



Did you know....

If you want to be an **Astronaut**, you should join scouts.

11 of the 12 men that have walked on the moon, were scouts. Two thirds of all astronauts that have gone to space, were involved with scouting.

Astronauts need to be fit and technically proficient. They must be even tempered, be able to work in a team and not crack under pressure. They also need to have an appetite for adventure.

No wonder they chose scouts!

If you want to be a **President**, you should join Scouts....

Both John F Kennedy and Gerald Ford - (American Presidents) were scouts.

If you want to be a **Prince**.....

You must choose your parents carefully, (aha - fooled you!)..... but did you know that Prince Harry is a scout?

Oops.....

In the last issue I omitted Nabeel who earned his swimming badge - well done Nabeel!

I also inserted the incorrect email address for Zainap Slamang. It should be zainapslamang@cpt.flysaa.com

.....Sorry

6th Rondebosch Howl



From the archives - Jack & Daniel as cubs last year. They have now moved up to scouts. (see page 3 for more)

4th Term 2007

I can't believe it's nearly time for the long summer holidays and the end of cubbing and scouting for 2007. Of course, just because you are not at the weekly meetings, doesn't mean you shouldn't live by the Cub and Scout Laws, and holidays are the ideal time to work on those badges



you have been meaning to get. **Be prepared** these holidays and see if you can get at least one badge for the new year. I am looking for lots more candidates on the Wall of Honour.

On behalf of the committee and scouters, I want to wish everyone a wonderful and safe festive season. We look forward to seeing you in 2008.



Follow upThe visit to Holy Cross Children's Home

Thank you to all those who donated clothes, toys and books to the Holy Cross Children's Home. We delivered two packed cars full of goods on 20th October. Michael Lawrenson and Jason Hunter went along to deliver these on behalf of the scouts and met around 90 children of all ages and races who call this home. A lot of them have parents or relatives, but have been removed from their own homes because they are not safe there. It should really make you appreciate your own parents. Sister Yolande and her team of helpers are doing a fantastic job and we saw lots of happy smiling faces.

One 16 year old girl was living at home in Bo-Kaap with her parents 6 months ago, but her father was murdered, and her mother is blind so couldn't look after her. Her mother is now in a Home for the Blind and the daughter is at Holy Cross Childrens Home. It just shows you

how quickly things can change and how you should live each day to the full with gratitude and love.

Jason went back two weeks later to drop of a HUGE box of Disney clothes donated by a cub, and a spare bicycle. As we left, we saw 6 children taking turns to ride it. If you have any more books, clothes or toys lying around, we know they would love to have them.

We are particularly trying to ensure that each child wakes up with a Christmas present on Christmas morning.... Will send you more details about this via email.

You should feel really good about yourselves having given so much to these children. I hope we can arrange a joint activity next year so that you can meet some of them. I know you'll all find lots in common.

Happy Holidays Happy

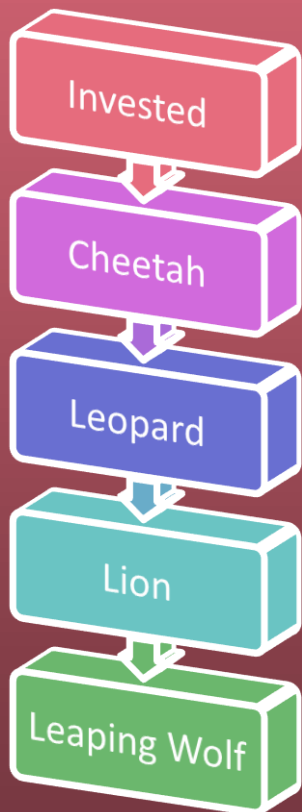
Andrew Morris

Cub Adventures 4th Term 2007



From investiture (above) to Cub of the Year 2007.

Well done to Andrew and all the cubs. You are all shining examples of the Cub Promise – To do your best.



The Cub Journey

What we've been up to this term!

This is a quick overview of the more outstanding meetings since our last newsletter:

Annual Spring Walk in September, following a route through a very slushy, muddy common ... to a pond full of tadpoles ... the cubs are all expert hunters now!

Halloween was a very exciting meeting where the cubs made miniature Halloween Jack O' Lanterns out of Gem Squashes, bobbed for apples, made their own Trick n' Treat bags etc. The bags were put into immediate use by the Cubs, when Akela led them on a planned Trick n' Treat route through the neighbourhood. The meeting was then topped by a spooky party, complete with eats straight from a witches bakery eg. Spider cakes and worms and eyes etc. Thanks to those mums that went to all that effort.

Camp sleepover at Appleton followed by a trip on a Pilot boat out of the harbour to collect a pilot off one ailing ship and transport him to another ship about to enter the harbour. This activity was finished off with a trip into the Port Control

building (beautiful 360 degree views!) where the cubs were educated regarding the movement of shipping in and out of the harbor ... a little like the Air Traffic Control at the Airport.

