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Who's Who at 9th Irene

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Future Events

Past Events

Dakota's Drip

Welcome to yet another edition of the 9th Irene Air Trails. This is the first official release of the NEW Air Trails. I went through about 3 different looks and designs before finally settling on this one.

I came across this design simply by looking at old Air Trail magazines (As in between 1985 and 1994 kind of old) and decided to base my design on these old ones.

In my journey through all the old Air Trails I came across a number of old articles that I thought would be really fitting in the new one, so from now on every 3-4 months (When the Air Trails comes out) I will be including 3-4 old articles from days gone by.

Of course both Cubs and Scouts must still write articles for the magazine, cause what's a Scouting magazine without articles written by the very Scouts/Cubs that are meant to read it.

Yours in Scouting

Dakota

Deadline for next issue: 18 Nov
MOSQUITOS HIKE Page 13
EZEMVELO ADVENTURE CAMP Fri-Sun 23-25 September (Page 14)
AIR SCOUT JAMBORALLY
PANCAKE COMPETITION
DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE : Fri 18 November
TROOP COMPETITION CAMP Sat-Wed 3-7 December

Our 3 ATS's received their warrant certificates last term.

14 October 2005

There's not to much for me to rant on about this time round. Except the usual "PLEASE go and visit and use the website", and the obligatory "Fix your uniform".

And of course, why do we only get 18 scouts at a camp when we have 41 scouts at the troop?

Apart from that I only have Raves this time round. First off the new patrol (Buccaneer) is doing and outstanding job with their patrol room. And since they have started the other patrol are following suit. Jaguar are fixing their patrol room and the other patrols are also slowly getting into the habit.

There is one thing that we do need, and that is parents who will be willing to sponsor a quarterly prize for both the patrol with the most points . Preferably something to do with flying. If your interested please give me (Dakota) a call after hours.

Rants and Raves

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Walther Lalk (Dakota) has been nagging for this report for some time and I have been procrastinating for an equal amount of time. Sorry Walther.

As Troop Scouter (Scout master in other countries) the buck stops with me so if anyone has anything to complain about. Please let me know. On the other hand if you are satisfied with things as they are, then also please let me

know.

The wrong thing to do is to go around nattering about how it's entirely the Scout master's fault or his assistants and never inform us. We cannot correct something unless it's brought to our attention.

On to the report:

Scouter's

We are very fortunate to have Walther Lalk, Owen Williams and Paul Ross as assistant Troop Scouters. Besides lessening the load on myself, the three have enlivened the Friday night programs and were very active during the recent Air Jamborally. All three are 'Warranted' Scouter's and will hopefully start their "Wood badges" (The highest qualification of a Scouter) next year.

All three find that studying for their degrees interferes with their Scouting. I hope their parents agree???

Adult assistants:

Those who know Paul Cammidge "CT" (Nick name given years ago because he was from Cape Town) will know that he prefers remaining in the background, BUT will also know that his help is most valuable. Some of the dad's have accompanied CT on excursions to the Drakensberg. CT also has the knack of being able to motivate and mobilize helpers who were young Boy scouts in the nineties. Although he was not able to go to Kontiki, CT's help before Kontiki is appreciated. Those who went to the last two Kontiki's may remember the feasts CT provided (out of own pocket) for 9th Irene. We are indeed fortunate to have CT.

One other person who must be mentioned in dispatches is Malcolm Dunkeld who arranged and expedited the recent Adventure camp that 18 of our boys went on. I hope one of the boys will report on the camp (*No luck there. But I wrote one –Dakota*). Reports filtering verbally through to me suggest that it may have been tougher than anticipated by some Tenderfoot Scouts. We hope Malcolm decides to qualify as a Scouter and also complete a "Warrant"

He is currently studying "Adventure Tourism" which makes him an eminently suitable assistant.

Our Committee;

We undoubtedly have the best committee in the country. Bruce deserves a medal for chairing the committee for the last few years. Peter Fraser took over the Chair from Bruce Soal without a hiccup and our committee continues to function smoothly. Avril Lotter has told us that she will be resigning as 'Treasurer' at the end of the year. Thank you for the sterling work you have done Avril. The Group (Scout Troop and Cub Pack) cannot function without a committee and the committee cannot function without a dedicated treasurer.

