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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Another Pineranch filled with the activities of the 4th Quarter 2017. Amazing to consider that besides that which is documented here, there are lots of activities going on that aren't. Just shows you how much the Scouting movement has to offer and how valuable these can be in the development of our children.

Sadly the camera on which all the award winners were photographed, was stolen and so we can only list the

winners, but congratulations to each recipient nevertheless. It is awesome to see what our youngsters can achieve.

Enjoy the read.

Yours in Scouting  
JP Lugt



## NIALL'S FIRST CLASS HIKE

This was my first time ever running a hike and it was quite an experience, from planning the hike to seeing a Himalayan Mountain Tahr coming down Platteklip Gorge. Due to me doing my First Class hike at the age of 17, I had to do a more difficult route and it was tough, ending with me injuring myself while coming down Platteklip Gorge.

On the first day, we started at Constantia Nek, walking along the contour path for a bit until getting to the bottom of Skeleton Gorge and making our way up. Once we were at the top, we took a lunch break at

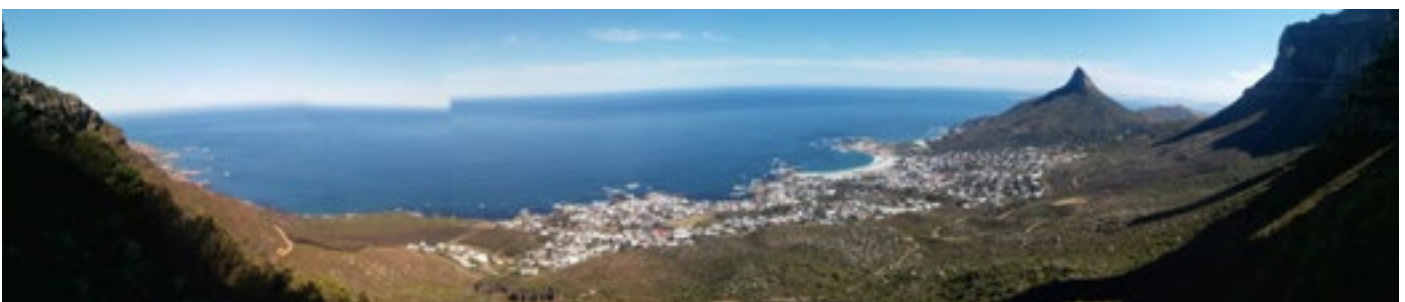
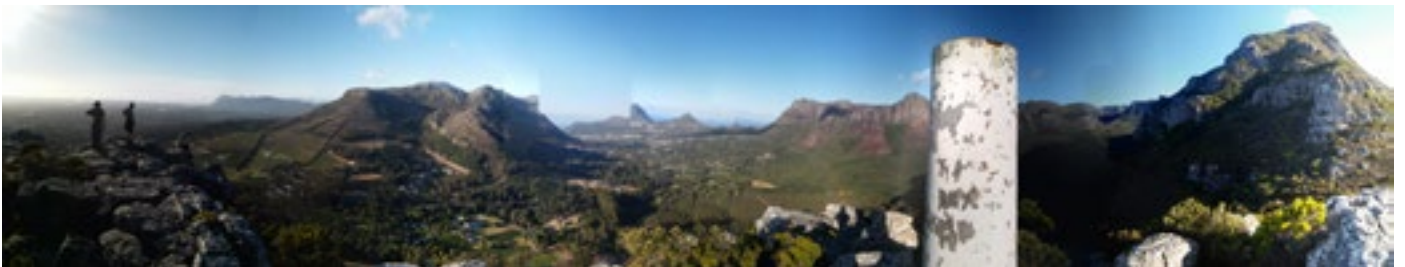
the reservoir. After a long break and full stomachs, we continued along the path heading to Kasteelspoort, then making our way down into Camps Bay. We then spent the night at the Camps Bay Scout hall.

We got to the hall quite early which gave us time to relax and go to the beach. When it was time for supper, we ordered pizza, but what made this pizza delivery interesting was that the Scout hall does not have an address. This led to the delivery man going to the wrong place, but we eventually got our pizza.

