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KENGRAY'S STAR WARS CUB CAMP



It has been many years since we have been able to run a 1st Kengray Cub camp, this year however, it was with much excitement that we set out on a Star Wars Camp on the weekend of the 7th – 9th of October.

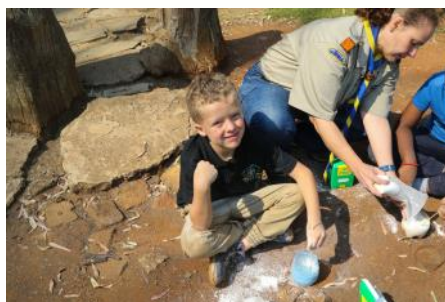
The majority of our boys attended the weekend with the 9 and 10 year olds sleeping out for 2 nights and our 8 year olds attending the Saturday.



Friday night saw us all running around Arrowe Park in the dark trying to buy and post



our postcards into a constantly moving post-box resulting in much running and no small amount of laughter! Lights out was at 21:00 which by the time the boys had all finally settled down was actually much closer to 23:00. The scouters finally thought they would get some rest.....until.....at 03:00 our excited, energetic week-enders decided that a party was in order! Akela in an attempt to get everyone a few more hours of Z's decided to start with PT early and had all the boys running up and down the shore front for an hour in order to exhaust them and send them back to



their sleeping bags. At 05:00 the (apparently) inexhaustible crew were up and at it again.

Saturday saw the boys learning all about clouds; leaves; seeds; wood craft trails; constellations and the outdoor code as well as making pin hole planetariums; pine cone bird feeders and plaster casts. Our water balloon fight was very spirited and much fun was had by all. We ended Saturday off with our Campfire, just in time to beat the rain, which put a damper on our night's plans of star





gazing and using the telescopes that Tyrone Brighton and Quinton Armstrong so kindly had set up for us. This section of the "Skies" Badge

boys to follow and even had to help cook breakfast; Paul Diessel who helped run several of the activities, had to also help transport the bulk of our home and scout hall along for the week-end; Tyrone Borralho and Dylan Smith who, though they were actually there in order to keep an eye on the scouts who were running their patrol camps for the week-end, also had to run around in the dark pretending to be a moving post box and set up and helped run our campfire; Kevin Brighton who spent many hours running all sorts of activities and helping all the boys with their plaster casts until he almost looked like he was made of plaster himself! A huge "Thanks" must also go out to the parents who came out to help prepare meals for us so that all of this frenetic energy could be sustained.



was covered the following week at the scout hall. Sunday started with our Cubs Own which the boys contributed to, followed by a few fun games and an incredibly hilarious round of charades. The camp ended after lunch and everyone left in high spirits if somewhat (finally) tired.

Ewen made a comment about having had no idea that a cub camp required quite so much energy and took so much doing! How right he is.



What I loved most about the camp was that it also gave the scouters the opportunity to get to know our boys a little bit better and showed the boys that they can actually survive a bit of discomfort and remind them to hopefully not to take their parents for granted.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the scouters who made the week-end possible. Ewen McAlpine who came along as our dedicated First Aider also got roped into laying out a trail for the

UPCOMING EVENTS

13 January	Cubs and scouts re-open
20 January	Cub and scout swimming badges
28 January	White stripes dinner
17 February	District swimming gala
19 February	BP Sunday
4-5 March	District boat hike
24 March	Daredevil run
31 March	Movie night
1 April	District pioneering compo
15-17 May	Kon Tiki
24 June	Group's midwinter campfire
11-19 June	PLTU
29 June	Cub/Scout hike
5 August	District first aid compo
1-3 September	District camping compo
8 September	Cub/Scout cooking

GROUP WEBSITE



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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017

The past year has been a year filled with fun and adventure and I'm sure those of us lucky enough to have been a part of it will agree that our group is practically unrecognisable compared to 2015. Our cub pack has grown exponentially and our troop—despite comprising a lot of younger scouts—continues to go from strength to strength. The coming year promises to be another year of fun-filled activities.

Cubs and scouts will re-open on the 13th of January and the following week, the 20th, we kick things off with the swimming badges for both the pack and the troop. This is in preparation of the district gala which Kengray will be hosting on the 17th of February. This event will be our first major fundraiser for the year and we'll need all hands on deck for this one—bring your friends and family to support us.

Apart from the familiar district competitions such as the boot hike, white stripes dinner, pioneering competition (which we're hosting again), the first aid competition and the camping competition we also have the all time favourite provincial event, Kon Tiki, happening in May. Next year Kon Tiki visits Lego Land.

We also have numerous combined pack and troop events to look forward to—a movie night complete with hotdogs and popcorn, our group's midwinter campfire, a group day hike and a backwoods cooking evening.

The cub camp, which was a great

success in 2016, will also return in 2017!

Diarise the events now (date can be found on the previous page) so that you don't miss out on any of the action.

SWIMMING GALA—17th FEBRUARY 2017



a purple speedo? It's for a good cause—raising awareness of cancer—and now we DARE YOU TO JOIN US.



Last year a small group of scouts and scouters participated in this worthwhile event and in 2017 we want to get far more people on board! Do your bit for cancer awareness and show the world that you have the balls to do it—you could save someone's life!

As already mentioned, 1st Kengray will host the district gala in 2017. We're planning a fun-packed gala with a few twist thrown into the mix. There are many novelty races such as puzzle relays, candle races and parent races coming your way—get those swimming trunks out and get practising! Bring your friends and family along to support this awesome event.

DAREDEVIL RUN—24th MARCH 2017

Are you brave enough to run through Jo'burg's rush hour traffic wearing nothing but





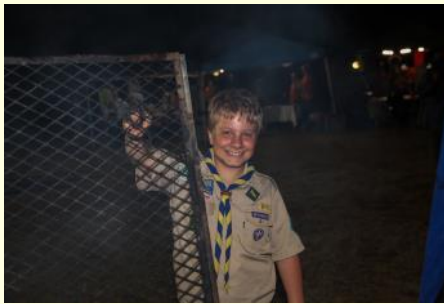
FOURTH QUARTER 2016 IN PICTURES

Its been another few months filled with scouting fun. Here's a quick look at what we've been up to...

CAMPING COMPO—9-11 September



COOKING COMPO—21 October



CUB DRESS-UP—25 November



CAROLS BY CAMPFIRE—2 December



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