welcome to 1st greenside scout troop

Welcome to the Troop. This is the start of a long journey with your child through the Troop and in order to help you understand your involvement in the process we have created this simple guide to introduce you to Scouting and explain your involvement in the Troop. If you have never been involved in Scouting, you may be nervous about what this actually means for you and your child so this forms an introduction to Scouting and how it will impact you.

why scouting?

Scouting was started in 1907 by Lord Robert Baden-Powell. His vision was to create a better world. Scouting combines adventure with solid values that inspire you to leave the world a little better than you found it. B-P developed the Scout Promise and Law that Scouts still live by today.

Robert Baden Powell was stationed in South Africa during the Siege of Mafikeng. At this time he wrote a training manual called Aids to Scouting. On his return to the UK from South Africa in 1903, it had become a best-seller, and was being used by teachers and youth organizations. In 1907 B-P held a trail Scout camp on Brownsea Island. R. Wroughton, T. Evanslombe, G. Rodney and H. Emley were the youngsters who lead their patrols. Over eight days they the Scouts learnt various Scout skills. Based on the success of this camp, B-P wrote 'Scouting for Kids'. This was the spark that started the global spread of Scouting which has now grown into the world's biggest youth movement.

Less than a year after the Brownsea Island camp, scouting started in South Africa. Kids in the Cape and the Transvaal read B-P's book Scouting for Kids and were very eager to start a Troop of their own. The first meetings were held in 1908, and the first South African Scout Troops were born, being the oldest Troops outside of the UK. Today, some of them are still active such as 1st Claremont in the Western Cape. 1st Kengray BK in Gauteng's history also stretches back to 1st Belgravia, founded in 1908.

The first Jamboree in South Africa was held in 1936. B-P was present to observe how Scouting was spreading to youth across the country.

Due to the political climate in South Africa, four Scout Movements established themselves. In 1977 they united into one integrated organisation free for all, regardless of race or religion.

In 2000 the South African Scout Movement opened its doors to girls too, making the Movement open to all genders.

From 2010 to 2013 the Scouting Association of South Africa reviewed its structures, communication tools and programs in order to evolve and adapt to the needs of our members and modern day society. RevIt came into effect and the organisation changed its name to SCOUTS South Africa.

the uniform

All Cubs and Scouts will be obliged to wear a formal uniform for all formal events both at the hall and at outside events. In addition your child will have a Troop shirt for less formal occasions. The uniform is available online at http://shop.scouts.org.za/ or may be purchased at the Shop situated at 3 Glen Road, Bramley, Johannesburg (GPS: S 26° 7' 18.36" E 28° 4' 24.49") Open - Wednesday, Thursday - 08h30 to 15h30 and Friday - 08h30 to 15h00. Contact Details - Tel: 011 440 6491

First, the Scout uniform shirt is a traditional Scout item. Scouts have been wearing Scout uniforms for nearly a hundred years. You don't see anyone but Scouts wearing Scout uniforms. Second, each Scout shirt is a bit different. There is a standard starting place—a blank shirt that you can buy at any Scout shop—but then each child's shirt starts to look different. There are different sizes, different patches. All Scout shirts have the same basic shape, but beyond that there is endless variety. Third, Scout shirts are generally decorated on just one side—the outside, the part you show off.

The official uniform of the troop is the standard Khaki shirt available at the Scout Shop, the webbing belt and dark blue/navy Cargo pants available at Johnsons Workwear or Mr Price Stores. For shoes we recommend strong takkies or boots but definitely not school shoes.

the scout uniform and badges



what's in it for my child?

Not every child or youth likes the same thing. Our award winning programmes and projects provide a wide range of activities for them to choose from. A number of challenges contribute to their growth and advancement through the Scouting programmes and others are specifically designed to appeal to their interests.

Scouts (11-17) are guided by the Scout Trail. This adventure trail includes a wide range of activities such as hiking, camping, abseiling, swimming, survival skills, first aid or even flying!

