A Timeline of the Senior Scout Adventure

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The precursor to the Senior Scout Adventure was the Cape Western Division's 12 to 16 December 1969 Experimental Hike for older Scouts.

Convenor: Colin Inglis Cost: R6, assisted by 'Fatty' Rutter and Richard Knight

- History and background
- Recollections by a Patrol Leader
- Recollections of an ASM
- Photos

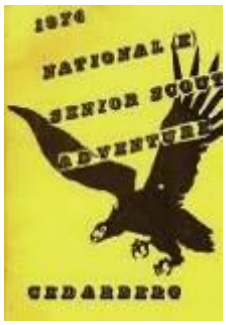
A rudimentary, no sound 16mm film of this 'hike' has been digitised and is archived at the Western Cape Heritage Centre.

1st National Senior Scout Adventure – 1970/1

Dates: 29/12/1970 – 9/1/1971
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R25
Base Camp: Driehoek

There were 9 itineraries to choose from or you could propose your own route

- Recollections of a Troop Leader
- Staff
- Photos



2nd National Senior Scout Adventure – 1974

Dates: 28/12/1973 – 8/1/1974
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R30
Camping HQ: Driehoek

The Cederberg became a 'Wilderness Area" and Scouting was no longer able to have "activity centres" at the same site for more than 24 hours due to the new Forestry rules so we moved to the Great Winterhoek for the 1976 Adventure.

- Report
- Photos

A 16mm film of this Adventure, edited by Colin has been digitised and is archived at the Western Cape Heritage Centre.

3rd National Senior Scout Adventure – 1976

Dates: 28/12/1976 – 8/1/1977
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R40

During 1976 Adventure, a violent storm turned the rivers into raging torrents of water, which became un-crossable. The adventure came to a stand still for a few days till the water subsided and movement was again possible. In spite of this the Scouts met the challenge and enjoyed the adventure of being marooned and living off emergency rations.

- Report
- Photos

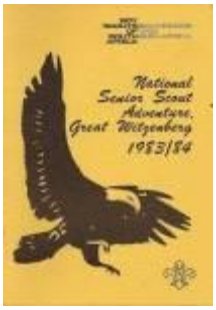
4th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1978/9
Dates: 28/12/1978 – 8/1/1979
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R55

A special feature of the Witzenberg Adventures was a 2½ day Kloofing trip down the Visgat Gorge and Olifants River on lilos.

- Report
- Photos

5th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1981/82
Dates: 27/12/1981 – 7/1/1982
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R90

- Report
- Photos



6th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1983/84
Dates: 27/12/1983 – 7/1/1984
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R125 Participants: 599

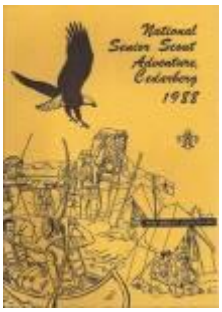
The adventures grew in popularity and the 1983 adventure was the biggest adventure to date with 599 boys and one Australian girl.

- Cape Argus Report
- Report
- Staff

7th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1986
Dates: 11/12/1986 – 22/12/1986
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R200 Participants: 409
Base Camp: Driehoek

By 1985 the Adventure had permission from the private landowners in the Cederberg to put "activity centres" on their land and permission from the Dept. of Forestry to hike and trail camp on their land. In December 1986 the Adventure moved back to the Cederberg.

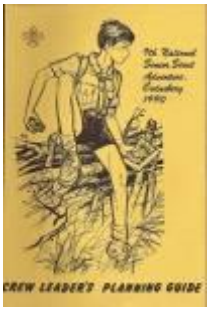
- Report



8th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1988
Dates: 11/12/1988 – 22/12/1988
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R245 Participants: 498
Base Camp: Driehoek

Read in Jack's report how Buzz nearly froze after being left on Tafelberg overnight.

- Recollections by Jack Pitter
- Report



9th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1990
Dates: 10/12/1990 – 21/12/1990
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R280 Participants: 462
Base Camp: Driehoek

Comment from a Scout: - "For myself and fellow Patrol members, the Adventure was without doubt the highlight in our Scouting careers. It was superbly organised and run and lived up to all its great expectations".

- Report
- Photos

10th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1992
Dates: 11/12/1992 – 22/12/1992
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R425
Base Camp: Kalkoenfontein

New to the Adventure was Mountain Biking at Heuningvlei and Camel and Horse Trails with real Camels at Kromrivier.

