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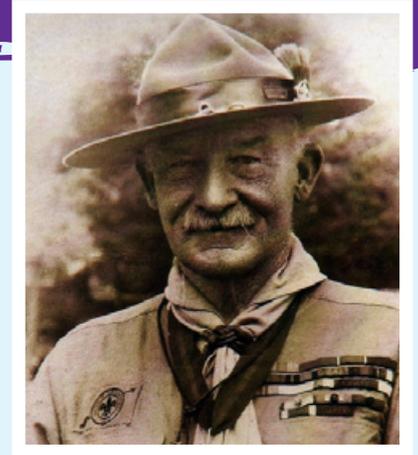
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## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Well done to Inge Beerwinkle on achieving her Leaping Wolf Badge. This is a fantastic achievement and wonderful to see these coming through.

This term saw us celebrate our founder, Lord Baden Powell's birthday. This gives our cubs and scouts the opportunity to go to school in their uniforms – a great advert for the movement. This year we collected photos of those at school in their uniforms and also include

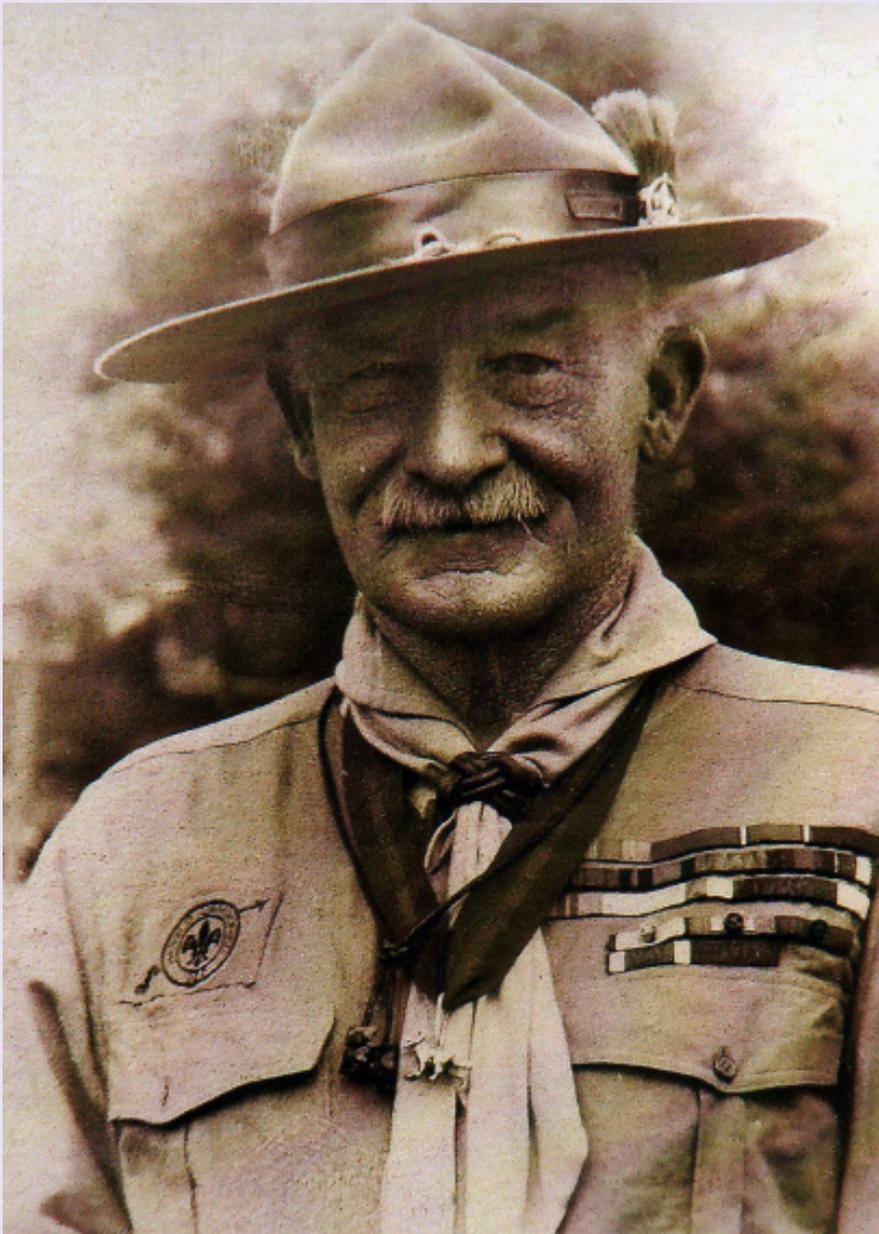
a very interesting article by Peter Smuts on BP and the influence he had on so many people.