Scouting is an awesome and creative way to have fun, meet new people and active outdoors while exploring the world around you!

Rovers (18-30) get the opportunity to indulge in their love for the outdoors while being of service to others.

what's in it for me?

Have you ever asked yourself: "What would I like my Child to grow up to be?" Maybe you think in terms of his career: a doctor, a sportsman, a teacher, president of the South Africa. Maybe you think in terms of what you want him to have: lots of money, a nice wife and beautiful children, happiness.

Those are all wonderful hopes for your Childs. But have you ever thought about the kind of person you want him to be?
Imagine your Child walking down the street 30 years from now. When people see him, they say things like: "There goes Andy—he's really been a good friend"; "There's James—you can always count on him"; "There's Bill—you'll never find a better man."

I'd like to read a list of words. Please raise your hand if you would like a particular word to describe your Child when he grows up:

Trustworthy	Loyal
Helpful	Friendly
Courteous	Kind
Obedient	Cheerful
Thrifty	Brave
Clean	Revernt

You've probably heard that list before. It is the Scout Law. If you are asking yourself, "Why should we get involved with Scouts?" think about what you'd like your Child to be when he grows up—and those 12 words.

the scouting program

You may recall that the Scouting program has three aims or purposes: character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. What makes Scouting unique is that it has eight methods it uses to achieve those aims. Those eight methods define Scouting and show how it is different from other programs.

Ideals—the ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Promise, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve.

Patrol Method—Patrols are small groups of Scouts who camp together, cook together, play together, and learn together. Patrols are where Scouts learn citizenship at the most basic level. They also take on responsibilities within the patrol, and learn teamwork and leadership.

Outdoor Programs—Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. We camp. We hike. We get dirty. We get up close and personal with bugs and spiders. There's no way around it. Our program is largely built around outdoor activities. So, expect to have more laundry after a campout and to hear some interesting stories about wild things.

Advancement—Scouting has a system of ranks in which Scouts learn progressively more difficult skills and take on progressively greater responsibilities. The highest of these ranks is Springbok Scout. Becoming a Springbok Scout is an important achievement that your Child can be proud of his entire life. But turning out Springbok Scouts is not what the Scouting program is all about. Advancement is probably the most visible of the Scouting methods, and the easiest to understand, but it is only one of eight methods. We strongly encourage advancement, but we never force it—advancement is the Scout's choice, and he sets his own pace. We don't do "lock-step" advancement. And many great Scouts, and great men, never became Springbok Scouts.

Associations with Adults—Kids learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases, a Scoutmaster, a merit badge counsellor, or one of the troop parents who is willing to listen to kids, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives. Adult association is also part of what we call a youth-led troop. Adults understand that their role is to create a safe place where kids can learn and grow and explore

and play and take on responsibilities—and fail, and get up and try again. If you were involved with Cub Scouting, this is a very different role that can take some time getting used to.

Personal Growth—as Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Kids grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development—the Scout program encourages kids to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to lead in some way, whether as part of a team, or as the leader of his patrol or as the senior patrol leader of the troop. Leadership development is another component of the youth-led troop.

Uniform—like most sports teams, Scouts wear a uniform. Like most sports teams, we expect our Scouts to wear the uniform when they are doing Scouting, and to wear it properly. It is a symbol of who we are and what we do.

As mentioned before, Scouting is different from the way a lot of youth activities are run, where the adults decide what to do and the youth do it. Scouting is different, and it is sometimes difficult for adults to realize that we have a different role and a different goal. In Scouting, the role of the kids is to have fun activities and generate achievements. The role of the adults is not the destination, but the journey. That is, our responsibility as adults is to promote the "process" of Scouting. What is important for us is

Not the food on the campout, but that the kids cooked it.
Not a sharp-looking flag ceremony, but that the kids put it together.
Not who would make the best patrol leader, but that the kids elect one.
Not that Johnny learns first aid, but that Billy teaches him.
Not that we cover everything on the meeting agenda, but that the senior patrol leader is in charge.

