted pricing for both the colour and the b/w copies of our Delta.

We are still hoping for some parents to come forward with some sort of sponsorship for the printing of the Delta. The group numbers (scouts and cubs) have increased steadily and we are nearly bursting at the seams. This increase is mainly due to the dedication and the commitment of the Troop Scouter, the scout ATs, the Cub Akela and the Cubs' uniformed leaders. We are very thankful to all of them. We are hoping to receive many more articles for the Delta. I think many of the cubs and scouts enjoy reading their own articles and see their photos in the Delta. I hope the parents do too and we encourage the scouts and cubs to collect the black/white hard copies from the hall at the end of each term and take them home.



## Quartermaster's Report

by Mauro Saporetti

The good news about the state of our equipment is that we are almost at a point where costs will be incurred mostly on maintenance and replacement of lost/broken equipment. This is due to a constant upgrading of all the equipment the scouts need (recently we have had for the first time requests from the cubs' adult leaders for the use of gas bottles, ropes and other bits and pieces). We are about to order our 4th tent and the BINGO fund-raising evening will bring us closer to the purchase of a fifth tent. As the scouts' number has steadily increased, we have had to add the sixth patrol, which obviously means that a total of six tents will be required at major events. At the moment, some private tents are being used, although three of our "old" tents are still in fairly good condition, BUT who wants an old tent when you can have a new one. Expenditure for equipment will be far less next year, also due to the Kon-Tiki equipment requiring much less

expenditure. Obviously, paints and props for the next Kon-Tiki competition will still be needed. We have enough gas bottles (when there is enough gas), cooker tops and double cookers to satisfy current needs. We are budgeting for new tip-up doors for the two garages at the Sea Scout Base in Zandvlei, which have our two saldanhas as well as sleeping bunks. The cleaning and maintenance of this facility (especially the maintenance of the two boats) is also adding to the running costs of our group and yearly budget needs to be looked at very carefully. Entering competitions is fairly costly as much equipment is needed, especially as we hope to enter more than one team per competition. If we look after our equipment, we can see our current equipment lasting for a further few years.



Wow, the 23rd World Scout Jamboree was an amazing experience! I've learnt so many lessons, and made friends from all over the world in the space of about 3 weeks. In Japan, I mean how cool is that? Come on, it's Japan!

I was really nervous when I left Cape Town. This was the first time that I was going to be away from my family for so long. After one very long goodbye, I had to leave.

Shakedown camp was pretty cool. It was time to meet the troop (and more specifically the patrol). We stayed at the Gilwell Scouts campsite, in Jo'burg. I was very disappointed to be separated from my friends in the beginning. I got over it at the start of the actual camp though.

After the Joburgies said their reluctant goodbyes at the airport, we were off to Japan! International flights are awesome. Free drinks, snacks, movies and yummy noodle cups. The only problem was my inability to sleep on an airplane. Exhausted, I arrived at the stop-over place in Hong Kong. But my lack of sleep was only beginning. We got onto our flight to Tokyo.

Japan is hot and Japan is humid! Wow! Times summer in Durban by about 5. From the airport, we drove in an air-conditioned-less bus (seriously, what busses don't have air-conditioner?), to Tokyo. The buildings were so interesting, especially the roofs. They all had fancy tiles.

Our hotel was quite nice, (and it had air-conditioning, and that was all that I really wanted at that stage). My room buddies were Kimberley and Bridget. In Tokyo, we went to a huge Buddhist temple, visited Tokyo tower, and various other places. We ate sandwiches and some interesting food (well, my Troop did; I wasn't going to eat tentacles and big

chunks of raw fish).

Disneyland was amazing, it was probably my favourite place.

Next we stayed right next to a lake by Mount Fuji. It was so beautiful! Everywhere you



look, you see green forest, sunlight shining off the lake, log cabins and ancient lanterns. It reminded me of Kung Fu Panda (yes, I know that it's Chinese). At night, there was mist everywhere so you could just make out the shapes of people from the yellow lantern light. It was just so beautiful.

Our final place before the Jamboree site was Kyoto. It used to be the capital of Japan, before Tokyo. We stayed with two of the other troops, so I got to see most of my friends. We saw lots of other Scout Contingents, and I insisted on taking a photo with every single one. We visited the Golden Pavilion Temple, the Imperial Palace and a market. We had

our last meal as a Contingent. Eventually, Tambotie got Tamboon (their mascot) back. We took the Bullet train to Yamaguchi. The British, Brazilian and Finnish Scouts were on train. It was so much fun! We sung and screamed and formed high-five trains in the train.