As usual, there is lots more to read. Thank you to all those who have contributed by writing articles and sending pictures and especially to Ian Mackie for putting it altogether so beautifully yet again.

Yours in scouting  
JP Lugt

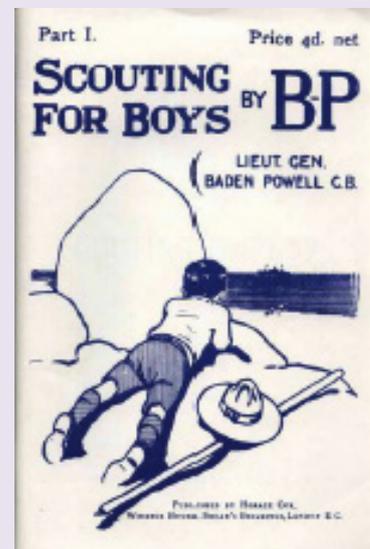
# SCOUTING

By Peter Smuts



Part of my Uncle determination to try and keep me on the 'straight and narrow' was to get me into Cub Scouts with the 1st Pinelands Group, then overseen by 'Impie' Bryant.

Here I discovered the importance of discovery and initiative. Having received a large illustrated volume of 'Scouting for Boys' as a present, I started to devour the Rudyard Kipling stories of Mowgli on which the concepts of Cub Scouting were based by Lord Baden-Powell, who had spent time in India before being able to realise his idea of Scouting which was ideally suited to countries like South Africa, with the opportunity of doing much out of doors. His experience during the 'Siege of Mafeking' during the 2nd Boer War in 1900 was to both illustrate his character and allow him to demonstrate what his theories were really like in practice. He wrote a book 'Aid to Scouting' which showed what young people could do to help their community in many practical ways, instead of being overlooked and side-lined as of little consequence and ability. 'Rovering to Success' completed the trilogy.



It was within this 'new family' I was encouraged to develop new skills with special emphasis on learning 'practical' skills which most would call 'commonsense'! I was decidedly lacking in this department and am still struggling!! Test passing and Badge work in many diverse areas enabled one to learn in a wider area than schooling and family life normally threw up at one. Many of the basic skills learned then have stayed with me for the rest of my life. I must have got hold of something to be appointed caretaker Scout Master after the sudden resignation of 'Cookie', until a substitute could be found. I was still at school and very wet behind the ears, but felt that things did not fall apart, but actually advanced during this period, as I spent a considerable amount of time and effort, trying to do the best for this full-to-capacity Troop. **Garnet del a Hunt** (who was later to become Chief Scout in South Africa,) was one of the rejected applicants, as he had already left the Troop, taking a few Scouts with him to start 2nd Pinelands Troop, meeting in the Guide Hall.

**Norman Cooke** has been a wonderful friend to John and I and went out of his way to see that we benefitted from all that Scouting and his friendship could offer. I was given the encouragement that I was helping others as I had been helped – into a new and exciting world of adventure, where difficulties were to be seen to be the stepping stones of life, rather than stop lights, preventing progress. I have therefore expected to 'Be Prepared' for the unexpected, which, upon reflection, seems to be a daily occurrence in my life. Humour should not be missing as was illustrated by Baden-Powell's response to the Boers to a Cricket match to be played on **Boxing Day 1899**, whilst **Mafeking** was being besieged.

They had left the written invitation on the railway tracks leading into the town, which the British Scouts collected on their rounds of the town. He declined the invitation with the words that **'we are \*\*\* not out, and when you get us out, you can**

**have a turn to bat! \*\*\***(indicating the days of siege, which were then over 200.)

He repeatedly out thought his opponents. He was conscious of the fact that as the siege progressed, his men were becoming more and more tired, as night time attacks were a past-time for the Boers with their guerrilla tactics. He sent most to bed one night and took a few with him on a patrol of the town. At various points, when he knew the Boers were in earshot, he would light up a flame placed within a large paraffin tin and bang the tin whilst shouting out orders for the 'absent' men, for them to keep on guard! This kept the Boers awake all night because they thought a night time attack was coming their way!