Our goal is not to get things done, but to create a safe and healthy environment with the training and resources that the Scouts need, and then let them do it. It can be a very messy business, and painful to watch. Meetings where the scouts are in charge can be very chaotic. And it can be very tempting for adults to jump in and sort things out, because that is what adults do. But we have to remember that that is the process of Scouting. That is how they

learn—even from disorganization and failure. We just have to remember that our business as adults is not the same as the business of the kids. It is up to them to get things done. It is up to us to make sure they have what they need, but (within the bounds of health and safety) not what they do with it.

Now, a word about Youth Protection. The Scouts South Africa has had a very strong program in place for many years to protect our youth from abuse of all kinds. We require all of our leaders to be trained in Youth Protection, and to refresh that training at regular intervals. There are some rules we follow that you will hear about, such as two-deep leadership and no one-on-ones. That means that there should not be a situation where a Scout leader is alone with a single Scout. There are other rules and policies as well, and we encourage you to take the training and learn about Scout Youth Protection. A copy of the Youth Protection Policy is included in this booklet for ease of reference.

from a scout parent to new scout parents…

Congratulations! Your child has been invested into the world of Scouts. He/she may or may not have been a cub prior to their investiture and you therefore may know about the information laid out in this document. However, this is a new world where, as my older son puts it, the children are now big guys and they should be able to inform their parents about what is happening. As we all know, not all children think like that and if I were to depend on my younger son for information, I would never know anything. So, I thought that I would put down some information garnered over being a scout parent for seven years that you might perhaps find useful.

We all know the theory behind Scouts and are all in agreement that it is a fantastic organization which is why we have children involved in the movement. But perhaps a little more detail about the day to day workings.

patrols

Your child has been placed in a patrol. At 1st Greenside, as of April 2017, we currently have five patrols:


Eagles


Falcons


Kestrels


Owls


Kingfishers

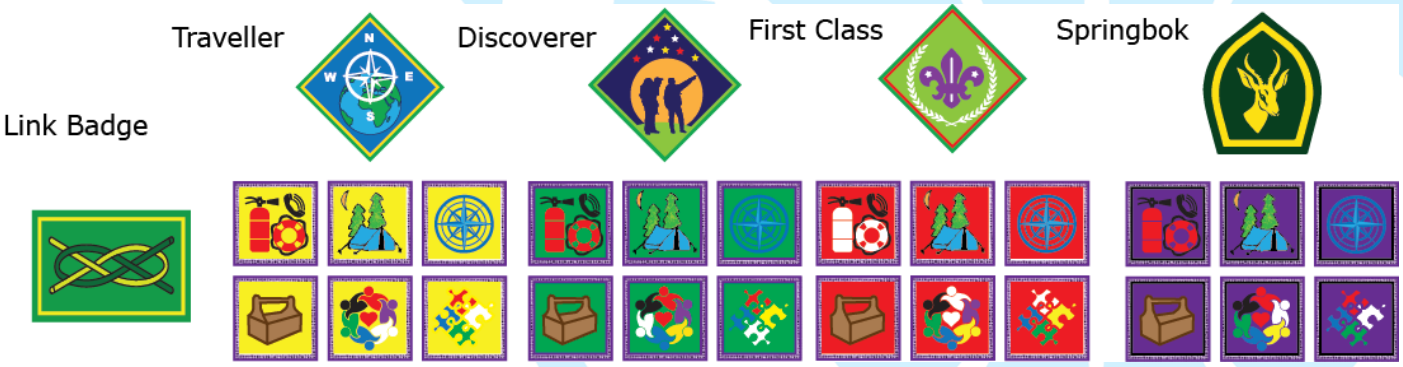

Ravens

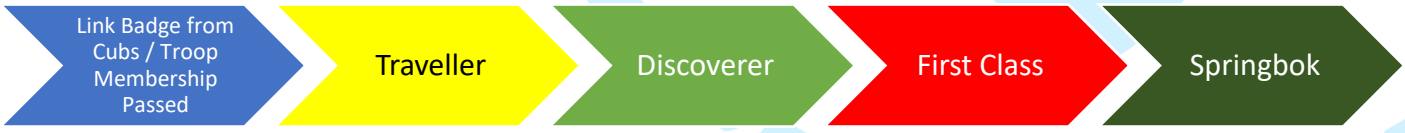
Each patrol has a Patrol Leader (PL) and an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL). You can spot who these people are at scout meetings. The PL will stand on the right hand side of the patrol when they are standing to attention and has two white stripes on his/her left breast pocket. The Assistant will stand at the other end and has one stripe. The Scouts stand between these two people with the most junior levels next to the PL and the most senior next to the Second. Levels are determined by Advancements (more about that later). If there is more than one child on the same level, their order is then determined by age with the youngest being closest to the PL.

In addition to the Patrol Leaders, a troop might also have a Troop Leader (TL) and an Assistant Troop Leader (ATL). This is not always the case but might happen where there is a senior scout who has been a PL for a number of years and is then put in charge of the Troop as a whole. It also allows other children to become PLs and Seconds. The TL/ATL has three white stripes on his or her left breast pocket.

advancements

The patrol badge (flash) is sewn on the left hand sleeve at the top. Underneath this is where the Advancement badges will be sewn as the child advances through Scouts. There are five Advancement levels.





The first two levels are aimed at teaching the Scouts scouting skills. These include map reading; camping; pioneering (ropes and knots); first aid and emergencies; observations; backwoodsman (environmental awareness); hiking; and personal and interpersonal development.

The scouts are taught these in various formats and on various occasions. They are taught skills in the weekly meetings however, they are also able to tick off several of the skills and requirements by attending camps organized either by the Scouters or by other scouts.

The top three levels are those that actually teach the junior scouts skills whilst learning more advanced skills of their own. Whilst the categories are the same, instead of learning to use a compass for example, the older scout now has to use his or her map skills to plan an orienteering exercise for the Troop of more than two hours long. A junior scout will need to learn how to light a fire and cook a raw ingredient whilst explaining the dangers of fire and precautions to prevent an accident. A senior scout will need to plan and run an overnight camp where junior scouts are trained in camp layout, camp set up, camp hygiene, storage of equipment etc.

The advancement levels are a two-way street. The younger scouts need to attend camps and activities organized by the older scouts in order to progress through their advancements. The older scouts need participants in their activities in order to be able to sign off those activities. Remember that younger scouts will progress to senior levels and they too will need to have scouts to attend their camps, activities etc.

interest badges

There are over 90 interest and scoutcraft badges that the Scouts can complete and wear on their uniform. In order to complete a badge, the Scout must print out the relevant page of the Badge Book and approach a scouter to be allocated an examiner to complete the test requirements.

regular events

It is important to understand the various levels within the scouting organization:

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Gauteng Region

North West District

1st Greenside Scout Troop

Various annual events take place. These include (but are not limited to):

Event	Organisation	Month	Format	Venue	Description
Annual swimming gala	District	February	Saturday day	Usually Blairgowrie Primary	This is held in order to allow scouts to get their swimming badges so that they can compete in Kontiki and be eligible to be part of the raft crew.
Strauss Shield	District	March	Two night camp	Various	Organised by Rovers (18 – 35 year olds). A patrol competition that is attended by various troops within the district. This is a competition camp in which the patrols get judged on their campsite.
Kontiki	Regional	May	Two night competition	Arrowe Park, Benoni	Kontiki is the biggest event of the year. It involves troops from all the provincial districts as well as other visiting troops. Please see additional notes below.
Wally Kohler Cycle Challenge	District	June	Saturday (usually first Saturday in June)	Delta Park, Victory Park	This is a cycle challenge where troops may enter senior and junior teams. The cyclists race in relay format and each complete a lap before handing over the "baton".
Kim Shield	Regional	August	Saturday to Sunday		This is an one night two day orienteering event.
Googlie	District	August	Night event		This usually involves a hike at night, closely supervised by the Rovers and Scouters.
Epic	Troop	Towards end of year	Two night camp	Various	Organised by the Scouters – the patrol competition throughout the year culminates in Epic with the winning patrol being awarded a "belt of honour" to be kept for the following year.

