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17 January 2016

To: All Troop Scouters entering Kon-tiki

Dear Scouter

Subject: Mixed Gender Teams Kon-tiki 2016

In order to ensure all Scouts are offered an opportunity to be part of the Kon-Tiki event troops will again be allowed to enter mixed gender teams provided the following conditions are met:

1. Troop Scouters must be fully conversant with and agree to conform to the following National Policies;
   - Child Protection Policy
   - Gender Policy
   - Volunteers Code of Conduct
2. Raft design and construction
   - The raft must be designed in such a way that separate sleeping/changing facilities are provided for both boys and girls.
   - Considering the size of the rafts and the number of participants in the team, it would not be necessary for separate toilets to be provided. However, it should be designed in such a way that there is absolute privacy. The same applies to the sleeping/changing arrangements.
3. The Troop/Group takes full responsibility for the behaviour and discipline of the Scouts on board.
4. Parents of those on board sign a letter of approval for their son/daughter to participate in the mixed gender team.
5. If the aforesaid are not complied with the Kontiki Organiser will have all the authority to withdraw the team from the event.

Please complete the form below and attach a copy with your entry form.

Yours faithfully

Paddy Milner
Regional Commissioner
Western Cape Province
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KON-TIKI 2016

I ……..……. (Name) …….……. (Rank)

of…….(Troop Name) agree to the conditions above and will ensure:

1. That the Scouts representing my Troop are fully aware of the said conditions.
2. That the raft will conform to the said requirements.
3. That the said policies are applied and adhered to.
4. That the parents of the Scouts are informed of the policies and that they agree to their children participating in a mixed gender team.

Signature……. Date:……

be prepared....

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Dear Parent

Subject: Mixed Gender Teams – Kon-tiki 2016

When the South African Scout Association agreed to allow girls to become members of the Movement it did so with the proviso that the programme will not be changed and that girls must have access to all our events. At the same time the following polices were introduced to our members:

- Child Protection Policy
- Gender Policy
- Volunteers Code of Conduct

These policies give guidelines to Adult Leaders as well as providing protection for the youth:

Whilst we introduced mixed gender participation at all other events, we had great difficulty deciding whether to allow this at Kontiki. This was only because we could not decide how to deal with the requirement that "*we need to provide separate sleeping, changing and ablution facilities for boys and girls*".

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5. If the aforesaid are not complied with the Kontiki Organiser will have all the authority to withdraw the team from the event.

As a parent of a Scout who will be participating in a mixed gender team I request that you sign the attached form indicating your approval for your son/daughter to be part of the team.

Yours faithfully

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PARENT CONSENT FORM

CAPE WESTERN KON-TIKI 2016 MIXED GENDER TEAMS

IN ADDITION to the standard Parent Consent Form, parents of Scouts who are taking part in a mixed gender raft team, must also complete and sign this form.

To: The Scouter

_____ Group

I, _____, being the mother/father/legal guardian of

_____, a member of the _____ Group,

am aware that he/she is taking part in The Kon-Tiki Adventure 2016 as part of a mixed

gender team that will be spending a full 24 hour period aboard the raft and

hereby give my full permission for him/her to participate.

ADDRESS: _____ _____

_____ LEGAL GUARDIAN

_____ _____

_____ DATE

TELEPHONE: _____ CELL: _____

(During Kon-Tiki)

be prepared....