He also devised a planned attack by setting out a string of lamps for his men to follow back to camp, after they had managed to 'bayonet' encroaching Boer snipers who had used moonless nights to build trenches nearer to the town. In order to inflict more discomfort through tiredness, he knew that whenever he strung out his lamps, the Boers would either quickly retreat or stay awake all night, expecting a visit from the 'bayonet' brigade!

One of the first priorities he had, was to prevent the Boers from

storming the town, because they could easily overpower the flimsy Mafeking defence. But Baden-Powell deduced that the Boers were afraid of minefields...

So, to confirm the Boer fears, B-P got strings of the town's inhabitants to carry metal boxes around the town, with dire warnings not to drop or bump them. Hundreds of these were buried on the outskirts of the town, and the areas marked with warnings for the inhabitants and cattle herds to stay clear. Then he warned the townsfolk to keep inside while the new mines were tested.

**With everyone safe indoors, Major Panzera and I went out and stuck a stick of dynamite into an ant-bear hole. We lit a fuse and ran for cover until the thing went off, which it did with a splendid roar and a vast cloud of dust.**

**Out of the dust emerged a man with a bike who happened to be passing, and he pedalled off as hard as he could go for the Transvaal, eight miles away, where no doubt he told how by merely riding along the road he had hit off a murderous mine. The boxes were actually filled with nothing more dangerous than sand!**

**Baden-Powell, quoted by Duncan Grinnell-Milne in Mafeking**

Men of imagination and the ability to put ideas into action, have inspired me. Lord Baden-Powell was such a man. I am however, pleased to note that he was 'human' – like the rest of us.

At certain stages in his life, he embraced ideas which would be foreign to those he held in later life. Tim Jeal, who wrote the biography Baden-Powell, argued that Baden-Powell's distrust of communism led to his implicit support, through naïveté, of fascism. In 1939 Baden-Powell noted in his diary: "Lay up all day. Read Mein Kampf. A wonderful book, with good ideas on education, health, propaganda, organisation etc. – and ideals which Hitler does not practise himself." Baden-Powell admired Benito Mussolini early in the Italian fascist leader's career.

Some very early Scouting "Thanks" badges had a swastika symbol on them. According to biographer Michael Rosenthal, Baden-Powell used the swastika because he was a Nazi sympathiser. Jeal, however, argues that Baden-Powell was ignorant of the symbol's growing association with Nazism and that he used the symbol for its centuries-old meaning of "good luck" in India. Also, Baden-Powell was named by the Nazis in "The Black Book" of people to be arrested during the conquest of Great Britain. Scouting was regarded as a dangerous spy organisation by the Nazis. Finally, when Nazi use of the swastika became well-known, the Scouts stopped using it.

Scouting had been banned in Nazi Germany in June 1934 on the grounds that it was "a haven for young men opposed to the new State".

In his final letter to the Scouts, Baden-Powell wrote: ...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 does not come from being rich, nor merely 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 you 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 out happiness to other people. Try and 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!

## THE SCOUT'S LAW IS:

1. A Scout's honour is to be trusted
2. A Scout is Loyal to the King and to his officers, and to his country, and to his employers.
3. A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others.
4. A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout, no matter to what social class the other belongs.
5. A Scout is Courteous.
6. A Scout is a friend to animals.
7. A Scout obeys orders of his patrol leader or scout master without question.
8. A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties.
9. A Scout is thrifty.
10. A Scout is clean in thought, word and deed.

## THE SCOUT'S PROMISE IS:

On my honour I promise that I will do my best:-

1. To do my duty to God and the Queen.
2. To help other people at all times.
3. To obey the Scout Law.

In 2013 the Scout Association decided to remove GOD from the equation!!

The Scout Salute is with 3 fingers, representing

Myself – GOD – Others

Is it now a 2 fingered salute?



## BUFFALOES AND SPRINGBOKS JOINT PATROL EVENING



The Buffaloes and Springboks had a joint patrol evening for Term 1 at Grand West.