* Kontiki is a two-night competition that takes place at Arrowe Park in Benoni. The troop comprises two sections – land crew and raft crew. The purpose of Kontiki is two-fold:

The Land Crews participate in the Beaver Challenge that is set up for cubs. The cubs complete the Beaver Challenge on the Saturday of Kontiki. They go from troop to troop taking part in the activities that they have organized. The Land Crew not only organizes Beaver Challenge but also set up camp conforming to

strict scouting standards, they participate in a competition (compo) meal, and they assist the Raft Crew.

The Raft Crew builds a raft that is launched onto the dam and the crew has to spend 24 hours on the raft completing various tasks including Mobility (moving around the dam), competition meal and Spare Time Activities (STAs) etc. The raft is inspected and judged at various stages during the building process to ensure that the base is structurally sound, the raft is buoyant, etc. Every year, Kontiki has a theme. The rafts are decorated in accordance with the theme.

Judging takes into account both Land Crew and Raft Crew. Senior scouts in the troop are put in charge of Land and Raft Crews. The Raft Crew comprises five to six scouts. Selection for Raft Crew is based on various criteria including but not necessarily limited to:

- participation in prebuild days/camps;
- commitment shown generally at Scouts as well as at the prebuild events,
- work ethic
- skills,
- attendance as Land Crew at least one previous KonTiki;
- must hold at least the Swimming Scoutcraft badge.

It is preferable for the scouts to practise before Kontiki as time is limited and the event is very pressurized. For this reason, prebuild days and camps are planned in order to make everyone as familiar as possible with what is expected of them.

other camps/activities

In addition to the above activities, those scouts wanting to pass off their First Class, Explorer and Springbok advancement levels are required to complete various tasks which require the assistance and attendance of other scouts (as mentioned previously). There are various "out of meeting" activities that include:

First class	**Explorer**	**Springbok**
Patrol camp – overnight	Backwoodsman camp – overnight	Hike of 30km or more over two nights
Hike of 20km or more – overnight	Patrol overnight expedition	Two night camp for at least two patrols
		Community project involving at least 40 hours of work
		Construction Project
		Meal – Cook a meal under camp conditions

At any one time, a troop might have as many as ten people working on one senior advancement level (usually First Class). This means that there will be a lot of camps, hikes etc being organized.

patrol gold star

The 1st Greenside Cub Pack and Rover Crew have been awarded their Gold Stars. In order for the Scouts to receive the same award, each patrol needs to receive their Gold Star (see requirements form below with Gold star requirements outlined in red.) The requirements need commitment from the whole patrol especially on matters such as attendance at weekly meetings and patrol activities. Whilst many of the requirements are up to the PL and his/her Second, there are commitments which need to be made from each patrol member. Please read them carefully and make sure that your scout is aware of them.

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Star Patrol 2016

Troop: _____ Patrol: _____

Patrol Leader: _____ Patrol Formed: _____ Evaluator: _____

District: _____ Region: _____

Evaluation Year: 1 January – 31 December First Evaluation Date: _____ Final Evaluation Date: _____