The next morning, we made our way up Kasteelspoort again, but this time our destination was to get to Platteklip gorge. On our way there, we explored a cave and took many breaks. When we had finally reached the beginning of Platteklip gorge, we were all quite tired, but we made our way down anyway.

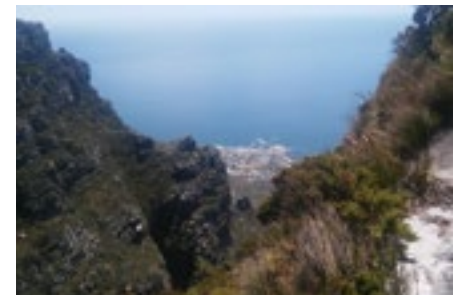
In my opinion, the hike that I ran was a great experience for all that took part in it, whether it be testing your limits, to it being your first hike with scouts or learning how to run a hike.

Niall Sampson





## NIALL'S FIRST CLASS HIKE



## 1ST PINELANDS 2017 TROOP AWARDS

### ATTENDANCE

> 90% (R = re-award)

CJ Beerwinkel,

Joshua Beerwinkel,

Simeon Davies (R),

Luke Jones, Joshua Lugt (R),

Adam Mackie (R),

Luke Mayman (R),

Shivaan Pillay (8)



### JUNIOR HIKING CADEN SAMPSON

Most kilometres hiked in a year. Minimum 45 km hiked with at least four scouts. Consideration will be given to initiating and leading hikes.

### JUNIOR CAMPING JOSHUA LUGT

Most number of nights camped under canvas away from scout hall. Minimum 10 nights camped with at least four scouts. Consideration will be given to organising and leading camps.

### SENIOR HIKING TROPHY LUKE JONES

Most kilometres hiked in a year. Minimum 100 km hiked with at least four scouts. The overall standard of hiking must be acceptable. Consideration will be given to initiating and leading hikes.

### SENIOR CAMPING TROPHY NIALL SAMPSON

Most number of nights camped under canvas away from scout hall. Minimum 20 nights camped with at least four scouts. The overall standard of camping must be acceptable. Consideration will be given to organising and leading camps.

### ANTON DE ROO TROPHY

#### FOR PROMISE AND POTENTIAL ADAM MACKIE

The junior scout who shows the most promise, as decided on by the troop scouters. Consideration will be given to attendance, self-management, consideration for others and work in the patrol. No award will be made if there is no acceptable candidate.



### SCOUT OF THE YEAR SHIVAAN PILLAY

The senior scout with the most outstanding performance, as decided by the troop scouters. Consideration will be given to attendance, leadership, advancement, enthusiasm and involvement. No award will be made if there is no acceptable candidate.

### PROMISE AND LAW TROPHY NIALL SAMPSON

The scout who demonstrates adherence to the ethical code of scouting, as voted for by the troop. A secret poll of the scouts, with a minimum return of 60 % and without nominations, will determine the awardee.

### PATROL OF THE YEAR EAGLES

The patrol with the best performance overall. Consideration will be given to star awards, performance at troop camp and on Friday nights, independent activities, advancement and patrol spirit. An award will be made only if a patrol reaches a sufficiently high standard.

# SANJAMB 2017



The bus trip to SANJAMB was 18 hours long as it was from Cape Town to Free State. There were many activities to be done on the bus such as listening to music at midnight, sleeping, karaoke, messing with random people, pillow fights and night time stops. But what was even more interesting was when people woke you up to say good morning at 2:00 am. Eventually the nocturnal scouts fell asleep and so we decided to have fun with them.

Once we had arrived at SANJAMB we got a bag of things, lanyards, ID cards, lamps, scarfs and shirts. That day we were also supposed to play icebreakers in our sub-camps (blue and red), but, sadly, because Cape Town came late there was no time for ice breakers. Although, we did find time to get a meal of mayo (with a hint of tuna) on a burger, the next morning we were woken by dehydrated eggs.