After that we took a bus to the Jamboree site. We were all filled with so much excitement! With help, I managed to get my 16kg bag to the campsite. We started pitching camp.

Opening ceremony was a bit of a let-down, but it was still a lot of fun. They had lots of famous singers, but we were in Japan, so all the songs were in Japanese (and very squeaky). They raised the flag to signal the start of Jamboree. We all cheered.

We headed back to our campsites. I was social, and started talking to people from other countries.

As the Jamboree went on, the site started to become more and more beautiful. Everywhere you went, you just saw flags from different countries, and millions and millions of tents (I'm exaggerating about the tents obviously, but that's how it felt). I would like to say that Marula had the tallest flagpole on Jamboree, because our flagpole was amazing. I think that the crown should be shared between us and Belgium. Our campsite was next to Ireland, Libya, Sweden and Germany.

We had modules, which were like full or half day bases. I would like to talk about all of them, but then I'll take up another few pages, so I'll just talk about the one that stood out the most. I didn't really want to go to Hiroshima in the beginning, but the Peace module turned out to be my favourite.

We had a 2 hour bus drive to Hiroshima. We went into the museum. It was so sad. The



whole place was filled with memoirs of people who died, things that were found after the bombing, and studies of what the radiation poisoning did to people. We saw the cranes that Sadako folded, wishing to get better (if you don't know the story you should really look it up.) I was almost crying, along with 2 other people in my patrol. It was so sad, but it was an amazing experience.

We walked around the area outside the museum. I saw the cranes that people left around the statue of Sadako, and put a few cranes there myself. I saw the destroyed dome of one of the original buildings that had been damaged. I rang the Peace Bell. Later, we went into a big lecture hall. There



were about 500 of us per hall. We watched a short video about the bombing. Two ladies on stage read us memoirs of the bombing, written by people who were actually there. The story affected me the most, it was so beautifully written, but in an almost cruel way. Then, they asked if anyone from the audience (us scouts) wanted to come up and give a message about peace. I was the first one to stand up.

My hands wouldn't stop shaking. Not only were there the hundreds of people that I could see from my seat, there were people above the ceiling too. I was terrified. But, there was a sort of unity between the people who were brave enough to stand up on stage, and that made me feel better. I patiently waited my turn on stage, and then I went to the microphone (which was too short for me). I talked about how I could relate to how war affects people, because of my dad. I told the crowd what happened to him, and now that we are all in the same room, we should take back the messages of peace to our home countries, and prevent more pointless deaths. It was terrifying, but I felt like I had to do it.

I was still in shock afterwards. We went back to the campsite by bus.

Culture day was amazing, I loved trying food from all over the world. The arena show was pretty cool. I loved the air show, and the one English song that was played.

Closing ceremony was interesting. The music went from a band of anime character-looking girls called C-ute, to a full on Rock Star. The flag was lowered, and my troop chanted "One more week!" Well, I suppose we got our wish. The fireworks were amazing: I love fireworks.

Marula left later than the other troops. When



we got to Tokyo airport, our Troop Scouter told us that our flight to Hong Kong was delayed by 4 hours because of a typhoon. Oh oh. Oh well, at least we got food cards. I had the most delicious ramen noodles, and Starbucks.

We landed in Hong Kong at 1 in the morning. I was very tired. We had breakfast at Mac Donalds (it was the only place that was open). We missed our flight to Jo'burg, so we were going to have to stop over in Dubai. The good news is that we got to fly on Emirates.

After our stop-over, we arrived in Jo'burg. I will shamelessly say that I cried when I had to say goodbye to my patrol. The Capetonians, Durbanites and others got to stay in the City Lodge Hotel. After sleeping on the floor for 12 or so days, it was amazing. I had two beds, a bathroom that I could actually stand in, a flat screen TV and a kettle!

We had to wake up at 4 the following morning. We were all exhausted, but excited to get home. We flew back, and had a private welcome home party, Marula exclusive.