We started the evening at Spur, where we bonded and discussed plans for advancement and activities. Afterwards we enjoyed a game of Laser Tag to let off steam. It was a productive, yet fun meeting.

CJ Beerwinkel



Rank	Alias	Grand Total	Ammo Used	Enemies
1	FRY	1044	71	65
2	ANDREW	820	396	53
3	JUDE	788	613	67
4	CJ	754	541	73
5	KYLE	685	364	72
6	JAKOB	523	400	80
7	SAM	333	251	55
8	SHAUN	307	437	66
9	KALEB	304	544	64
10	DANIEL	275	385	53



## DISTRICT CAMPFIRE

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1ST PINELANDS

FRI 8TH FEB - 6 FOR 6.30PM UNTIL 8.30PM  
VEGAN AND BOERIE ROLLS - R20  
COOLDRINKS AND CHOCOLATES FOR SALE

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SENDING OUR SCOUTS TO THE JAMBOREE IN THE USA



## BAG PACKING – PENINSULA MARATHON 2019

Bag packing for the Peninsula Marathon is an annual First Pinelands tradition. The experience starts the evening before the marathon when we sleep-over at the hall and do test passing before going to bed.

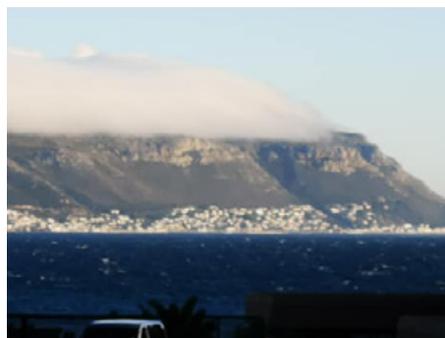
The following morning, at 2:00am, we are taken to Green Point where we pack the tog bags of those who run the full marathon. From there, a few of us go to Bergvliet to pack the bags of

those who run the half-marathon. After all the bags are packed we go to Simons Town to unpack all of the bags before the runners start coming to collect their bags. Once the runners arrive, we take down their running number and find their tog-bag. The scouts are able to go to the stalls and buy food and drinks when they get thirsty, because it is a long, hot day.

Although it is very tiring, I always come

to the Peninsula Marathon because I get to spend time together with my friends and I get to travel past the beach. The bag-packing this year was very fun and exciting as it is every year, but every year is different because new people try it out and enjoy themselves. I hope that next year even more people will want to join.

Josh Beerwinkel



## ROWAN COMMENTS ON THE RAYNER 2019

I really enjoyed working as a team with Josh, Simion and Jacob. Josh was very well organised and a big thank you to him for making it possible. It was a good and challenging experience for me.

By Rowan Winter



# RAYNER



Rayner training sessions - Kings Blockhouse - Sunrise.



## PIONEERS BADGE COURSE 2019

### Prep Weekend:

On the prep weekend we were taught all the knots, lashing and techniques required for the pioneering scoutcraft badge and the pioneers interest badge. This was a 2 day section at the 1st Stellenbosch hall. My favourite part of this section was making a splice-man.

### Test Weekend:

This took place 2 weekends after the prep weekend. It was from Friday evening until Sunday at 3pm at Hawaquas scout farm. It involved the interest badge theory test, practical test and constructions. We were put into patrols for the constructions, the people in my patrol were Matthew, Taylor, Raese, Lynne, Luna, Luwelen and myself. We built a Stork Tower, a Brynbach Tower, an Hourglass tower, a Drawbridge, an Areal Runway (my construction) and a Roman Ballista.

### Conclusion:

I came 3rd out of the entire course and my patrol won. I really suggest doing this course to all the seniors next year.

By Josh Lugt

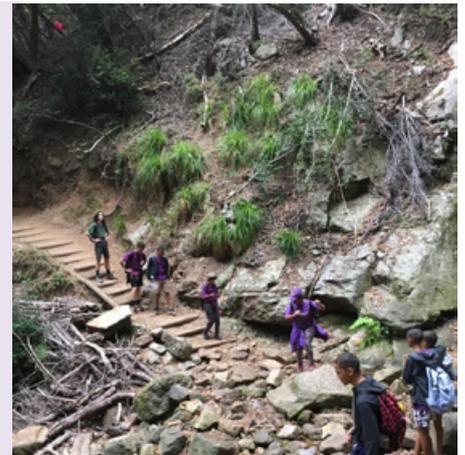


## 1ST CLASS FRIENDSHIP HIKE

On the 16th of February 2019, Josh Lugt, Jakob Malone, Simeon Davies and Josie Adlard from 1st Pinelands went on an 11 km hike with 9 scouts from 2nd Elsie's River scout group.