There were many activities at SANJAMB, such as; pioneering, orienteering, veldcraft, katty shooting, dutch oven, Da Vinci's bridge, tie-dye, trebuchets, cup stacking, murder mystery, journalism, human knot, debating, potato canon, movie making, gladiators, polo bats, commando course, RC boats, archery, abseiling, blow

darts, backwoods, team building, air rifles, barrel course and rafting.

We were all very blessed to be given the opportunity to go on such an enriching adventure, I hope that all the scouts of First Pinelands will be given the same opportunity that we were so that they may also experience and learn new things, as we have.

Joshua Beerwinkel

On Thursday 7 December 2017, seven 1st Pinelands scouts set off for SANJAMB. Over the course of the week we did many fun activities, like air rifle shooting, archery, veltcraft, Dutch oven cooking and gladiators (in which you try to knock your opponent off of the "bridge" into water). My favourite base was the commando course.

We also made a lot of friends from troops from all over South Africa like 1st Robin Hill, 1st Somerset west, 6th Rondebosh and many others.

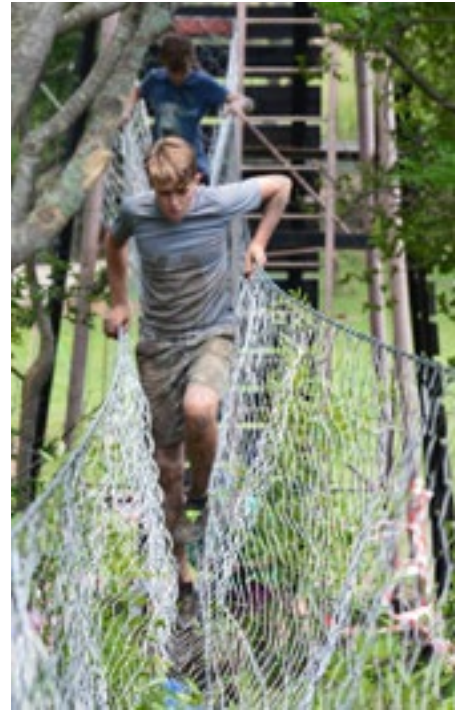
I encourage anyone who has the opportunity to go on a SANJAMB to seize it and make the most of it.

Josh Lugt



# SCOUTS NEWS











# THE FIRST PINELANDS ROVER CREW YEAR AT A GLANCE

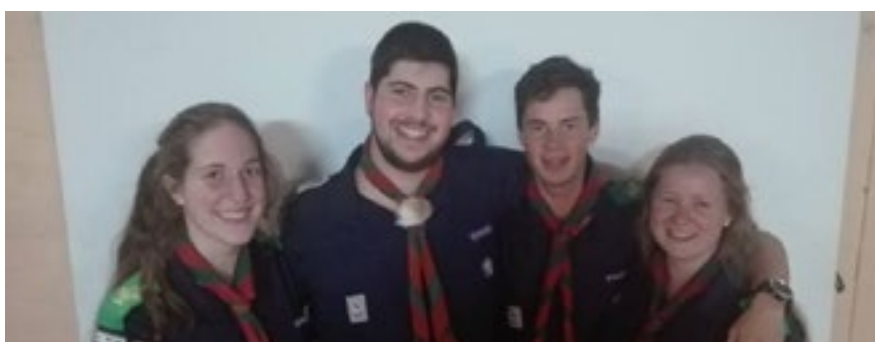
## - 2017

2017 was truly an eventful year for the First Pinelands Rover Crew. The year began with the many bonding sessions that are the rule with the crew members. Our first interactive event, however, was held with the Table Bay Rover Crew in March at Bloc 11 gym in Paarden Eiland. Much fun was had by all who attended and it was a great opportunity to spend time with the Table Bay Crew.

Our crew also took part in staffing a base on Kontiki. This year our base was Blow-darts. The participating scouts had to make their own blow-darts from paper and nails, before attempting to fire them at several polystyrene boards. The teams that scored the most points were victorious and added points to their overall Fringe Team Score.

