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GIVE THAT BOY MORE CAMPING

Camping is the irreducible and essential minimum around which the whole Scouting Programme is built - Philippine Scouting.

Camping in the great wide out-of-doors is, perhaps, the one activity that draws boys to Scouting. To the boy it is the magic word; the open sesame; the door to a world of romance and adventure. In camping the rich imagination of the boy draws heroic exploits of daring-do. Here his enthusiasm is at its highest pitch. Scouting, a most ingenious device in building character and training youth in useful citizenship, takes advantage of this high enthusiasm of the boy and through it teaches him to "learn by doing" and to develop himself mentally, physically and morally.

Camping is essential to Scouting. The meeting rooms cannot be substitutes for the open spaces where every boy is given a chance and share to put to good use the observances of Scouting ideals as well as the development of self-reliance, initiative, resourcefulness and helpful co-operation.

A young man, looking back on his camping experiences as a Scout, once said: "Boy, there is nothing like an overnight camp! Wish I could be a boy again!" Experience in camp lasts a boy a whole lifetime. GIVE THAT BOY MORE CAMPING!

AFRICAN SCOUTS AT THE INANDA CLUB HORSE SHOW

On Friday and Saturday, 9th and 10th October, 1953, the Inanda Club held its annual horse show on its grounds in Johannesburg. African Scouts were asked to help at this event in return for which some £600 to £700 raised at the show was donated to the movement in the Transvaal.

The Scouts had been asked to figure on the programme drawn up by the promoters and, for this purpose, five intervals of 10 minutes each were arranged in which the Scouts gave the following items in the order enumerated:

1. Drill display by the 1st Sophiatown Troop under A/S/M M.W. Seageng;
2. Scout display illustrating signalling, First Aid and troop organization and management by a combined group from the 2nd and 3rd Vereeniging troops and the 1st Wilberforce, 2nd and 3rd Evaton troops under Scouters L.N. Musiki, D.H. Senokoane, S.R. Rabotapi, J.R. Mokele and J. Lakaje;
3. Singsongs and yells by the 1st Alberton Troop under Scouters P. Mdakane and T. Mokee;
4. "Gumboot Dance" by the 1st Crown Reef Troop under S/M A.B. Malinga;

5. "Zulu War Dance" by the 3rd Orlando Troop under D/C A.H. Sikunane;
6. Band music was provided by a combined Scout band especially trained free of charge by one of the Movement's great friends, Mr. G.H. Loutit of Johannesburg.

It was no trouble at all to Mr. Loutit to travel to Brakpan and Benoni twice a week for approximately seven weeks in order to train the boys who were drawn from the 1st Benoni and 1st Brakpan Troops, to form the combined band which came under the command of S/M M. Mase-Koamong of 1st Benoni Troop.

The Association wishes to place on record its thanks to Mr. Loutit for this service, and it is indeed a great pleasure to learn that Mr. Loutit will welcome all requests for his training services, free of charge, from any troops in the Transvaal. These requests should be addressed to:

The Hon. Secretary,
African Boy Scouts Association,
P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg.

There is ample testimony that the Scouts gave a good account of themselves, the "Gumboot Dance" being the highlight of the day. The turnout was smart and every performance was warmly received. The Deputy Divisional African Scout Commissioner, Mr. J.R. Rathebe, who has been very concerned about the success of this show, sends a special message of thanks to all the Scouters and members of the Transvaal African Scout Council who were present at Inanda for their fine effort in training, supervising and managing the many groups who attended.

Special mention has to be made of D/C Mr. A.T. Habedi, B.A., of Wilberforce, Evaton, for making a first-class M.C. He lived up to the slogan "A Scout is punctual"; also to the boys for demonstrating the fine discipline of Scouting and its spirit which is enshrined in the Scout Law and Promise every "Brasshat" says: "Pula, Nangomso!"

Last but not least, an army marches on its belly, and here the benefactors, the Inanda Club, are thanked for also providing free food for all the Scouts who attended. The 4th Pretoria Scouts cooked food for the visitors at the show, for which they charged 2/6 per plate of chops and chips. There is no report that anybody who ate at Inanda has since been ill affected, so Bravo, Bravo, Bravissimo to the 4th Pretoria Troop under S/M Charles Gould.

