



Spring - 2005

# SA SCOUTING ABOUT

News from the South African Scout Association.

## SOUTH AFRICA SCOUTING'S "GIFT FOR PEACE"

Realising that Southern Africa has the highest incidence of HIV/Aids in the world, and its moral responsibility to the young people of South Africa, the South African Scout Association resolved to "do something about it". From this resolve the "scouting and Aids" was integrated into the Scout programme in 2002

The programme is based on the message that young people "say no to things that give them a no feeling" and in so doing protect themselves from abuse and infection. In the programme, young Scouts are encouraged to know about the impact of Aids and taught how to talk about it to their peers so as to change their attitudes to the virus and their behaviour.

World Scouting, the international donors and supporters (including the UN and OXFAM) of "scouting and Aids" have commended its successful implementation. From September 2005 until the Centenary year of 2007, and beyond, our "GIFT FOR PEACE PROJECT" is the "scouting and Aids" programme and its contribution to mitigating the spread/effects of HIV/Aids.

This was presented to the world during the World Scout Conference in Tunisia (September 2005). The Africa Regional Office in Nairobi has adopted a HIV/Aids programme for Africa utilising a lot of the work already done in South Africa. It is now up to us, the Leaders in the Movement, to see that the programme is fully implemented in seeking to "leave the world a little better than we found it".

## WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE - 2011

Sweden has been chosen the country to host the 2011 World Scout Jamboree. Australia, Japan and Singapore were the unsuccessful countries who had made a bid to host the event.

## NKWENKWE NKOMO ELECTED TO WORLD SCOUT COMMITTEE

Our immediate past Chief Scout, **Nkwenkwe Nkomo**, was elected to a six year term on the World Scout Committee at the 37th World Scout Conference, held in Tunisia from 5th to 9th September 2005. Six new members were elected from a list of 15 candidates.

Three new member countries were accepted into the World Brotherhood: Beslidhja Skaut Albania, National Scout

Association of Guinea and the Scout Association of Malawi, bringing WOSM membership up to 155 countries. Scouts of Namibia was welcomed to its first conference since becoming a full member recently.

**Mr Herman C.S. Hui**, of Hong Kong, was elected Chairman of the World Scout Committee. **Dr Eduardo Missoni** continues as Secretary General, WOSM.



## CONGRATULATIONS SPRINGBOK / TOP AWARDS

- Colin Levey - KwaZulu Natal
- Demlen Lalla - KwaZulu Natal
- Lavashkar Chetty - KwaZulu Natal
- Brian Gordon McKenzie - KwaZulu Natal
- Bhekinhlanhla Dlamini - KwaZulu Natal
- Robert Thornton-Smith - Gauteng
- Riccardo Markson - Gauteng
- Josef Huyers - Gauteng
- Warren Taylor - Gauteng
- Christopher Ashbolt - Cape Western
- David Bailes - Cape Western
- Quintin Combrink - Cape Western
- Nathan Stevens - Cape Western
- Gareth Trent - Gauteng
- Ernest Gauntlett - Gauteng
- Justin van Heerden - Gauteng
- Ronsard Allen - Central
- Mattheus Johann - Gauteng
- Michael Allkins - Gauteng
- David Hartlay - Gauteng
- Christo Charalambous - Gauteng
- Paolo Gigante - KwaZulu Natal



## DUTY TO GOD

### BEATITUDES TO FRIENDS OF HANDICAPPED PEOPLE

*Blessed are you who take the time to listen to my difficult speech, for you help me to know that, if I persevere, I can be understood.*

*Blessed are you who never bid me to hurry, or take my tasks from me and do them for me, for often I need time rather than help.*

*Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures, for my failures will be outweighed by the time I surprise myself and you.*

*Blessed are you who ask for my help, for my greatest need is to be needed.*

*Blessed are you who understand that it is difficult for me to put my thoughts into words.*

*Blessed are you, with a smile, encourage me to try once more.*

*Blessed are you who never remind me that, today, I ask the same question twice.*

*Blessed are you who respect me and love me as I am, just as I am, and not as you wish I were.*

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# FIRST AID –

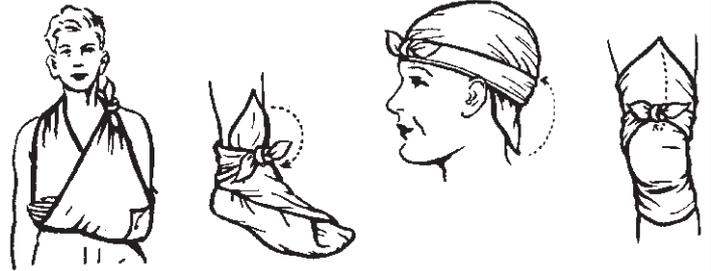
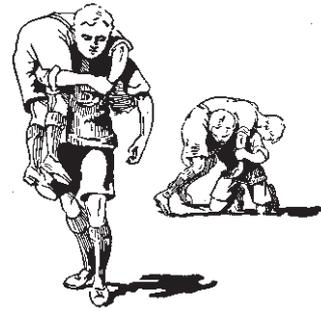
**the ultimate skill to provide service to our fellow man!**

When I was a Scout I was very proud of the white badges with a red cross in the centre I wore on both sleeves. My Ambulance badge – hard earned and certainly noticeable if First Aid was needed. To earn that badge, I recall “doing” six evening sessions at our local hospital casualty department, after qualifying for my St. John’s Certificate.