Each member of the crew also tried to organise an activity for the crew and our chairperson, Laura, organised a camp in Stanford. Much fun was had with camping, braai-ing and volleyball. Swimming in the river helped to counter the heat and although it was only one night, everyone had a spectacular time.

As with every crew, meetings are important, but the First Pinelands Rovers took the idea of a meeting to the next level by taking advantage of the local community's Free Museum Night. A detailed agenda made sure that the important meeting details were adhered to, but after the meeting was concluded, the crew members were free to take in the sights together at the National South African Museum.



The rest of the year went well with regard to staffing on competitions and scout involvement. Our crew saw the investiture of Gary Grant and Harry Joanou as full rovers once they completed their respective squires' challenges. Community service was not left out with our crew members attending various community service projects throughout the year.

As usual, First Pinelands organised the Paint the Lion Purple Project which meant that on every Thursday in October, the First Pinelands Rovers organised a hike for all available scouts up to the top of Lion's Head in all their purple, scout gear. This is an annual project geared towards raising awareness of the scouting movement. This year was, once again, a great success with much fun being had by all scouts, rovers and adults participating in the project. This year, a special surprise was arranged for the final Thursday. A Red armchair and a load of purple helium balloons were carried up the mountain by the First Pinelands Rovers in an effort to wow the public even more than usual and to create a soft spot to sit at the top.

The First Pinelands Rover Crew is very proud of its achievements this year. We hope to continue our involvement in the community with regard to community service and we hope to increase our involvement with surrounding crews to create a greater sense of camaraderie between crews. We are definitely excited to see what 2018 holds in store for our crew!

By Micaela Pike



## CUBS IN QUARTER 4, 2017

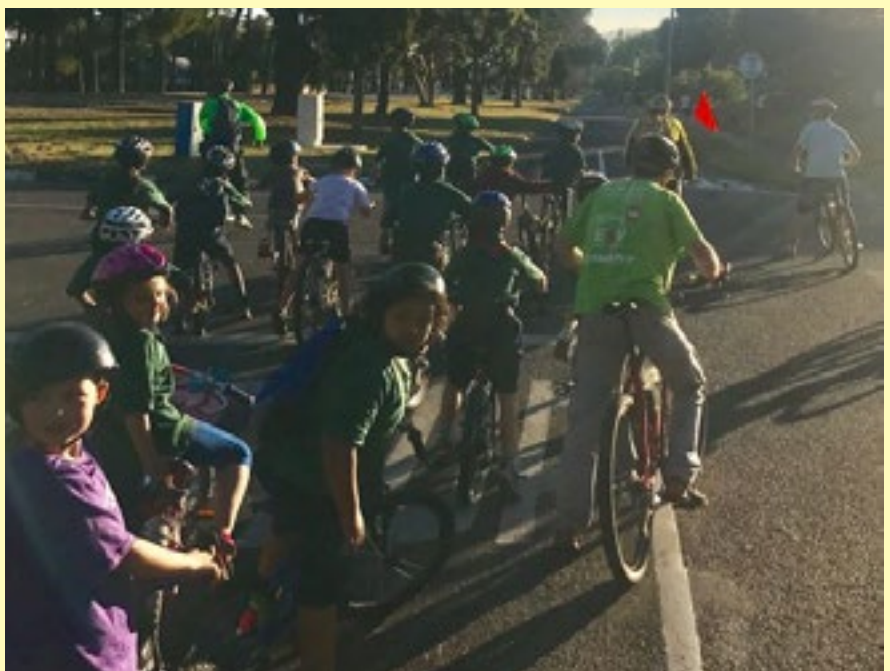
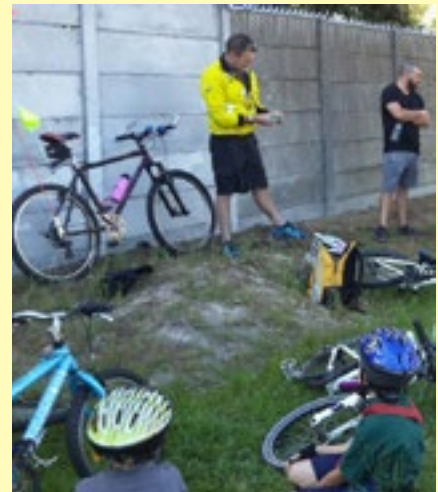
### IT WAS ALL ACTION FOR CUBS IN Q4 AS WE WALKED THROUGH OUR AWARENESS CHALLENGE ADVANCEMENT...