AGM and Prize-giving with Campfire afterwards. The Campfire is always a resounding success with the cubs ... and they can be heard for weeks afterwards chanting some of the Campfire Songs.

Bagheera Nov 2007



Cub of the Year Award 2007

Hi, my name is Andrew Morris and I am 9 years old. I go to St Josephs' College.

I have been with 6th Rondebosch Scout Group since I was 7 years old. Both of my brothers were cubs at 6th Rondebosch before me. My oldest brother is now 16 years old.

I really enjoy going to cubs because Akela does cool stuff with us ...



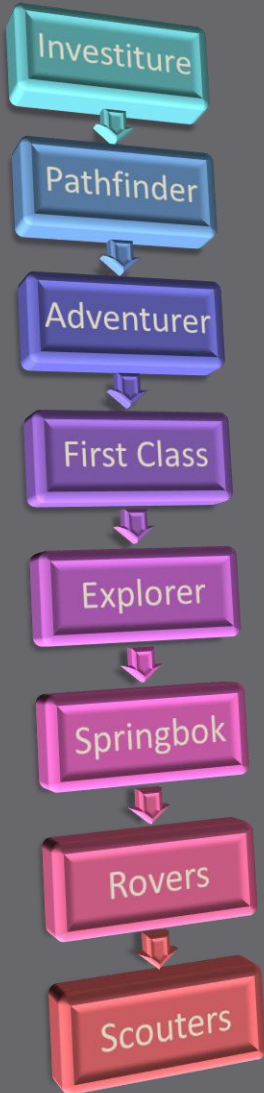
From Cubs to Scouts *By Daniel Boraine*

I moved up to scouts at the beginning of the 4th term. The person I will miss the most at cubs is Akela, because she is such a great teacher. I enjoy scouts a lot, because it is a lot of fun and there are less people there. Kathy is also very nice to Jack, Benji and me and everyone else at scouts has been very welcoming. I have learnt a lot at scouts and I hope I will learn a lot more. We have done many great activities such as fish gutting and fire lighting (without matches). I have had a great experience at scouts (so far!).



Adventure.... A day on the sea

We had a truly awesome day out on a yacht. The weather was beautiful and we sailed from Simonstown to Cape Point. Aidan is in Land Scouts for very good reason (he gets sea-sick), so Kath accompanied us. Although there wasn't much wind, we did get some good sailing in. It was really interesting to see how the knots that we learn in scouting, are put to practical use on the boat. A highlight was seeing a Southern Right Whale surfacing about 5 metres away from us. She was HUGE and if she had come near the yacht, she could easily have sunk us. Lucky we all have our swimming badges. Unfortunately numbers were limited, and this had been finalised before Jack & Daniel had moved up, but we can't wait to have them walking the plank on our next sea outing (only joking guys!)



The Scout Journey



Fundraising Update

Athlone Fair - although it was not very well attended, we managed to raise R450 thanks to the parents who agreed to buy lunch after being phoned in desperation. A true 6th Rondebosch Family effort - thank you. Thank you also to Zainap Slamang who organised everything.

We're on the Web..

(www.mac.co.za/scouts) but our website is a bit thin on content. Our scouts are going to fix that these holidays. I am looking for volunteers. We'll pick one day, each work on a page, and we'll get it all together in no time.

Scouts that are interested in working on this project, please contact Jason on 021 689 2061. No prior experience is necessary.

We are appealing to anyone with history about 6th Rondebosch or old pictures to please email information to kelly@sofraksystems.co.za.

AGM -

After this year, no-one can say that our AGM's are boring. Our campfire was rained out, but after we had completed the business of the evening, and the prize-giving, we had a campfire in the middle of the hall! Well done to all our cubs and scouts. We were also proud to welcome our Assistant District Commissioner (Mr Peter Niddrie) to the AGM. I am sure he was as impressed by all the achievements as we were.

Welcome to our new Treasurer, and a vote of thanks to our outgoing Treasurer - Ray Neethling. We haven't had a chance to finalise portfolios for the new year, but will introduce you to our new committee in the first term of next year. We are still looking for a Quarter Master, so anyone who enjoys creating order from chaos, will love this opportunity. You can ask your cubs and scouts about all the fun that goes on in the Quarter Master's store (according to the campfire song). Please contact Kath or Jack if you are interested in this position.

Good News -

Subscription rates are going to stay the same for 2008 - R400 per annum or R110 per term. If you haven't paid 2007, please do so asap.

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Scouts



Well done to Jason Hunter - Scout of the Year 2007. Jason started as a cub when he was 8, and moved to Scouts when he was 11. This picture was taken at the Argus Cycle Tour 2004.



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And finally.....Looking back on 2007, I realise how much 6th Rondebosch has grown in both cubs and scouts, I am sure that all parents will join me in thanking our scouters for their energy and commitment, the personal sacrifices they make, and the wealth of skills and knowledge that they pass on to our children. We applaud you and wish you a very well-deserved rest over the holidays.

The final meeting for the term will be on Friday 30th November and we will start again on the first Friday of the new term..... far away in January 2008.