We also know that Chas Lotter assisted Avril from time to time. Thank you Chas.

Angelique Winterton is taking over from Avril – Thank you for volunteering Angelique.

And thank you Rob Pitman, Keith Radmore, Kathy Dos Santos, Freddie Prinsloo and Jenny Mulligan for your dedication.

A special thanks to Alyson Lea-Cox for her Quarter-mastership. Alyson's dedication and attention to detail have been one of the main reasons we do so well at Kontiki. It will be a difficult act to follow. She has promised to give guidance to future Quartermaster's.

A number of dad's helped with maintenance of the Hall and tower recently. I hesitate to name any as I may be remiss in naming all who helped. Suffice to say I am very grateful for your help. Whilst others lounged you chose to sacrifice time and effort for our boys. Thank you!

And now to the Troop:

Our most recent Top Awards are Alex Field and Neil Withers. To attain Springbok badge requires a high degree of self discipline and an ability to schedule activities into a rather hectic Matric year.

Both Alex and Neil have been and continue to be very active leaders and participants in Intra and extra mural activities. They attend Lyttelton Manor High School and received academic and sport awards recently.

Not all scouts attempt Springbok award. Some prefer expending their energies on other activities and don't attempt the badge.

As Troop Scouter I am pleased when boys attain Explorer badge and of course very happy if they attain Springbok. What really warms the cockles of my heart is when a Scout decides to become a Scouter after turning 18. Someone once remarked that he wondered whether there would have been a second world war if Hitler had been a scout.

The Troop is doing very well thanks to our motivated patrol leaders.

I hope Dakota nags them for reports.

Crane

Crane's Cranium

Dear Scouts:

If you have ever seen the play "Peter Pan" you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die he might not have the time to get it off his chest. It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days and I want to send you a parting word of good-bye.

Remember, it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have a happy life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving happiness to other people. Try to leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy—stick to your Scout Promise always—even after you have ceased to be a boy—and God help you to do it.

Your friend,
Baden-Powell of Gilwell

(Found among Baden-Powell's papers after his death, January, 8th 1941)

B.P.'s Last Message

"After he reached the age of eighty, Lord Baden-Powell and his wife, Lady Olave Baden-Powell settled in Kenya, in a peaceful spot with a glorious view across miles of forest.

There he died, just before his eighty-fourth birthday"

From "Scouting for Boys"

A Picture from Air Jam

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We can't all be leaders in the troop

By Rob Robilliard in "The Tartan Tatler", 6th Pretoria (St Andrews) Group

What can we do to make being a Patrol member easier? We would all like to be Patrol Leaders in the Troop. The other guys would look up to us. Patrol Leaders do things that the other Scouts can't do. Being a Patrol Leader means importance and responsibility.

Many times we can't be the Patrol Leader or even the Second for once reason or another. There are even times when we don't want to be the leader.

Being a follower doesn't sound very exciting. But, in reality, the leadership and "followership" are equal, though different responsibilities. A leader with no followers can't do anything and a group with no leader can't either.

Troop Scouters, teachers and others in authority often look for people who are good at following. They give these people opportunities, because they know they can be relied on.

There are many situations in which you'll be expected to be a follower—in the Troop, in the classroom, on a sports team or with your friends and family. What then can you do to make the following easier? How can you be a good follower?

Learn to enjoy contributing to the good of the whole group. Remember this when you are asked to wash dishes at camp or clean bathrooms at home.

Your Patrol Leader has plenty of work to do at camp. He really needs your help. It takes a lot of effort and time on your parents' part to keep a household running. They need and appreciate your help.

Give suggestions. Good leaders like their followers to make suggestions. If you see a way to do something better, point it out respectfully. Or if you have an idea which will benefit your Patrol, talk to your Patrol Leader. Try not to be upset if your Patrol Leader doesn't take your suggestion. He may feel another idea is even better or just might not want to take your suggestion. That's not your problem

Encourage the leader and other group members. Thank your Mom and Dad for their help. Tell your Patrol Leader or team captain that you appreciate his advice or help. Or tell the new player in your team that he played very well. Congratulate your fellow Patrol Members when they receive an award or a badge. All it takes is a smile and a few words of praise to make someone feel great.