We filled our bicycle tyres with sealant and oiled our chains to "Be Prepared" for the cub cycle with Neil Buckland from Neil Buckland Cycles. Neil taught us about staying safe on the roads as a cyclist and how to maintain our bicycles before we headed off on Tour de Pinelands. Helmets on and off we went discovering old and new routes on a round trip through the suburb. The cycle ended with a race up to the scout hall for the last stretch.

Conservation and habitats were big on our learning path. Keep the habitat alive and we keep the animals alive. We made bird feeders from pine cones pasted with peanut butter and rolled in bird seed. They were installed at cub homes in suitable trees. Some cubs found the squirrels liked them as much as birds do! And they left nothing for the birds!

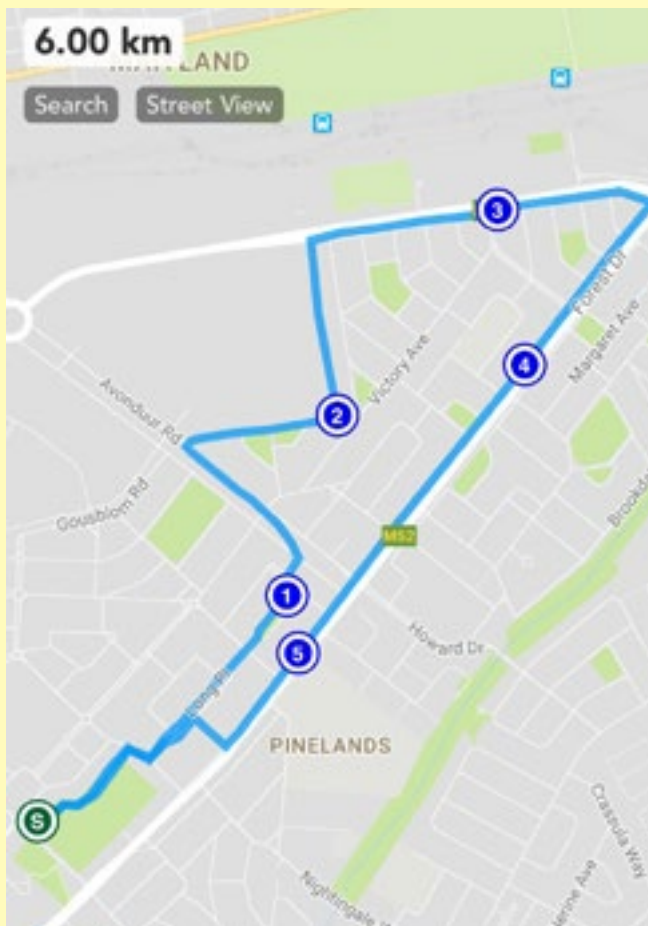
Playing the Chaos game was a first. We ran all over the hall and environs finding clues and completing cub tasks.

James took initiative and, enlisting the help of mom, Julie, made belt bags for the whole pack. Just the right size to keep a few items secure and easily accessible on your cub belt to "Be Prepared".





## TOUR DE PINELANDS.



## MY LEAPING WOLF BADGE

Of all the badges I earned the Leaping Wolf was the biggest achievement because it is the hardest to earn and is the only cub badge you can wear at scouts.