It was a very fun hike due to the felling of everybody making friends with everybody else. The route we took started at Constantia Nek, went up to the Contour Path via the Jeep Track, we walked along the Contour Path until we reached the Bridal Path which we then joined and hiked along it all the way to Newlands Forest, where we finished.

By Josh Lugt



## MY PLTU EXPERIENCE

In the 1st term holidays I had the privilege of attending the 28th Gilqua PLTU. It truly was an amazing experience which will never be forgotten. The friends I made and the life lessons learned will never be forgotten.

I am however not at liberty to disclose too much information about it, and hope that one day I can go back to Gilqua. I highly recommend that every scout attends Gilqua PLTU.  
By Caden Samson



28<sup>th</sup> Gilqua PLTU  
2019



**Back Row:** Thomas Barker, Robyn Wolstenholme, James Bowden, Andrew Venter, Jamie le Roux, Thomas Goemans, Robert van Wyk, Charles Murphy, Daniel Middleton, Matthew Kingwill, Byron Kingwill, Christian Reimers, James Rogers, Michael Uphill, Orion Barker, Jamie Stewart, Nathan Elixer, Jana Lorenz, Christopher MacDonald  
**Fourth Row:** Laura Kingston, Daniel Skriker, Gregory MacDonald, Harold Cohn, Lucia Schmutz, Luna Celliers, Aidan Armstrong, Connor Lane, Oliver Murphy, Zeeke Markley, Megan Wolstenholme, Morne van Schalkwyk, Rebecca Sparg, Mia Ehlers, Erica Schrick, Samantha Chambers, Melissa Rijs, Monét van Antwerpen, Robyn-Anne Hyslop  
**Middle Row:** Oliver Faure, Tara Casaleggjo, Garrick Bakker, Nicholas Cato, Matthew Ryan, David Case, Kelwin Sandeman, Caden Sampson, Justin Cheney, Timothy Grant, Jason Wolstenholme, Nicholas MacDonald, Vincent Savary-Jackson, Caleb Serafin, Renae Hislop, Ewan Blamire, Megan Lane, Alix Goss  
**Seated:** Johann Visser, Ondine Schrick, Peter Niddrie, Brendan Dale, Ryan Hultzer, Mr Bigglesworth (lap), Bronwen Seager, Jamie Fraser (Troop Leader), Mario Penso (Course Leader), Jason Raad, Michael Ketterer, Michael Stanley, Wepener van der Walt, Ontiretse Phetlhu, Quintin Combrink, Peter Statham  
**Front Row:** Sophia Kluijfhout, Katherine Gruenbaum, Nina Holling, Liam Bennett, Mikaya Storm, Josie Adlard, Robyn Rainier-Pope, Jonathan Cohn, Lily Brennan, Taylor Williams, Nina Agustin, Hannah Terblanche

## PLTU WAS AMAZING

It was a great experience, we got to learn new skills which we can implement into our troop/patrols. We also got a better understanding of ourselves as we were pushed to our limits. It was lots of fun, even though it was tiring at times.

The staff were absolutely amazing and without them it would not have been the same. By the end of camp everyone had learnt more about both themselves and each other.

about it. (If you want to know more, I guess you will just have to go on PLTU yourself) but personally I thought it was fantastic and it is definitely worth going if given the chance.

Sadly I cannot say too much more

By Josie Adlard

## SCOUTS BADGE PROGRESS

Pathfinder - Josie Adlard Pioneer - Joshua Lugt

## SENIOR CUB CAMP MARCH 2019 – SURVIVOR

All cubs assembled at the Hawequas camp site near Wellington on Friday 15th March.

On arrival the Cub Leaders sorted out the cubs into the various teams, and we were then told of the weekend's activities and programme.