## Jamboree Report - Chad Corbett

I found the Jamboree to be an eye opening experience to the rest of the world's ideas of Africa; it was a surprise to see Americans and Europeans asking if we have cars or do we ride Zebras to school. I really enjoyed the pre-tour as I found the sights interesting but also and more importantly the shopping for electronics and souvenirs. The Jamboree sight itself was also fun, I found trading more enjoyable than the activities except for the activity when we went to the junior school; it was touching to be lead around the school by excited children who couldn't speak English. The Jamboree was the best experience of my life; however now I have a fair amount of School work to catch up.

## Jamboree Report - Michael Paarman

The world Scout Jamboree is the greatest cultural gathering that could possibly be devised. The 12 days at the WSJ gave me more knowledge and international awareness than my 9 years of school.



## Jamboree Report - Michael Tiffin

The Jamboree was a life changing experience. I had so much fun and I learned so much about Japanese History and Culture, it was amazing meeting other people from different countries, sharing our experiences and learning about other countries culture. I am extremely grateful for this amazing experience.

## Jamboree Report - Kyle Cato

What I enjoyed most about Jamboree was the pre-tour. We went to see many sights of Japan and walking around their cities. In Tokyo we went to Disney land and I did some rides. At Mount Fuji we went to the beautiful Hakone shrine by the lake Ashi. In Kyoto I enjoyed going to the Temple of the Golden Pavilion. It is a Buddhist temple. We went to traditional restaurants and ate Japanese food with chop sticks. I also enjoyed seeing the Statue of the Japanese Samurai warrior and hero in Kyoto. We got to see geisha girls in their traditional clothing. My highlight of the actual jamboree was going to Hiroshima but I was disappointed I couldn't go to the actual Hiroshima Peace memorial which was the only building to survive the atom bomb 70 years ago. I enjoyed meeting scouts from all over the world.



## Jamboree 2015 - Japan

by Jordan Brink-Murray

Jamboree was the best experience of my life. I know you must have heard that several times by now, but there really is no words I could use to describe those 3 weeks. I'm going to try and come at this from a slightly different angle. Of course the culture was amazing, the community projects marvelous and the meeting of cultures from around the world indescribable, but looking back, there was one particular aspect that will stay in my mind forever. I was a member of the Puff Adders patrol in the troop Baobab (the undoubtedly coolest troop around), along with Chad Corbett and Zach Preyser.



During the pre-tour, baobab stayed in Tokyo's shopping district, Ginza, and bonded over Pocari Sweat and the constant fear that either Zach or myself might lose consciousness at any moment.

Once at the Jamboree itself, Baobab ran the northern hub, becoming famous for our loud singing, colorful flag capes and frankly obnoxious vuvuzela blowing. Looking back now, those 40 people, became more than just a troop to me, they were my family, my home, my best friends.

For everyone who has never attended a Jamboree, you might expect to make great friends from different countries, and I implore you to do so, but remember that your troop are the only people who go through the whole experience with you. Please, I beg you, don't take your troop for granted. They love you, and deep deep down, past all the frustration and annoyance, you love them too.

## Jamboree 2015

by Trevor Rochat

Jamboree was an amazing experience and one which I will always fondly remember. Being able to see the beauty of Japan and experience the culture alone was memorable. With Jamboree itself, the vibe was amazing. Everyone was friendly and truly embraced a spirit of unity. You could walk into any campsite and make friends. Everyone was accommodating and friendly despite culture and language barriers. With some interesting activities both on site and off site the jamboree where we all learned a lot. Jamboree was amazing, while the extreme heat and humidity was one of the few problems, a Jamboree was amazing. It's an experience which I would instantly repeat if I could.