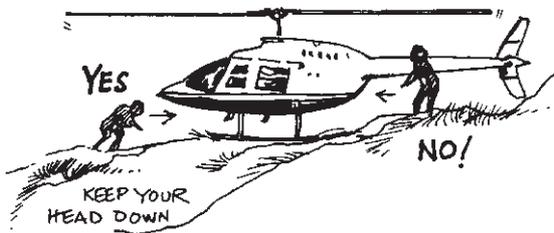
Years later, two brothers, Springbok Scouts from Port Elizabeth, who had shown great interest in First Aid, were travelling with their parents on a trip to Cape Town, they came upon a gruesome motor accident, the first people to arrive. These boys’ action was later reported to have saved three lives. Both received a St John’s medal and a Chief Scout’s commendation for their action.

Is First Aid a major part of your Troop skills training? Do we Leaders have sufficient First Aid knowledge to put it over to our Scouts? If not, let us do something about it and in the mean time make sure that someone, maybe a parent, can tackle that aspect. First Aid is an achievement required at every stage of advancement of our programme and must be considered very seriously.

Like Lifesaving skills, First Aid knowledge can save a life - no greater service can one human being offer another.



*B-P's sketches from Camp Fire Yarn No 25 - Scouting for Boys*



## YOUR TWO TROOP FIRST AID BOXES!

Sure TWO, one for the actual thing, painted white and kept perfectly clean and up-to-date for use when Troop meeting, Scout activity and camp accidents happen. The other, painted another colour, for practice purposes. Both boxes should contain the same contents so that the Scouts become familiar with what the main box contains and can lay their hands on it right away in an emergency. First Aid Kits are available in rolled up plastic form but need extra care to keep them clean and hygienic. Remember First Aid means first aid. They do not have to be paramedic cases stuffed with everything you can think of. Teach your Scouts to improvise. B-P was a great one for using parts of the uniform as First Aid equipment – scarves as triangular bandages, staves and jackets as a stretcher etc.

Get your Scouts to build a “Resussi-Andy” so they get the idea of what resuscitation is all about. Quite simple but if well made, effective. Scouts never actually practice on each other, apart from learning to place the head well back to open the airway and to gently pinch the nose closed.

## 5th AFRICAN JAMBOREE POSTPONED

Due to low numbers of Scouts registered to attend, the 5th African Jamboree – Mozambique has been postponed. Tentative future dates are 21 – 30 July 2006 or 1 – 10 August 2006. Any individuals who have paid their fees are advised to – accept new dates – or cancel their participation in the Jamboree and ask for transfer of their money to MOOT 2008 – or request return of their money by submitting an account to the organisers.

## EMERGENCY!

Again, within a year, we see another major natural disaster on our TVs. Hurricane “Katrina” side swiping the great city of New Orleans and destroying the smaller towns and country areas round about. The hurricane pushing a great tidal surge over the low lying coastal islands and smashing the six metre levies (dykes) along the mighty Mississippi River and the lake on the north side of the city. This released a flood of water into the suburbs, submerging 80% of New Orleans, in some places covering entire houses.

“BE PREPARED” is the scout motto! Were these unfortunate people prepared for such a catastrophe? Being a scout and knowing that I lived on ground metres

below sea level, I certainly would have made plans to “get out” as the signs of trouble came down on me, taking as many family, friends and neighbours with me.

What emergency situation could arise in the place where you live in South Africa? The river flooding – dams bursting – tornado strike – fire in the city – massive shack fires – bush & grass fires! All these disasters have happened in our country in the past few years.

Take Community Service training seriously in your Troop programme. There are a number of Interest Badges devoted to this aspect – First Aid as we have already seen – Civil Defence – Firefighter – Lifesaver etc.

2007  
One World One Promise



## JOIN-IN-CENTENARY Count Down . . .

In an earlier edition of SCOUTING ABOUT we reported that the **South African Rover Moot "Mafikeng SCENE"** would be held in February 2007 – this is not so; due to requests from the Rovers themselves, the Mafikeng SCENE will fall over the New Year and incorporate 1 January of the Centenary Year! Rovers from UK, Europe and Southern Africa will be attending.

**Brian February, the National Centenary Organiser, has given us the 2007 Centenary Programme:**

September 2005 to February 2007 – **"Gift for Peace Project"**. Where? National and Local. All Groups to participate. That's not a typo! Yes, September 2005 – We are all in the Celebration already, offering our "Gift for Peace" – our magnificent HIV/AIDS Programme – not only here at home, but to all countries who have a HIV/Aids problem.

**International Senior Scout Adventure** – December 2006 to January 2007. Where? Cedarberg Mountains – for Scouts over 14.5 years old.