Listen and don't make fun of others' ideas. Help make your group's atmosphere one of excitement, acceptance and caring. Treat others the way you want to be treated.

Be able to stand up for what's right, even if the group pressures you. Don't lose your individuality or let your Patrol or team (*Or friends –Dakota*) totally rule your life. You can be loyal *and still have a different opinion*. You may even have to take a stand within your group if someone is cheating or doing something illegal.

Being a loyal member of your Patrol, team or family gives you a chance to learn co-operation and teamwork. Our country needs more people who can work together for a goal and accept guidance from a leader. And when you're really a good follower, guess what? You're a leader too, because others look up to your example.

Taken from the November 1992 edition of Air Trails

Leadership

“A boy learning what he can as a Scout has a good chance in the world.”

BP

9th Irene is in search of a group Scouter. A group Scouter is the person who liaisons between the Troop Scouters, Pack Scouters and the Parents Committee. If you think you are up to the task please phone Peter Fraser on: 082-780-7884

As a Group Scouter you will be required to go into uniform, and participate in a warrant course.

Here are the functions of a Group Scouter (Taken from SASA):

1. Take overall responsibility for the WELFARE OF THE GROUP adhering to all provisions in Policy, Organisation and Rules (PO&R) pertaining to the duties, responsibilities and functions of the Group Scouter, with particular reference to Rules 626-629 (Parents association, Group Committee, Group Property and Group Finance).
2. Liaise with the District Commissioner on a regular basis through the medium of regular District Scouters Meetings as well as other meetings with the Staff of the District.
3. Chair a monthly / bi-monthly meeting of the Group Scouters and encourage all uniformed adults in the Group to attend.
4. Attend the monthly Group Committee meeting and report fully on activities concerning the uniformed branches.
5. Arrange for regular contact / visits between yourself and your Scouters and the Parents in the Group and encourage communication between all members of the Group.
6. Guide the Scouters of the Group in their various functions and responsibilities (delegating the fullest amount of

responsibility in the actual leading of the Pack and Troop to the Scouters) and undertake occasional visits to Pack and Troop meetings.

7. Participate in the Going-up ceremony of every Cub.
8. Encourage the Scouters in the Group to undertake the training required, appropriate to the positions they hold and to complete the Advanced Wood Badge Course within five years of receiving their Warrants.
9. Actively support Pack, Troop, Group, District and Area events.
10. Avail yourself to the District to assist with the examining of Scoutcraft, Advancement and interest badges.
11. See that the necessary paperwork, in the case of new Scouters is completed promptly, that necessary forms from District / Area are completed and submitted on time and that the annual Census Returns are carried out and submitted within the time frame allowed after the 31st July.
12. Be enthusiastic, committed and set an example to others by living up to the Scout Law and Promise.

Group Scouter

“It is only by doing things that you find out what you can do”

Scouting Proverb

From “The Diamond Jubilee Book of Scouting”

A lot of Scouts look on their Scarf as something just worn for ornament. It isn't!

It has some important uses. Here are some of them.

For use as a signal flag by attaching it to a stick

A number of scarves tied together form a life-line in an emergency.

It makes a good arm sling in First Aid work

Can be used as a triangular bandage (but see the scarf never comes into contact with a wound as the dye may cause blood poisoning)

Tourniquet

Smoke mask for fires or gas outbreaks.

A number of scarves can be used as guide ropes for finding way through fog or smoke.

An emergency bag, by holding the corners.

As a belt, in emergencies

Good turn reminder (Knot tied in end).

In a crowded bathing place as a cap to identify Scouts

Arm band in Team Games

As a blindfold for games.

As underwear (Well, you never know)

To tie a splint.

Uses of the Scout Scarf

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We came to the 9th Irene scout hall to go on Chris Reeds patrol hike. Out of our whole patrol only three people came to Mosquito's patrol hike. When we came to Ezemvelo game reserve, we pitched our tent and went to look for firewood. We made a big fire and then started to work on some badges. Then we went into our war sleeping bags and woke up in the middle of the night freezing. We tried to sleep but we kept on waking up to try and keep warm. Finally we woke up and it was only an hour until we had to wake up, so we walked up the mountain behind our tent and watched the sunrise.