## Jamboree 2015

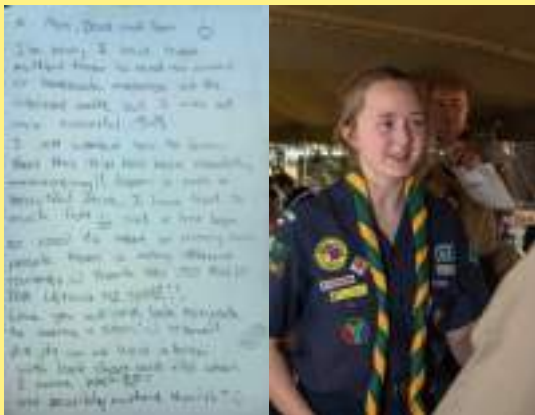
by Gemma Lea

Jamboree 2015 was an incredible experience that really changed my perspective of issues in the world and my understanding of what motivates the world and how it is run. It also opened my eyes on the different cultures in the world. Spending an entire ten days immersed in cultures and people from all over the world was mind blowing. I didn't understand what the hype about Jamboree was until I was on the bullet train on my way to the campsite. An entire train of scouts from Finland, England, Brazil and Scotland were shouting and chanting around the train, all having fun together. When we arrived we found that everyone was so excited to be there and make international friends that all borders between countries fell and everyone was socializing with everyone. If I have brought anything back home with me it would be the message that everyone no matter where they come from has something in common with you.



## Jamboree 2015

by Julia Coull



## Seamanship 2015

by Trevor Rochat

This years seamanship was undoubtedly eventful. Despite numerous set backs 2nd Berg was able to pull together a team with help from 1st Berg and Muizenberg. Seamanship comprises of cooking on the first night which the team did well in. On the second day which we struggled at Pulling and finally sailing on the last day, wind permitting. What started out as a calm day, turned into extreme weather with very strong winds and large waves causing very rough sailing

conditions. The races were called off eventually after one boat capsized and another's mast snapped. Thankfully number 18, our prized boat was not damaged. No one was injured and at least 2nd Berg was able to compete in Seamanship. placed 6th. Despite numerous challenges 2nd Berg pulled through and was able to take part. Members were Trevor Rochat, Jono Harrison, Michael Paarman and Connor Stockdale.

Here is a question for you: do you believe it was right to have dropped the Atom bomb? I know most of you will say yes and I will not say you are wrong, but I want you to think about it for a while then make a decision, you might change it or stay with your original answer or even debate between the two. Well I was honoured to represent South Africa and Scouts South Africa at the 70th Anniversary of the Atomic Bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. I represented the country at the Nagasaki Peace Forum and Memorial service which was held on the 5th and 6th August 2015. Another scout, Imke Muhr, represented the country at Hiroshima. The experience was breath taking and it opened my mind and enhanced my knowledge about the happenings of the Atomic Bombings. One representative from each country on Jamboree attended and I had the opportunity to make new and long life friends. I was again given the honour and privilege to present flowers with the Japanese scouter at the memorial service. I felt very proud and I did my country proud. Probably one of the most

heart-breaking and emotional moments was when we visited the Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum. I took pictures but seeing broken and twisted bits of metal, disfigured statues, pictures after the bomb hit and pictures of casualties suffering the after effects of radiation and heat injuries was an intense and powerful experience. It was mortifying to see what one human could do to another. How much hatred did one have to do such a deed? We then moved to a conference hall where various guest speakers came and spoke to us and we got time to meet everyone. One of the Japanese High Schools came and performed a Dragon dance for us and it was beautiful. Our talks and discussions revolved around peace and Nuclear power. Did you know there are still 9 countries with atomic weapons? This was mentioned to us and everyone was very surprised. We had the opportunity to name which countries those where, and I stood up but I didn't give them a country with these weapons but the only country who disarmed all their Nuclear weapons. Feel proud everyone, South Africa was the only country to

disarm all their Nuclear weapons and that is something to feel proud about. As representatives of our countries we were taken care of, 5 star hotel, food buffets and certain privileges. It was really nice and I must commend the organisers for all their hard work in getting this event ready. On our last day one of the survivors came to share his personal experience about the bombing and it was...there are no words from me to describe how sad I was. I cried. I can't imagine what he went through but the way he told his story made me feel I was right there with him and he had a slide show showing up photographs. His speech has made me more humble and made me realise how fortunate I am to be living in a country and world where war is coming to an end and world peace is being embraced. Our final activity was in groups with children from the Japanese high school; it was to express our ways of how we could make the world a better place. I had fun sharing my ideas and we all drew pictures on our big

colourful paper flower. At the closing ceremony, I stood up on stage for my group and shared our group's ideas with everyone else and this was repeated in Japanese by one of the Japanese's children in my group. There was then a performance with dancers and music and all the Jamboree scouts got up and danced as well. Photographs were taken and then it was time to say good bye. I was given a piece of paper and asked to write something meaningful on it for everyone at the forum to remember. I wrote this, "What if you woke up tomorrow with only the things you thanked God for the previous day." I also want you to think about this for a while and take the time to think about what and who you have in your life and to appreciate what you have. This experience has made me a more humble, understanding and down to earth person and I want to spread world peace throughout the world. I am proud to have been the countries representative and proud to be a scout!