- Report

11th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1994
Dates: 11/12/1994 – 22/12/1994
Convenor: Colin Inglis
Cost: R470
Base Camp: Kalkoenfontein

- Cape Argus Report
- Scout Report
- Photos

12th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1996
Dates: 11/12/1996 – 22/12/1996
Convenor: Richard Goldschmidt
Cost: R570 +R80 VAT=R650
Participants: 498
Base Camp: Kalkoenfontein

13th National Senior Scout Adventure – 1998
Dates: 11/12/1996 – 22/12/1998
Convenor: Richard Goldschmidt
Cost: R850 Participants: 319
Base Camp: Kalkoenfontein

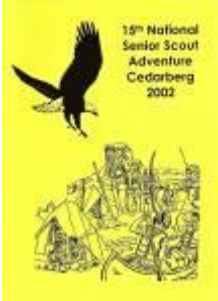
This Adventure started at the Clanwilliam showgrounds

- Photos

14th National Senior Scout Adventure – 2000
Dates: 8/12/2000 – 19/12/2000
Convenor: Buzz Macey
Cost: R950 Participants: 385
Camp HQ: Landsdiens

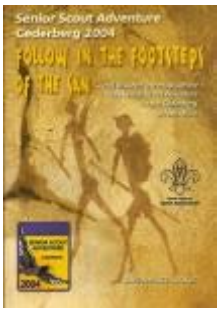
The opening and closing ceremonies were held at Kalkoenfontein and Camp Headquarters was situated at the Landsdiens campsite making use of the enhanced facilities

- Photos.



15th National Senior Scout Adventure – 2002
Dates: 10/12/2002 – 21/12/2002
Convenor: Buzz Macey
Cost: R1200 Participants: 400
Camp HQ: Landsdiens
(Opening and closing ceremonies were held at Kalkoenfontein.)

- Photos

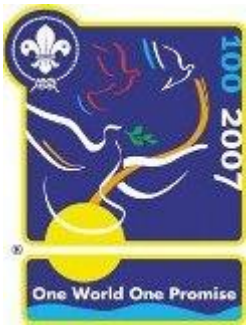


16th Senior Scout Adventure – 2004
Dates: 10/12/2004 – 21/12/2004
Convenor: John Mutti
Cost: R1300
Camp HQ : Landsdiens
(Opening and closing ceremonies were held at Kalkoenfontein.)

Introduction of grouping bases into circular clusters

- Photos.

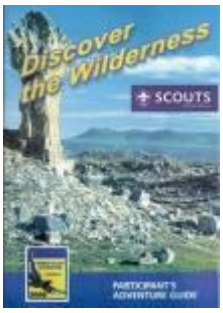
Colin Inglis passed away in 2005 but his legacy of the Senior Scout Adventure in the Cederberg will live on.



17th Senior Scout Adventure – 2007
Dates: 28/12/2006 – 8/1/2007
Convenor: John Mutti
Cost: R1800
Base Camp: Kalkoenfontein/Kliphuis

Kalkoenfontein Camp Headquarters upgraded with electricity, water, ablutions and renamed Kliphuis
Centenary of Scouting

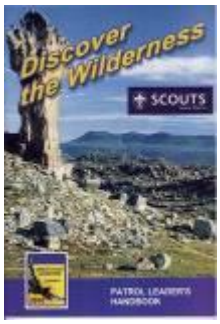
- Photos
- Creation of the Settler Culture base



18th Senior Scout Adventure – 2008
Dates: 9/12/2008 – 20/12/2008
Convenor: Buzz Macey
Cost: R2200 Participants: 470
Camp Headquarters Kliphuis

The South Peaks 'extreme' route saw the reintroduction of a tough all hiking route. Temperatures were in the upper 30°'s and hiking skills were put to the test.

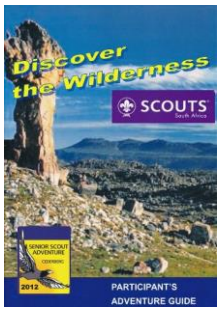
- Photos



19th Senior Scout Adventure – 2010
Dates: 11/12/2010 – 23/12/2010
Convenor: Buzz Macey
Cost: R2400 Participants: 395

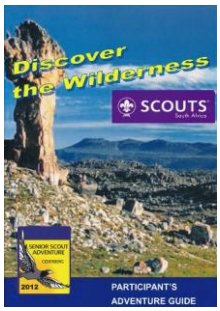
Rain on this Adventure could not dampen the spirits with comments like awesome, it rocked, enlightening, and from the electronics base 'solder-rific'.

- Photos
- Electronic Base Photos



20th Senior Scout Adventure – 2012
Dates: 10/12/2012– 22/12/2012
Convenor: Nigel Forshaw
Cost: R3000

- Facebook
- Photos



21st Senior Scout Adventure – 2014
Dates: 12/12/2014– 23/12/2014
Convenors: John Mütti, Nigel Forshaw & Richard Goldschmidt
Cost: R3300

- Facebook
- Facebook (Water Activities)
- Photos

22nd Senior Scout Adventure – 2016
Dates: 10/12/2016– 22/12/2016
Adventure Chief: Andre van der Waldt
Cost: R3600

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