Please tick box

Patrol Gender :	Boy	Girl	Mixed
Indicate gender numbers			

No. Scouts in Patrol: _____

Patrol Leader attended PLTU: Yes ☐ No ☐

	Evaluation Aspects (Give numerical values where possible in 1st Eval)	1st Eval.	Final Eval. B	Final Eval. S	Final Eval. G	Evaluator's Comments & Details of events etc.
1	**Patrol Jobs:** *Every patrol member has a specific job.*				Y/N	
2	**Patrol Corners:** *There is a properly maintained patrol corner, display, den or patrol box.*				Y/N	
3	**Attendance Records:** *There is an up to date patrol attendance register which is maintained by the patrol.*				Y/N	
4	**Attendance:** *There has been an average % attendance at patrol and troop meetings & activities for the period.*		65%+	70%+	75%+	
5	**Visual Progress Chart:** *There is an up to date patrol visual progress chart on display.*				Y/N	
6	**Patrol Log Book:** *There is an up to date Patrol log book recording all camps, hikes and activities and their permits.*				Y/N	
7	**Patrol Leader:** *The Patrol Leader holds the following advancement level:*		Adv	Adv	FC+	
8	**Assistant Patrol Leader** *The APL holds the following advancement level:*		Path	Path	Adv+	
9	**Numbers 3 & 4:** *No's 3 & 4 hold at least the Pathfinder advancement badge.*				Y/N	
10	**Number of scouts:** *There are at least six scouts in the patrol.*				6+ Y/N	
11	**Court of Honour:** *The Patrol Leader has attended at least six Court of Honour meetings this year. With full meeting procedures*				6+ Y/N	
12	**Patrol Activities:** *Number of patrol activities held during this year (not before, during or after a troop meeting).*		2	3	4+	
13	**Patrol Hikes:** *Number of patrol day hikes this year.*			1	2+	
14	**Patrol Camping:** *Number of patrol camps (or overnight hikes) this year.*			1	2+	
15	**Patrol Community Service:** *Months involved in a Community Service Project*		1 SB project	2	3+	
	TOTALS:					

Bronze Award: A "yes" answer to requirements 12 & 13 and either 14 or 15, as well as at least 7 other requirements (in B Column)
Silver Award: A "yes" answer to requirements 12 & 13 and either 14 or 15, as well as at least 9 other requirements (in S Column)
Gold Award: A "yes" answer to 1 – 13 and either 14 or 15 (in G Column)

0 to 9	Participation Award	10, 11	Bronze Award	12, 13	Silver Award	14,15	Gold Award

Comments by Evaluator: _____

Endorsed by Troop Scouter: _____ Evaluator: _____ RTC: _____

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how can you, as a parent, assist your child and what is expected of you?

We are very fortunate to have a committed group of Scouters who give up their time on a weekly basis to, not only hold the meetings, but also to plan them. All our Scouters hold full time jobs and their work with our children is voluntary. A big request therefore that if they ask parents to do something, such as complete forms, or assist with the occasional thing, that parents are willing to volunteer and commit.

Secondly, all of the camps that are organized, both annual camps and advancement camps, require parents' help in the following ways:

Camp fees – unfortunately no camp can be organized free of charge. As you are well aware, your scouts probably like to eat (a lot…!!) and will need to be fed whilst they are away. There is also the additional cost of camping fees and/or hiking fees. Please make sure that camp fees are paid before the time away as the scouts have to purchase food etc and it is unfair to expect their parents to be out of pocket.

Responses – the scouts who are organizing camps also have to cope with their own pressures at school. Please therefore try to be considerate when they send out invitations asking whether your scout/s will be able to attend. They need to do their planning and it is very difficult when one doesn't know if there will be three scouts in attendance or eight. This makes a big difference in terms of planning menus, budgeting, equipment lists etc.

Transport – whilst scouts who are organizing advancement level camps/hikes usually organize their own transport for their patrol, Troop camps require transporting of scouts and equipment. It seems to always fall on the same parents to assist with transport. Whilst not all parents have towing capability for trailers, normal sedans can still be used to transport children. Please consider this next time your child is invited to attend a camp and Scouters request parents to assist with transport.

what you need to know about our troop

You may be wondering—even a little nervous—about what your role is in Scouting. Well, your first role in Scouting is simply to continue what you are doing: Be a parent. Help your Child succeed. Be supportive. Follow through. You're here because you see value in the Scouting program. Help that value come through. There will always be times when your Child doesn't want to go the weekly meeting or seems to be losing interest in advancing and doing his best in Scouting. That's when he needs a parent's encouragement. Scouting works best when the whole family is behind it.