The survivor rules were explained to us and then we were told to find a tent with four other cubs. The tents were soon filled up and we were called together for dinner.

After a spaghetti bolognaise supper we were introduced to all the cubs from all over the Western Cape. On the Saturday morning the cubs gathered on the field to do some early morning stretches, the survivor teams then all went to the barn for breakfast.

After breakfast the survivor teams gathered and were given the first task of the day. The first task was an outdoorsman activity, which involved learning about the axe. We were shown how to chop wood and "bury" an axe. The teams then switched stations and we went inside the house to learn about (video clips were shown to us) the dangers of petrol and fire, I found this to be very interesting and I now will never play with fire. A mid-morning snack and juice were then handed out to the teams. Our final station before the lunch interval was to make fires and toast smoores.

Lunch was served in the barn area. Saturday afternoon was great fun as we were able to swim at the camp pool but first we did a relay race with certain things not being

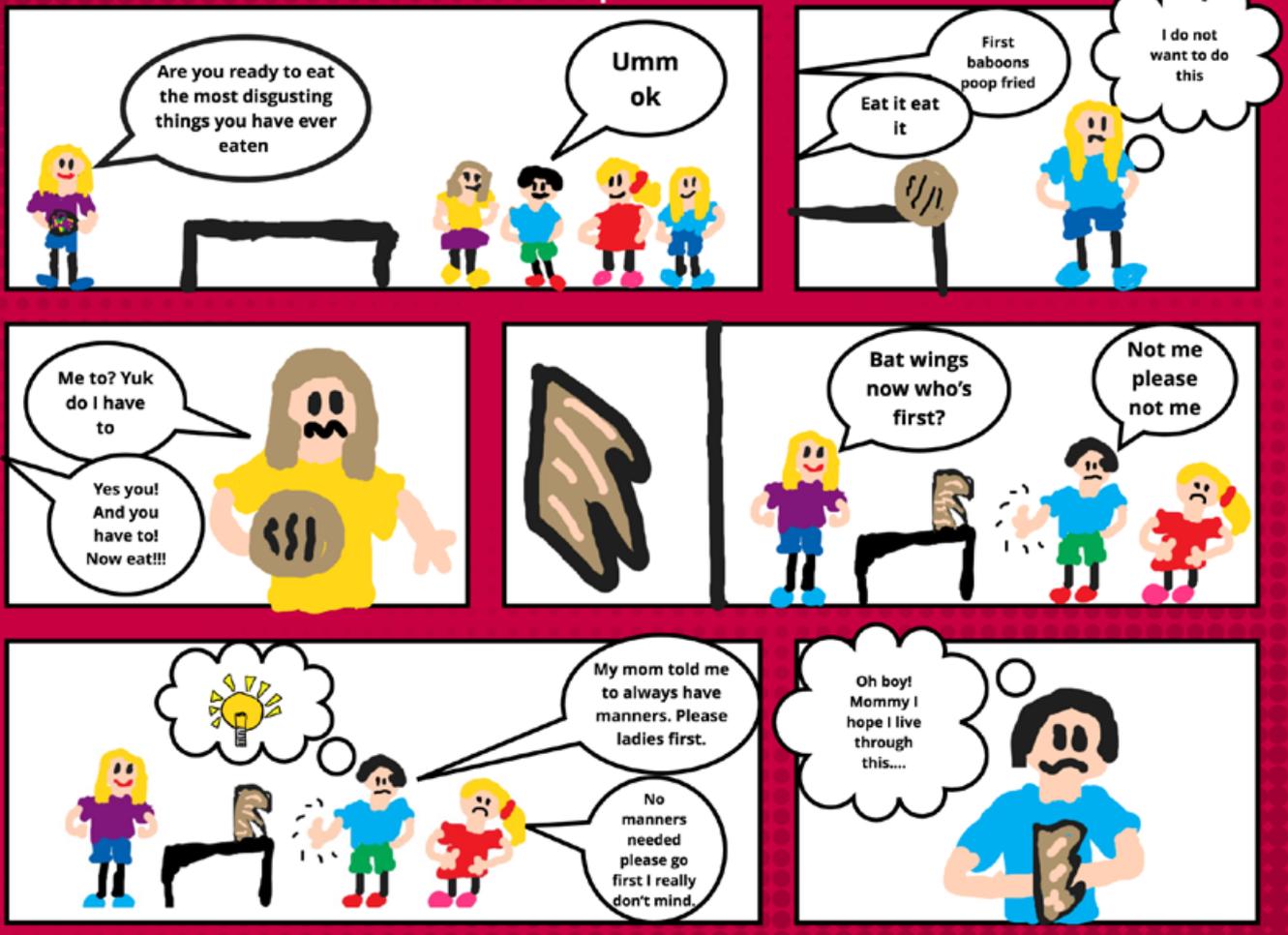
allowed to get wet. After that we could have some free time in the pool. The next thing we did was learn how to make stick bread and tin bread. Next we cooked boerewors and then had dinner with our tin bread, which was chicken.