Then we went on our first hike near a river. We went on a dry plain through a valley and past a herd of Zebras.

Then we came to a rock called Mushroom rock near a steep cliff. We walked along the cliff to where it wasn't steep, this led to a lush rain forest near the river. We walked along the river until we saw rocks leading over it. We walked along these rocks but they led back to the side we were on. We then walked out the forest and along the plain to a bridge that marked the end of our hike. The bridge went over a river, which we swam in. The river was freezing cold and I was happy when I got out. We went back to our camp and had bacon and egg rolls for lunch.

Then we started getting prepared for a long hike to the other side of the park. But my brother was nagging us because he wanted to hike with us. So we took him on a hike to the hikers huts. We went round a dam and past a mountain and up an incline. That part of the hike was very hard because we were carrying a lot of stuff. We went past a barn house and past a big tree and up a hill. We then went past a herd of wildebeest and to a plantation where there was a big tree. We took a break at this tree and talked about where we were going tomorrow. Then we left and went past a ridge to our camping area called The Hikers Huts. We then pitched our tent and went to collect firewood. After that we took a bath in the river and went to tan in the sun. We then made a bonfire with the wood we collected earlier. We had delicious noodles for supper that night and played around that night before falling asleep.

We then woke up the next morning and started the fire up again to cook the leftovers of this weekend. We then started our next hike, which was going to be the longest and hardest hike this weekend. We went up a hill along a cliff and across a rocky landscape and down the hill again. We came into a large valley with lots of baboons and came out of the valley and past family huts. There we got lost and found our way half an hour later, then we went across a plain, but for some reason the horizon got closer. Then I saw that we had to go down the steep ridge I saw the day before. It was much steeper than I thought it was. We came down with trouble and came to today's resting spot and had the rest of our snacks. We set off with full stomachs only to find that we had to jump over a wide stream. So I jumped and landed safely, Gavin jumped and hurt his knees and Chris over jumped and nearly hit a rock. The rest of the hike was boring because we just went over a few hills and really close to a herd of wildebeest and over a small stream and down a road to our tent. We then had our last lunch at Ezemvelo and left. *By Nicky Prinsloo*

Mosquito Hike

The Arrowhead

Lord Baden-Powell, our founder, said: *"Our badge we took from the 'North Point' used on maps..."*

Lady Olave said, later: *"It shows the true way to go."*

The world emblem is white, on a royal purple background. In heraldry, white (or silver) represents purity, and royal purple denotes leadership and service

The reef knot, which one cannot undo no matter how hard one pulls at it, is symbolic of the strength of world Scouting's unity and brotherhood

Obedience to the Scout Law

The bond of brotherhood

Service to others

The encircling rope symbolises the unity and brotherhood of the World Scout Movement.

The two 5-point stars stand for truth and knowledge. The ten points represent the 10 points of the Scout Law

Duty to God

The World Scout Emblem It's meaning

The Injured PL

Setting up Camp

Careful, the water is wet!

Mince Burgers!

From 23/09/2005 till 25/09/2005

On the 23rd of September 2005 about 18 of our Scouts meet at the Scout hall to go on an adventure race camp. We meet at the hall at 14:45 to leave by 14:30. When we finally left (At about 15:15) we were all very excited.

We finally arrived at Ezemvelo at about 17:00 at setup camp. The cooking team (Petzel) began cooking our supper (Which was meant to be hamburgers), but they could only find 1 pan and 2 pressure cookers so the hamburgers

turned into mince burgers (Of course when it came to the last 10 patties they found the skottel braai). After supper Phantom, Hawk and I took the Scouts on a little night hike. We walked about 200 meters away from the camp and lay down in the veld to observe the stars. Then strange things started happening. First Phantom disappeared, then I disappeared, then Hawk disappeared. It took the scouts quite some time to realize that we had gone, when they finally realized it they went on a search party for us. They first found Phantom, then Hawk who had been “attacked” by some people and was in shock and burping like there's no tomorrow. They then found me and we had to carry the “injured” Hawk back to camp. At camp Hawk suddenly recovered (After they wanted to pour water all over him). Malcolm gave them the pre-race briefing and then we (force) fed them hot coffee and sent them to bed.