And you're probably dreading the standard call for volunteers that you hear from school and every other organization you are associated with. Well, don't get me wrong — Scouting operates only because we have great volunteers. And yes, we hope that you will offer to help out the troop in some way. We have volunteer roles of every size and every type. Even if you only have a few minutes a month to help us out, we can use you. But being a Scouting volunteer isn't just another chore you take on because you have to. Regardless of your skills or interests, there is something you share with all Scouting volunteers that makes your involvement priceless—your interest in having your Child in the best possible Scouting program. You may be asked to help with fixing the hall, fund raising initiatives and occasionally assistance with transport to Scouting Activities.

camping & hiking:

Your child will be taking part in various Camps and Hiking adventures during their scouting adventure and you will need to know what equipment is necessary for these adventures. A kit list for these events should include:

1. **Sleeping Kit:**
    1.1. sleeping bag (& inner)
    1.2. closed-cell-foam mattress
    1.3. small foam pillow (if desired)
2. **Clothing:**
    2.1. shorts
    2.2. T-shirts (at least 2)
    2.3. long-sleeve shirt
    2.4. underwear & socks (at least

2 pairs of each)

2.5. boots or strong walking shoes
2.6. sunhat
2.7. tracksuit
2.8. woolen cap
2.9. windproof jacket
2.10. raincoat or poncho
2.11. swimming costume
2.12. small towel
2.13. handkerchief
2.14. tackies or flip-flops (to wear in evening)
2.15. Jammies

3. **Eating Utensils:**
3.1. plastic plate, bowl & mug
3.2. plastic knife, fork & spoon
3.3. dish-towel

4. **Toiletries:**
4.1. biodegradable soap (e.g. Sunlight)
4.2. facecloth
4.3. comb
4.4. toothbrush
4.5. toothpaste

5. **General:**
5.1. suntan lotion
5.2. small torch
5.3. 1-litre water bottle
5.4. pocket-knife
5.5. camera
5.6. whistle

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consent forms

The parent consent form is something that every parent of a cub or scout should have handy on their computer desktop. The events consent form is on our website

at www.1stgreenside.co.za/forms.co.za There are 2 main areas where consent forms are required.

1. When a cub or scout first joins a cub pack or scout troop it is important that a consent form is filled out and given to the Pack or Troop scouter. This then means that there is a record of personal and medical details always on hand for cub or scout meetings.
2. Every January an annual consent form needs to be completed and submitted to the Scouters. This consent form covers all meetings held at the Hall.
3. Whenever there is an activity that your cub or scout takes part in away from the scout hall a consent form must be filled out and given to the scouter in charge; be it camp, hike, competition, course or any other activity away from the general scout meeting place. In some cases, the consent form must go to a senior scout should that scout be running that particular activity.

The Group is fully POPI compliant and has a POPI policy in place which is available on request.

All activities outside of the Hall must have a duly completed and signed consent form available before your child can participate. This is to both protect you as a parent and to protect the group as a whole. In addition, the medical details, allergies and special dietary requirement of your child help us in providing for all your child's needs while participating in Scouting activities. We have included a digital consent form to this booklet which can be completed and saved on your computer ready to be provided when required.

second hand shop

We have a second hand shop which sells used uniforms for both Cubs and Scouts. As a mother within the system, I would advise that you buy your shirts on the larger side. Each time a child outgrows his/her shirt, all badges need to be transferred to the new one! Please consider donating used uniform to the second-hand shop. Details of the shop can be obtained from the Scouters.

conclusion

Hopefully this booklet has answered some of your questions but should you need any additional information please feel free to approach any of the Scouters before a meeting to discuss any concerns that you may have.