## Being an ATS as well as first year student by Kyle Corbett

Being an Assistant Troop Scouter (ATS) at 2nd Bergvliet and studying a BSc. in Food Science (no- it has nothing to do with becoming a chef or a dietician) at the best University in Africa, the University of Stellenbosch, (I'm expecting some sneers from the UCT scouters) is quite a unique and interesting role that is not quite as simple as it seems. Finding a balance between studies, sport, scouts and some extracurricular activities has proved to be a bit of a challenge this year but I feel that one of the contributing factors to me coping with the challenge is thanks to the skills and experiences that I've had in scouts. Being the Patrol Leader of Penguins and going on some great courses such as PLTU taught me or at

least assisted me in time management and planning ahead. Those skills have allowed me to find an almost perfect ratio between my student lifestyle and giving back to a movement that has afforded me so many unique and amazing experiences. Although I cannot make every meeting I try and make sure that fun is had by every scout at every meeting that I attended or run. Scouting is an opportunity that can provide literally an unlimited amount of opportunities and experiences. I encourage every single scout to make the most of all that scouting has to offer. Get out there and explore, have fun and make fantastic memories.

## Table Mountain Hike by Ben Smith

We got to Table Mountain and I put my bag on my back and started walking. It was very hot on the mountain. Everybody took a break to eat and drink. At that time the sunset was amazing and the sea was shining from the sun. Then we went high up the hills and it got steeper and steeper. The wind started howling and it got cold. Night fell and the mountain got damp. We had to take out our torches to see. As we were walking we saw the dam. We got to the hut and I had to sleep on the floor but I got

some sleep. I woke up at 6 o'clock and started packing my bag. At 7 o'clock we left. Everyone was packed to leave. We walked down and at the end we ate cake. I had so much fun and I hope I can go again!

## Best Camp in the World

by Callum Hodkinson

The best thing was making dinkum dampers and playing all the games, especially shooting the tins with a bow and arrow. I liked making the clap sticks. I loved setting up the cameras; I hope mine will see a caracal. I also liked singing songs at the camp fire. My six was called the Wallabies and we were red. The campfire skit my six did was called the Invisible chair and it was very funny.

## 2nd Bergvliet go camping again

by Kieran Hodkinson

I liked digging a deep hole in the sand dunes at the camp. I loved shooting using the cross bow and also throwing the boomerang. I was in the best six ever I was the seconder of the blue Emus. Our skit was very funny; we popped a banana instead of folding a bandana (you had to be there to get the joke!). I enjoyed playing capture the lantern you had to sneak up on the lantern, which Baloo was looking after, without being seen or heard. I managed to do it the second time round. The very best thing about camp was making the dampers; and they tasted delicious!!!

## Best Camp

by Thomas Zellie

The best part was hunting the lantern in the dark. We had to sneak up and touch the lantern without the light shining on us. I was caught the first time, but got to it the second time. Almost all the Koala's got there!

## My Camp Experience

by Devante Downey

Wow! The camp we went on a week ago was so awesome. It was my very first camp with my fellow cubs. We went to the Sunbird Education Centre, it was so nice there; we were surrounded by mountains. We also went up the sand dunes; it was great fun. We ran up and down the dunes and I felt so energetic and alive. We slept in dorms and it was actually quite nice. My favourite meal was every single meal! I love good food and I must compliment the chef and say thank you for the wonderful dishes you have prepared for us. The real highlight was when we sat around the camp fire and sang a whole lot of songs. My favourite song is gooli gooli watcha! This was really a nice experience. I can't wait to do it again. Thank you Akela for organising such a cool camp.

## My Favourite Camp

by Matthew Henshilwood

My favourite part of the camp was when we had to find marshmallows and when we made smores. I also loved playing capture the flag on the sand dunes.



## Down Under Camp

by Amy Kalis

I went on a cub camp on the 24-26 of July. The theme was Australia. On the 24 of July, which was Friday, my mom took me to sunbird centre (the place where we had the camp). In the girls dormitory there were lots of bunk beds. I chose a bottom bunk and unpacked my things. We had grand howl outside and then we all got sorted into sixes. The sixes were wallabies, dingos, koalas and emus. I was a seconder in the dingos six. Later we all made a musical instrument from Australia which was clap sticks. We all got some flat sticks and painted them in aboriginal art. Then everyone had supper and after supper we had fruit salad and custard for desert. After supper we washed up and went to bed.