**Baden-Powell's 150th Birthday** – 22 February 2007.

**B-P Sunday** – 25 February 2007. Each Area to host an event to celebrate B-P's birthday and success of the Scout Movement.

**Youth Day** – Centenary National Troop Challenge – 16 June 2007. Individual Troops to rise to the challenge.

**World Scout Jamboree** – 27 July to 8 August 2007. United Kingdom – Scouts 14.5 to 17 years old. Young Scouters can join the International Service Team.

**Kanderjam mini-jamboree** – 27 July to 7 August 2007, Kandersteg Scout Centre, Switzerland. Scouts 12 to 18 years old.

**Jim Jam 1957** – 1957 Jamboree Reunion. 27 July to 7 August 2007. United Kingdom.

**Scouting's Sunrise Ceremonies** – 1 August 2007. This is the dawn of the new century of Scouting and will be celebrated all over the world. National, Local. All Groups to participate.

**South African National Jamboree** – first week of school holidays, December 2007. Each Area to host a mini National Jamboree. Open to all South African Scouts. Southern African Scouts will be invited too.

### APPLICATIONS TO ATTEND THE CENTENARY JAMBOREE ARE BEING ACCEPTED:

Contained in the "Scouters Handbook" are the application forms to attend the Centenary Jamboree – 2007, in the UK. These can be photocopied and fully completed and submitted to SAHQ for consideration. Scouts who will be within the age group, 14.5 and 17 years in July 2007 and Leaders to make up the South African Contingent can now submit applications. Young Leaders can also submit application to be considered as part of the International Jamboree Service Team.

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### B-P Said ...

*"The whole object of our Scouting is to seize the boy's character in it's redhot stage of enthusiasm and to weld it into the right shape and to encourage it's individuality – so the boy may educate himself to become a good man and a valuable citizen for his country."*

### SERBIA & MONTENEGRO SCOUTS

The Serbian National Jamboree is due to take place from 21 – 31 July 2006. The Scouts will camp out in the Bubanj Campsite outside the City of Nis in South East Serbia.



The EUROPEAN SCOUT JAMBOREE '05 has been successfully held at Hylands Park, Chelmsford in the UK. As a preparation of the site to be used for the World Jamboree 2007, 20000 scouts from 50 different countries put the facilities through there paces over 29 July to 10 August 2005. From the "Visitors Map" of the site I have, there appeared to be nine sub-camps named after rivers or mountains of Europe. Even with the Arenas and villages, and other activity centres dotted about, there still appears to be space for further sub-camps and the 40000 young people expected in 2007. The organisers still have two years to iron out any shortcomings the site might have to accommodate the bigger and better event. A World Jamboree is a once in a lifetime experience for any scout – make your plans early and make sure you will be there in 2007.

### Invitation: BSA's 3rd William Koch International Sea Scout Cup.

The South African Scout Association has been invited to send a selected crew of two Senior Scouts (male or female) to participate in the regatta in Miami, Florida. The location of the event will be the Coral Reef Yacht Club. The event will be held from 23 July - 28 July 2006. The South African Scout Association has already registered and is now required to select its Scouting representatives.

Scout members between the ages of 14 and 21 years old are invited to submit their

applications for the attention of the Chief Executive at SA Headquarters. Only two crew will be selected to represent the Association and South Africa in this event. Applications are due by 30 November 2005. Participants will be required to contribute airfares to and from Miami International Airport.

For this very exciting opportunity do not delay in applying. Should you require more information on the event visit <http://www.seascoutcup.org/>

## UNIFORM OPTIONS TO SOUTH AFRICAN SCOUTS!

In order to make the wearing of uniforms as flexible as possible, in terms of cost and diversity of the membership, four official uniform options are available:

- a) uniform shirt and scarf
- b) golf shirt and scarf
- c) "Full" uniform
- d) school uniform and scarf.



## FIRST SOUTH AFRICAN JAMBOREE

**8th to 16th January, 1936**

Almost seventy years ago, the first South African Jamboree was held in East London. About 3500 Scouts and Leaders attended from every part of South Africa, Namibia, Mocambique and Zimbabwe. The Chief Scout, The Rt. Hon. Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, with Lady Olave and their daughters Heather and Betty attended.



The Chief Scout broadcasting at the opening.



A view of the 1936 Jamboree Camp.

The Chief Scout broadcast (radio only in those days) his message and opening of the Jamboree to the world while the vast crowd sat patiently and listened.

Camp Chief was Major A.L. Pepper, O.B.E. of Natal. Other personalities still known to scouting to-day, who were involved – H.V. Marsh; C.H. "Fatty" Preston; E.H. Haigh; A.J. Ford; Sir Wm. Campbell and the secretary of S.A.H.Q., K.N. Fleischer, were among the twenty four Commissioners on the organising committee. Miss E. McIntosh, was Hospital Matron. A great Souvenir brochure, with many first class photographs, was produced by "Wood Smoke" the mouthpiece of Rhodesian Scouting.

*Photographs: Jack Arnold*



A section of the vast crowd.



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