After dark we went on a little hike and made a hike log. After that we decorated our banner and then went to sleep.

On the next morning we did more stretches and then we did a relay race to get R7, 75. Then we did a final game being a memory game. After that it was time to pack up before our parents came to fetch us. I had a lot of fun, made new friends and learnt new things!

Luke Smith

At tea time in the afternoon at survivor camp 2019.



## VISIT TO EAGLE ENCOUNTERS

When Akela told us we were going to Eagle Encounters at Spier Wine Estate, I thought it was going to be boring but I was actually wrong!

I really liked the first show but the others were sort of boring. Though

I did get to hold an owl and a boa constrictor. I talked to a talking black crow! Huxley and I were probably talking to it all the time.

There was a very cute fox that I got to pat. Some of the owls looked

like they were stuffed, but luckily they were not. I'm happy they save birds from places they obviously would have died in. I definitely recommend it for a visit.

Eklavya Mistry (10)



We drove to Eagle Encounters and a lady stamped our hands. The show was the best!!!! I got to hold an owl for the first time and it actually flew onto my head. It was so funny that a crow said "Hello!".

Me and Emily saw 2 super small tortoises and the eagles hardly even moved though they looked mean. The one bird was so loud, I think it was a kite. Some owls were super cute. Emily wanted an eagle feather, but sadly she couldn't get one and one sneezed on her hand. I even got to stroke a baby fox and to feed the pigs with pears! I think you should go visit!

Malathi Mistry (8)





On the 2 of March the 1st Pinelands cub pack went to Eagle Encounters located on the Spier wine farm, near Stellenbosch. When we arrived we got stamped on our arm and we had to have a buddy so if we went somewhere we would be together. My buddy was Hersheel. The first thing I saw was these adorable Cape Foxes, which had been orphaned and hand reared by the Eagle encounters team. Then I saw Peregrine Eagles. We also saw secretary birds, tortoises, duikers, vultures, common birds, owls and even some snakes.

Unfortunately the birds are all in cages as they are sick or have been hand-reared by humans so

can't be released back into the wild. They are being fed and cared for by the Eagle encounters team. The birds are even weighed every day to check that they are getting better. They are also exercised. One of the things I learnt is that birds of prey don't fly around much unless they are hunting. Flying takes up a lot of energy and so they save their energy until they need to use it to get food.

We were able to see two shows at Eagle encounters where we saw how the birds catch food in the air and on the ground. We were shown how the birds are able to get food out of small spaces even going upside down.

Each show had different types of birds in it and both were fun to watch. I really enjoyed seeing the three vultures. One of the vultures is used in adverts and films!

Some of us were brave enough to hold the snake around our necks, and even had some birds sit on our heads. I had a barn owl sitting on my head and shoulder and although it felt a little bit scary I did it!

It was a really fun afternoon and I enjoyed the outing so much. Any cubs who missed going should try and visit Eagle encounters with their families.

Luke Smith



## EARNING MY LEAPING WOLF BADGE



The Leaping Wolf Badge is the highest badge any cub can earn. The feeling of accomplishment is exhilarating and one of the best honours of my life.

All the work you put in to the badge really pays off because it benefits you by teaching you to be organised, responsible, hardworking and driven. By working for the badges that earned me this highest cub honour, I have gained skills that will help me in my everyday life at school and home.

I know I will not forget or lose it as I grow older as it has made me a better person; more aware of the world we live in.

This is why I encourage every single cub to work towards your Leaping Wolf Badge as soon as you turn 10.