The next morning, each six got a pot with some oats in on a gas stove. We all made our own porridge for breakfast. After we had washed up later we hiked to the sand dunes and had lots of fun sliding down on our tummies. When we came back we had hotdogs for lunch. They were very yummy. After lunch we all made digiridoos which is an Australian instrument. To make them we got paper towel rolls and painted them in aboriginal art. Then in our sixes we went to Raksha first and did archery. Then we went to Akela and did a catapult thing where you had to try and shoot the tins. The next person we went to was Baloo and he had tied lots of ropes to trees and we had to try get in, then out, then in through the other side, then out, then in through the other side. It was hard in some places. The last person was Rama; we split the six in two groups and had to make stilts out of ropes and two pieces of wood that already had holes that you could put the rope through. We had to race against each other. Then we had a knot competition. After that we made our campfire badges about the camp. We had to make a pattern with red and yellow kokis and then put surgical spirits on. It

made the pattern spread out and the colours blend in with each other. We then went to look for animal footprints and found a whole lot. In our sixes we made plaster of Paris and plaster cast of the animal footprints. When it got dark we played stalk the lantern. It was so much fun. Then we had a campfire. Everyone sang lots of campfire songs and some Cubs and I led some of the songs. After that we went to look outside for "meteorites" which were marshmallows wrapped in tin foil. We braaied them on the campfire and made smores by putting the marshmallows on a marie biscuity with chocolate on top and then putting another marie biscuit on top. They were delicious!!! The following morning we all had to pack up. We had egg and bacon rolls and hot chocolate for breakfast. Later on everyone went to the campfire place and we had a Cubs Own. It is a special ceremony almost like church. Then we had grand howl. We got our campfire badges that we made. Lauren, Harry and Daniel went back to England. We went home. It was an amazing camp and I loved it.



Hi, everybody!  
 On the 24th to the 26th of July we had a CAMP!  
 and I am going to tell you all about it.  
 (Friday)

Today we got sorted into our sixes by the sorting hat!  
 The sixes were the Dingos, Koalas, Emus and the Wallabies.  
 After that we did our chores and then we had quiet time for 45 minutes.

(Saturday)  
 Today we had breakfast, got dressed and went to the sand dunes for about an hour!  
 After we got back we did bowing arrow and cross bow shooting, through the rope and walk the plank. A bit later we had lunch and had rest time.

Later in the evening we prepared skits for the campfire in our sixes (that was my favourite part). Later on we made trails for the other sixes.

Two sixes at a time for 30 min then we swopped and did a thing with sticks and string where you make a picture from North, South, East and West instructions.

It will take forever to tell you everything! So I will tell you this.  
 I really enjoyed camp and I'm sure you would to!

P.s  
 I can't wait till next camp.



Sunbird centre cub camp was my favorite camp.  
 For three weeks I counted down the days, and then the day before the camp, I packed up and got everything ready. When I arrived at the camp I was welcomed by the cubs and told where to put my stuff. After a while we were asked to meet outside for grand howl, then we were grouped in our sixes and I turned out to be a sixer, we were called the Emu's. After a delicious supper of lentil stew, we sang some songs, played some games, and panted clap sticks. Then we brushed our teeth and went off to bed.

The next morning we woke up very early and started the morning with some exercise, then had our porridge which we cooked on gas stoves.

We played some games; my favorite was archery, because I kept on hitting the cans over. After that we went to the sand dunes and we all went sliding down on our stomachs, Amy, Gwyneth, and myself buried each other in the sand and made a mermaid's tail at the feet, we also tried to make a Siamese twin with Amy and Gwyneth next to each other with only one tail.

Lunch that afternoon was hot dogs which was very nice because we were very hungry. Quiet time was not that fun but I really needed it! We told each other stories and soon it was over.

That night was camp fire, and each six did a skit, I think that it is impossible to choose which was the best; we all were sore from laughing so hard!

Soon after we had a treasure hunt for our marshmallows. We all had two each and then we put a marshmallow in between two Marie biscuits with a piece of chocolate.