At 06:00 we woke them up and sent them on “Operation Cl₂”. They had to each bring back a cup full of water with chlorine in it (Like swimming pool water, or even tap water). Most of them went to the swimming pool (Which was about 500m away). We then had breakfast (Oats and cereal) and got ready for the adventure race. Malcolm and I left at 07:00 to go to the start. Here I waited for about 15min until the scouts arrived. We then sent them off at 10 minute intervals. I was then whisked away to the taught line base where Hawk, Phantom and Christopher (Big tall blond monkey) where waiting for me. After I helped Chris carry the water bottle (Chris did barely any work) we started to setup the taught line (Which is similar to a educated line, but dropped out of school in grade 9). Monkey boy (AKA Chris) did some tree climbing to untangle the not-so-educated line from a tree (We help by throwing things at him). We finally could start to tighten the rope, this took lots of effort (Including dodging flying stakes and pick axe handles). Eventually we tightened the rope until we couldn't tighten it any more (Which is very tight when using a 6-6 block and tackle). The first patrol finally arrived (Team Petzel). Their patrol leader got “injured” and they had to get him across the river with out him getting wet. His injuries entailed: A broken leg, a broken cocksix (Tail bone), and a broken heart (Because his pet fly “walk” died). The patrol quickly strung him onto the rope and started him off (Only to realize that the rope wasn't tight enough). The PL (Whose name was “Seven” AKA Steven) was promptly wettened. At this point in time I walked to the finish point of the race. After a short while team Petzel finished the race with a actual time of: 5 hours and 47 minutes. I then had the privilege of waiting for the teams to finish. After many hours the last team finally came in. While we were waiting the Scouts started having “Algae” fights and threw algae at each other.

The length of time that each team spent on the race was:

Team Drifter: 7 hours

Team Petzel: 5 hours 47 minutes

Team Montreal: 8 hours 5 minutes

Team Rocha: 6 hours 35 minutes

We then went to camp and Phantom and Hawk had to leave. Team Montreal made supper (Spaghetti Bolognese) while the other teams cleaned up and rested. After supper each team performed their war cry and gave a short impromptu skit about the funniest thing that happened to them during the race. Malcolm then gave out the prizes.

The final times where:

Team Petzel: 5h20

Team Rocha: 6h36

Team Montreal: 6h45

Team Drifter: 7h35

We then sent the scouts to bed and the PL's had a short CoH about kontiki.

We woke the scouts up at 06:30 the next morning and sent the on “Operation H-Damwater₂-O” and gave each patrol only seven minutes to run to the dam (about 700m away) and bring back two full cups of water. After this we had breakfast and Scouts Own. We then went to go and cut down some alien plants (Poplar). The scouts did very well and cut away quite a bit of the plants. After we finished (At about 10:00) we went back to camp and started to pack away. When everything was done we had lunch (Hot Dogs made by the Scouters). We left for the scout hall and arrived back at about 16:00. We unpacked everything very quickly and went home.

I think it was a awesome camp (Or as some scouts called it: “A camp and a half”) and I'd like to thank Malcolm for organizing it for us.

By Dakota

Adventure Camp

Packing UP Chop, Chop, Chop The first Patrol back

Our patrol room has been repainted and slightly rebuilt (*They've got a nice sound system—Dakota*)

Buccaneer is our newest patrol consisting of the following invested scouts:

Chris Reid
Trevor Henwood
Tomek Kachi
Simeon Pienaar
Nicky Prinsloo
Nicholas Trankle
JJ van Niekerk

Buccaneer

Mosquito is a rather new patrol consisting of the following invested Scouts:

Christopher Oldnall
Devon Garvie
Gavin Holt
Timothy Wolf-Piggott

Mosquito

The Patrol camp was wicked awesome! On the first day we just did stuff for badges, but on the second day after a long hike (Wide Game) we did a 40m abseil and a 20m abseil and then we jumped into water off a 15m high rock. (*A little bit about the Mirage Patrol camp that was held during the third term-Dakota*)

Mirage is one of our older patrols consisting of the following invested scouts:

Duncan Fraser
Camillo Coccia
Keiron Lewis
Kevin Mulligan
Brian Nixon
Leem O'neil
Riki van Niekerk