To earn the Leaping Wolf badge I had to earn five other badges and complete four challenges. The badges were:

- Gold Wolf Outdoor Challenge
- Food for Life - I planted tomatoes, parsley, spring onion and lettuce
- First Aid - Akela taught me the basics of a first aid kit and how to treat certain injuries
- Outdoorsman badge - it was my highlight. I had to build a shelter and sleep in it for two nights. I also had to make a braai and cook breakfast on the braai
- Civil Emergency - there were five sections for me to complete. The four challenges were:
- Scout craft - I had to make a knotting

board. It had 8 knots on it. They were reef knot; figure of eight; over hand loop; clove hitch; sheet bend; marlin spike hitch and overhand knot.

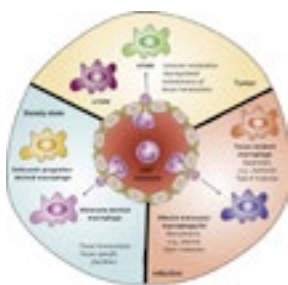
- My personal challenge - I did the Outeniqua hike, which was a three day hike. We walked 23 km.
- Technology in Action - I did it on aeroplanes and how they work. I did it on aeroplanes because I am interested in them and I want to be a pilot. It was 8 slides long.
- Global Awareness - I did it on water pollution because I don't like water being polluted and there already isn't much water.

I am pleased to have been awarded the Leaping Wolf badge. There has been fun along the way.

Steven de Villiers



## WHAT HELPS BUILD A HEALTHY IMMUNE SYSTEM?



We watched that video clip of the macrophages chasing down and ingesting bacteria. Then we chopped fruit, the widest variety we could lay our hands on, to add to our giant fruit salad.

**HEY, DID ANYONE DISCOVER WHETHER A TOMATO IS A FRUIT OR A VEGETABLE? AND DOES IT REALLY BELONG IN THE FRUIT SALAD?**



**I LOVE COFFEE... AND PANCAKES.**

"I Love Coffee" It's an interesting name for an interesting coffee shop. It's unique in that the majority of the staff are deaf. This successful social upliftment venture seeks to train deaf youth as baristas and create gainful employment through coffee shops and pop up kiosks.



**WE LEARNED WHAT LIFE IS LIKE WHEN YOU LIVE WITH BEING DEAF.**

How deaf people do daily life activities in a different way to which hearing people do it. We learned some sign language – how to greet, order hot chocolate and a pancake and a few more useful words. The food was delicious too. Thank you to Sam (Samantha) and Gary for visiting us and sharing your amazing employment story and good food with us. It was a great way to close our cub year.

Akela – Joann Lugt

# VOLUNTEER WILDFIRE FIGHTERS

The Volunteer wildfire fighters visited our pack and taught us all about what it means to be an awesome wild firefighter. They wear really heavy head-to-toe gear and carry heavy equipment up the mountain. You need to be fit to do that.

They take food and water along as they are often on the mountain fighting fires for many hours and it's hard physical work. There is a technique for rolling and unrolling the fire hoses. They demonstrated how they are tested on it. If you get it right in under 15 seconds, you pass. Now we know how our fire extinguishers at the hall work too.





## CUB AWARDS 2017

### AWARD

### 2017 RECIPIENT

### CERTIFICATES

#### HONESTY

Afidi Wonkam Brynn Deitchman

#### HELPFULNESS

Padma Laasya Jonnalagadda Divya Padma Jonnalagadda

#### COURAGE

Luke Smith

#### ENTHUSIASM

Zoe de Roo

#### PERSEVERANCE AND PROGRESS

Daniel van der Spuy

#### HARD WORKING CUB

Huxley Haarhoff

#### ULTIMATE DO YOUR BEST CUB

Inge Beerwinkel

#### PACK SCOUTER'S AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

Maggie Krieg Daniel Lugt

### TROPHIES

#### AKELA PULKER SERVICE AWARD

James Malan

#### JUNIOR CUB OF THE YEAR

Daniel Spamer

#### SENIOR CUB OF THE YEAR

Ihlumelo-Latshiamo Chaba

#### SERVICE SHIELD

Marion Metlercamp

#### SIX OF THE YEAR

Black (1213), Brown (1102), Green (1064)

### THANK YOU'S

Niall Sampson (Cub Instructor)

Luke Jones (Cub Instructor)

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