Stalking the lantern! My favorite. We all got on our stomachs and began to crawl up to the lantern, I made it both times we played, and it was really fun! Stalking made us tired so we went off to bed.

The next morning we made the camp badges and fires, and then we made stick bread and ate it with strawberry jam.

The winners of the camp were the dingos. But we all had fun and that is the most important thing.

I would like to say thank-you to all the people who made the camp so fun, Raksha, Baloo, Rama, Akela, Chef Heidi, and everyone else who helped.



## A Cub's Camp Poem

by Bernadette Goemans

Tho' this was only my first  
 From all the fun my mouth could burst  
 Never was there a better camp  
 We didn't have to sleep in the cold and damp  
 Like most dormitories  
 There weren't even any fleas!  
 I thank you all who made it fun,  
 I wish I could give you a hot cross bun.

## Cub's Camp

by Eric Leach

At the camp I had lots of fun and the food was very nice. I saw a lot of friends and made some new ones. The most fun activity was "stalk the lantern". I got 20 bones for my group and it was fun crawling in the dark. It was fun seeing my mom and putting up the camera traps. I can't wait to see what animals we got on them.

by Tikana May

The best part of camp was the camp fire. I and all the other sixes lit the camp fire. We sang songs and did skits. We made smores and had hot chocolate. It was a lot of fun.

## Cub's Hike

by Emma Belcher

1st Meadowridge and 2nd Bergvliet Cub Hike 11th and 12th April  
Michelle, the Akela at 1st Meadowridge and Raksha, from 2nd Bergvliet arranged a 4 hour hike up Table Mountain and then a sleep over in the scout hut, for some cubs from 2nd Bergvliet and 1st Meadowridge on the 11th and 12th of April. Jim Cairns (Akela from 2nd Fish Hoek) came along as 'Dad' for the hike. There were 2 girls and 8 boys on the hike and we only had 10 year old ones on the hike because we were sleeping over in the scout hut. I think that was the best part. The cubs from 2nd Bergvliet were Chiara, Hiram, Daniel and Thomas. On the way up Raksha told us lots of interesting stories about imaginary adventures, our fears on the mountain and we also looked out for wildlife. We saw hummingbirds, sweet birds and a dassie. When we were crossing the bridge we found 2 boys: Heath and Benjy. Heath hurt his ankle so Benjy was carrying him, so we all

helped fix Heath's ankle with a bandage and then helped him to the top. Was all a trick as Benjy and Heath were actually cubs from 2nd Fish Hoek, but at least we learnt a lot from the 'accident'. We crossed the Alexander and Victoria dams on the top of the mountain and saw that a few dams were dried up. Everybody had to collect 10 leaves and my group (the Ericas) had to find where we were on the map. We looked at the surroundings and had to find particular places on the map using a compass. When we arrived at the hut, we cleaned out the hut as it was in mess and then we helped Akela make Spaghetti bolognaise for supper and we had a choice of cornflakes or French toast (my favourite !) for breakfast. On the way down we thought we heard a snake but it was actually a hosepipe with a leak in it I had a fantastic and magnificent time!

## Table Mountain Hike

by Alessio Dundulachis

My brother and I did the Scout Table Mountain Hike up Kasteel Nek. Chad was our patrol leader. We saw the sunset and we had fun. I slept on the floor after I got booted from a table. Chad made us a great breakfast. Then we went down with the whole troop. We had a great time.

## Sewing

With the help of some cub parents, we made mess bags for our camp as part of our homecraft badge.



## Mandela Day

by Sienna Crida

On the 18th of July (Mandela day) 2nd Bergvliet cubs went to Manyanani Peace Park in Khayelitsha. 7 cubs were there! Chiara C, Eric L, Matthew H, Gwyneth R, Emma B, Tim B and I, Sienna C. Our jobs were weeding, raking wooden chips into a path, getting the wooden chips by wheelbarrow and loading the chips into the wheelbarrows. We did that for about 1 and a half hours and then we had a snack. After that, we weeded for 20 mins. We found 5 ladybugs in the veggie patch.



## Mandela Day

by Eric Leach

At the Mandela Day, we put down the plants that we brought and the kind people gave us some herbs. After that we took turns to do jobs to help the people. The jobs were weeding, shovelling wood chips and spreading them out. After all the work, we had some lunch and some of the cubs brought marie biscuits and chips for us to eat. When it was all finished, I packed up and Danielle took me back to my Dad. I enjoyed it and it was good to help.