Scout Attendance Register at Inanda Club Horse Show

Members of the Transvaal African Scout Council

1. Div. Com. C.N. Wallace, M.B.E.
2. Dep. Div. Com. J.R. Rathebe
3. Hon. Div. Sec. J.P. Rees, M.Sc.
4. Assist. Div. Sec. J.R. Namo
5. Senior D/C/C D.C. Marivate
6. D/C/C Neb. S. Mokgako
7. Div. Hqrs. Com. H.H. Musgrove and a European Scouter Friend
8. Div. Hqrs. Com. Sol. N. Maqambalala
9. D/C Evaton-Vereeniging, A.T. Habedi, B.A.
10. D/C Alexandra, M.B. Tetwayo
11. D/C Orlando, Lot. A.H. Sikwane
12. D/C West Rand, G.A.P. Mphenyeke
13. D/C Johannesburg Central, R.R. Motaung
14. A/D/C Pretoria, D.C. Mogotsi
15. Co-opted Member, R.D. Nxele

Scout Groups

<u>Group</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Officers</u>
1st Alberton	34	2
1st Crown Reef	23	1
3rd Orlando	41	1
1st Benoni	16	1
1st Brakpan	20	-
1st Sophiatown	34	1
1st Wilberforce	4	1
2nd Evaton	8	3
3rd Evaton	4	-
2nd Vereeniging	12	1
3rd Vereeniging	10	1
1st Bophelong	7	-
8th Alexandra	7	1
1st Springs	48	-
1st Johannesburg	17	2
10th Alexandra	16	-
3rd Alexandra	23	1
4th Alexandra	26	-
6th Moroka	4	1
4th Moroka	3	-
4th Pretoria	22	1
2nd Johannesburg	-	1
1st Nigel	-	2
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Total	379	21
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Summary

Councillors	15
European Scouter friend	1
23 Scout Groups with	379 boys
Group Officers	<u>21</u>
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Total	416
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Some contributors to whom an acknowledgement with grateful thanks is made by the African Boy Scouts Association, Transvaal Division, for help of one kind or another towards the arrangements for the Inanda Club Horse Show:

1. Bantu Men's Social Centre, Johannesburg, for free sleeping accommodation for train contingents arriving on 9th October, 1953;
2. Members of African Scout Development Committee for continued practical support of the Movement;
3. Public Utility Transportation Corporation, Limited, for arranging cheap transport for Scout groups to and from Inanda.

A THOUGHT FOR THIS MONTH

Last month "Rikki" gave us an article on discs as a means, amongst other things, of keeping a camp tidy. Here is a little verse by Mao of "The Scout":

The world is full of loveliness,
All fresh and clean and green,
But litter makes a beastly mess
And simply spoils the scene.

God would be pleased, I think, if we
Tried very hard to keep
His world as it was meant to be -
Not like a rubbish heap.

Good litter hunting!

SAFETY FIRST

Here are three more hints to cyclists:

16. Keep your Wheels off Tram Lines

Always cross tramlines at a wide angle to prevent your tyres being trapped in the groove.

17. Don't Hitch on to Cars or Lorries

A cyclist should proceed under his own steam - or else give up cycling. Holding on to the side of a motor car or the back of a lorry is the trademark of a fourth-rate cyclist. It creates so many dangers that it is never worth the risk.

18. Keep both hands on the Handlebars

Don't "show off" by riding with your hands in your pockets, or your feet on the handlebars. Spectators never admire such tricks: they consider them stupid. Trick riding should be done on private land.

HEADQUARTERS NOTES

1. Census

Census Forms, as already advised, have been circulated among groups in the Transvaal and up to the present only a few returns have been received. Please help us to help you by sending yours per return post.

2. The Shop

Only a limited stock of hats (officers and Scouts), shorts, shirts, service stars, tenderfoot test cards, Patrol Leaders hat badges and buttonholes are available, as well as cup caps.

3. Interdistrict Rally

The Reef inter-district competitive rally will be held during November, 1953, at the Bantu Sports Ground, Johannesburg.

4. Emblem

The Council wants an emblem for our Division and invites you to send in drawings or rough sketches of what you think would make a suitable emblem. Now is the chance to show your creative ability and earn lasting fame.

5. Address

Please do not address communications to the Association to individuals by name. Our only address is:

The Honorary Secretary,
African Boy Scouts Association,
P.O. Box 8356,
Johannesburg.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear Sir,

In the News Sheet of the month of August, 1953, a report about the 3rd Pilot Camp was given and I found that our Troop was not mentioned as having been at camp as other Troops appear in page Four. We should be grateful if this error is corrected. Thanks.

Yours faithfully,

R.D. Nxele,
S/M 5th Roodepoort.

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