The Leaping Wolf Badge is a truly amazing badge and I fully recommend it. Once you earn it, you will howl with pride.

By: Inge Beerwinkel

## CUBS BADGE PROGRESS

**Eklavya Mistry** - Leopard  
(Gold Wolf Outdoor Challenge)  
2019-03-17

**Huxley Haarhoff** - Blue Paw  
(Silver Wolf Outdoor Challenge)  
2019-03-14

**Inge Beerwinkel** - Leopard  
(Gold Wolf Outdoor Challenge)  
2019-03-01

**Inge Beerwinkel** - Leaping Wolf  
2019-03-01

**Eklavya Mistry**  
Outdoorsman Badge (2019-03-17)

**Emily Adlard**  
Outdoorsman Badge (2019-03-17)

**James Malan**  
Conservation Badge (2019-01-25)  
Drawing Badge (2019-02-15)

**Luke Smith**  
Outdoorsman Badge (2019-03-17)  
Swimmer Badge (2019-02-15)

**Olivier Kambala wa Kambala**  
Cooking Badge (2019-02-15)

**Sithuthuzele Kambala wa Kambala**  
Cooking Badge (2019-02-15)

**Zoe De Roo**  
Open Water Swimmer Badge  
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Outdoorsman Badge  
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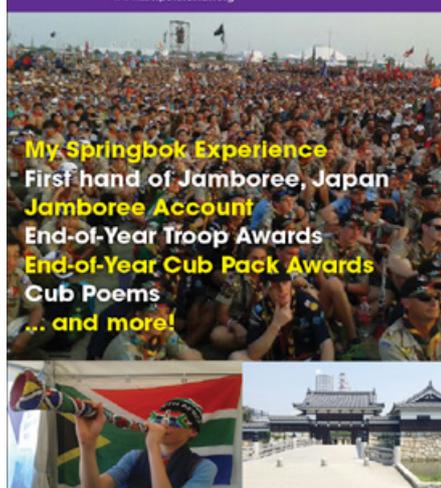
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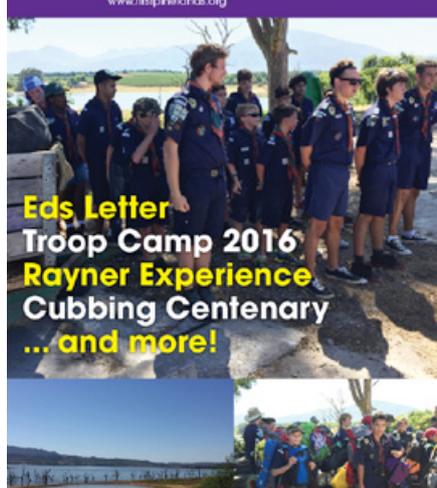
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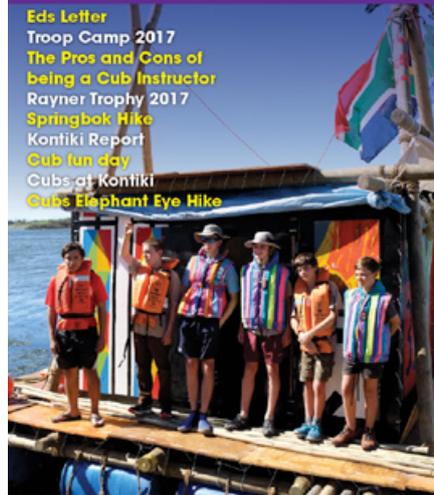
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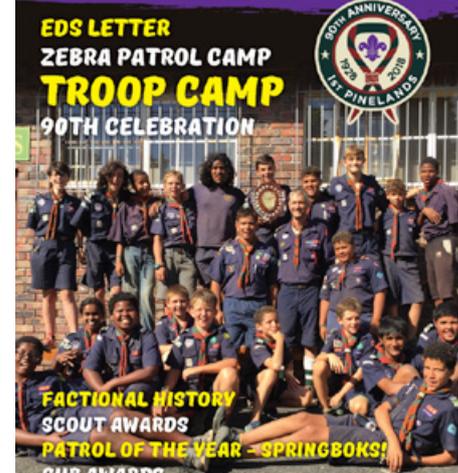
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