## International Evening

As part of our community challenge we held an international evening to find out about other cultures. We learned about the food they eat, the dances they do, and learned how to say hello in other languages.



## Famous Scouts

by Mauro Saporetti

Since Scouting began a large number of successful people from various walks of life were Scouts. Scouting has shaped the lives of many individuals worldwide, and these individuals have found ways to make their mark in society. Many of them credit their past involvement in the Scouting Movement as an important part in their success.

Did you know that of the 294 men and women selected to be astronauts since 1959 to 2005, more than 180 have been Scouts and of the 27 men to travel to the moon on the Apollo 9 through

Apollo 17 missions, 24 were Scouts, including 11 of the 12 men who physically walked on the moon's surface, and all three members of the crew of Apollo 13 mission, that had its oxygen tank explode meaning the landing mission had to be aborted. On a sadder note all three of the astronauts who died in the Apollo 1 fire, four of the seven who died in the Challenger launch explosion, and five of the seven who died in the Columbia re-entry explosion were Scouts.

## Memories & Quotes from former Scouts



**Bear Grylls**, adventurer, TV presenter and the UK Chief Scout got involved in Scouts as a Cub at the age of 8 and attributes this time as part of the inspiration behind his adult adventures presenting TV shows such as *Born Survivor*: 'So much of who we are as an adult is formed when we are kids,' said Bear. "What Scouting says to people is: it's okay to go for it in life". "Every child has a right to have an adventure. Life is about grabbing opportunities. The prizes don't always go to the biggest, the best and the strongest - they go to those who persevere. These are simple life lessons that Scouting teaches people." (OK Bear is still a Scout, but was added to this page because he was in Scouting as a Child and it is those skills he learnt that

**Richard Branson**, Founder of the Virgin brand, is quoted as saying about his time in Scouts "Scouting got me away from the desk, got me doing useful, fun & exciting things; thinking back it taught me more things than school ever did". "Great fun, great adventures. Lots of outdoor activities which I love. Experience of leadership. Never could learn how to tie a knot though!"



Former Scout, Political Prisoner & Former President of South Africa, **Nelson Mandela** had this to say about Scouting "The Scout Movement is a world leader in educating youth. Scouting inspires patriotism, sound moral values, courage, character-building, self-reliance and community awareness. It also motivates our young people to achieve their full potential."

## Anecdotes from the Archives

What was happening in 2nd Bergvliet 20 years ago in 1995? Here are a few snippets.

Troop Log: July 1995 - September 1995

The July Sea Scout Regatta was one where everything mostly went right. Both No 6 and No 18 were entered in the regatta. We were pipped in the junior pulling and came second. We won the senior pulling with the crew comprising Mark Langley (Cox), Adam Schafer, Sean Nagle, Gunther Henshilwood and Philip Solomon. The first junior race has won with Damien Petersen at the helm and second in the second junior race. Mark Langley came third in both races in the senior sailing. I won the Scouters race. At the end of the day we won the Binnacle.

The Seagull Trophy was held in August and involved a hike with bases along the way to test Scouting skills. The hike was from Constantia Nek over Vlakkenberg to the Tokai arboretum. Some of the bases were a quiz, cooking a soft boiled egg, a panoramic sketch and an obstacle course. Swift Patrol with Mark Langley (PL) won the inter Patrol competition. The July census showed we had 50 Scouts, 36 juniors and 14 seniors.

The Beaver Rose Trophy was well supported by the Troop and we entered 5 Patrols. One of the interesting bases was to roast two chickens on a stove over a fire. We came 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th which was an almost unbelievable result which could not be bettered. Neil Shelly (PL) won the competition with his Seagull Patrol.

The Seamanship competition was held at Gordons Bay at the navy base. The senior Patrol comprising Savvas Bizinos, David Glass, Philip Solomon, Mark Langley (PL), Sean Nagle, Adam Schafer and Mark Ferry did very well to walk the competition and we were placed first.



Seamanship competition - Gordon's Bay



Beaver Rose - Seagull cooking chicken



Seagull Competition - Falling in at Constantia Nek



Tying a Highwaymans hitch



Seamanship competition - Gordon's Bay



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