Mirage

Impala is one of the older, more mature patrols in the troop. The average age is 15. Resulting from matters out of our hands, we have not been out often but intend to in the near future

Impala is one of the oldest patrols in Irene. It consists of the following invested Scouts:

Jeremy Pitman
Keith Soal
Chace Batty
Robbie Fraser
Phillip Rennie
Brandon Stone
Lamon van Vuuren

Jaguar is also a rather old patrol consisting of the following invested Scouts:

Andrew dos Santos
Stuart Blackbeard
Jerome Fernie

Colin Criggs
Jacques Klopper
Nicholas Leighton
Rhys Rae
Jonathon Wilken

Jaguar

Spitfire is the oldest standing patrol in our troop. It consists of the following invested Scouts:

Steven Mulligan
Justin Batty
Phillip Grant
Martin Langham
Justin Mathew
Jack Radmore

Spitfire

Patrol Reports

Impala

Air Jamborally

Air Jam 2005 was one of the best camps I've ever been on. We left early in the morning to arrive at the glider airfield and the sight of Simeon arriving in style in his helicopter. Then we had flag break before departing for Swartkops AFB where we played Flight Sim, saw the museum and played on a hovercraft. We also had a demonstration by the firefighters at the airport. On day 2 we went micro lighting, and later that day we went micro lighting again, where some of us flew in a "Jabaroo". On day 3 we visited the Lebombo 747 at Rand airport before going to Jo'burg International to see the control tower and Airbus A340 simulator which was great fun. On day 4 the winning patrol (Rooivalk) got to fly in a glider. At the end of it I thought it was a great camp and we even got a DVD to help us remember this great experience.

Written by a Scout in Impala Patrol

Friday 19th August 2005 was a real fun event at cubs. We could all dress up as cool kids.

Most of the cubs dressed up. Kiddar wore funny sunglasses. Harvey had a pair of yellow socks on. I wore my black surf shirt.

We did fun things. We painted graffiti; on paper, very long in the court yard. We all had to dip our hands in the paint and put our hand prints on the paper. We also painted dolphins and we stamped the "fleur de lie".

I also tasted caster sugar and grape juice. We also played running red rovers, and this game is my favorite game.

I was glad, because my six (Red) won with 36 bones.

We all had a wonderful day.

Vaughn Davies
Sixer
Red Six
9th Irene

Cool Kids - Cubs

We arrived at Kontiki and there were lots of Scouts and cubs from other areas. Our Scouts were busy building a raft and my friend Jonathan was already there. The raft looked like a ship, with funnels on top and was made of wood with drums to keep it afloat. I couldn't believe that the scouts had built it themselves. The scouts on the boat were dressed as Russian sailors. I liked it when the scouts played the bagpipes as they launched the raft.

The best part of Kontiki that I liked the most was going from stall to stall to see all the things that the scouts had done. The best one was pillow fighting and I knocked off a few other cubs.

The scale model of the raft was also very nice. I would like to have one like that, maybe when I am a scout I can build one just like it!!

Finally I laughed at my friend Jonathan when he dressed up like a ballet dancer with all the other scouts to do the dance of the swans! I never found out if they won or not, but theirs was the best out of all the others (*Actually we did win it – Dakota*)

Finally it was time to go home and we left the dam with all the rafts on the water ready to spend the night!

Kontiki 2005 - Cubs

“Scouting is Wicked extreme to da max”

Chris Reid

“Scouting is the chance to burn things”

Robbie Fraser

“Scouting is What Chris said”

Trevor Henwood

“Scouting is Wicked Awesome”

Rici van Neikerk

“Scouting is a chance to meet new people”

Jeremy Pitman

“Scouting are kief”

Camillo Coccia

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Upside down inspection

"In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed."

Lord Baden-Powell

"The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country."

Lord Baden-Powell

"When you want a thing done, 'Don't do it yourself' is a good motto for Scoutmasters."

Lord Baden-Powell

"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond."

Lord Baden-Powell

"Show me a poorly uniformed troop and I'll show you a poorly uniformed leader."

Lord Baden-Powell

"I assure you of my own personal appreciation of Scouting as a magnificent experience and form of social and religious commitment."

The Late Pope John Paul II