



Gauteng Regional Youth Forum Resolutions

2023

This document presents the outcomes of the Gauteng Regional Youth Forum. The Forum is a body of Young Leaders from across the Gauteng Scouting Region. The purpose of the Forum is to find solutions to issues facing Scouting across the Gauteng Region. The Forum is defined in terms of the SCOUTS South Africa National Young Leaders Involvement Policy.

1st Bryanston Scout Hall, 19 March 2023

2023-1 Environmentally Sustainable Scouting: Events

The Forum,

- acknowledging the need for environmental action to be taken across SCOUTS South Africa to tackle climate change,
- understanding that there are steps that can be taken by all members and the management committees in the relevant areas to encourage sustainable practices,
- considering that reduced consumption tends to correlate to reduced financial expense and therefore more financially inclusive activities,
- requests Regional event organisers and/or event committees to:
 - refrain from prescribing the use of single-use decorations and equipment items,
 - reduce the scoring points allocated towards consumable decorations,
 - promote scoring criteria that considers environmental actions and reward environmentally sustainable actions.

2023-2 Environmentally Sustainable Scouting: Assets and Properties

The Forum,

- recognising the need for improved sustainability efforts in Scouting,
- acknowledging the impact of having communal equipment available for use at various Scouting properties in addition to the environmental benefits, this culminates in:
 - reducing expenses of not having to regularly transport equipment to various locations,
 - reaffirming the “Make the Circle Bigger” initiative, having equipment available at various scouting properties is necessary, allowing groups that do not have equipment access to these resources to aid in facilitating various scouting activities,
- recognising that there are other scout properties in South Africa which do have communal assets,
- recognising the lack of recycling facilities available at many scout campsites,
- requests that SCOUTS South Africa properties and camping facilities:
 - establish and offer basic equipment at various scouting properties,
 - encourage sustainable actions by having recycling facilities available at various scouting properties,
- encourages groups and individuals to donate equipment to the various scouting properties to help establish an equipment store.

2023-3 Environmentally Sustainable Scouting: Sustainability Tools

The Forum,

- recognising the need for sustainable activities in Scouting,
- recognising the need to run scouting activities in a less resource consumptive manner,
- acknowledging the need for a working method which breaks down the various sustainability goals,
- encourages all members to adopt the 4 R's principle - being reduce, replace, reuse, and recycle – as a method in planning scouting activities,
- encourages the programme team to develop other tools and resources which can assist in running scouting activities more sustainably,
- requests that where possible paperwork is digitalised.

2023-4 Gauteng's Inter-Regional Relations

The Forum,

- acknowledging the interest by scouts in neighbouring regions to participate in Gauteng's activities,
- recognising Gauteng's role, capability, and responsibility in supporting the growth of Scouting across South Africa,
- recognising that timely communication is essential to accommodate travel and logistics,
- recognising the various benefits of developing nationwide relationships between scouts,
- recognising that Gauteng, by its size and assets, operates events and activities that smaller regions simply cannot, but which are nonetheless greatly beneficial to any scout,
- resolves that, wherever possible, Gauteng's major events and training courses should be made open to scouts from other regions,
- calls upon event organisers to adequately communicate and advertise events to neighbouring regions, especially those which can reasonably be assumed to be of interest to scouts in those regions,
- encourages scouts from neighbouring regions to participate in Gauteng's events and activities,
- cautions that the logistical expense involved should be borne by those travelling to Gauteng, and that Gauteng cannot support those costs,
- requests that the Marketing Team promotes Gauteng's major events across South Africa, and to not unnecessarily limit this communication,
- requests that the Regional Commissioner promote this cross-participation through their working relationship with the other Regional Commissioners and those members organising Gauteng's events.

2023-5 Better World Framework and the Programme

The Forum,

- recognising and understanding the value of the Better World Framework Programme, and the efforts to implement it as part of the programme of Scouts South Africa,
- acknowledging the alternative paths of achievement that run cooperatively to the Advancement Programme,
- observing that when challenges are set to the scouts that are integrated with the Advancement Programme and badge system, scouts are generally more receptive to and willing to participate in that activity,
- recognising that:
 - planned events such as programme days and camps which focus on the challenges helps increase engagement with the programme,
 - the inclusion of the challenges in the Star Award programme further helps increase engagement with the programme,
- requests that the Better World Framework team align the challenges set by WOSM through the Better World Framework to the SCOUTS South Africa Advancement Programme and badge system as much as possible.

2023-6 Better World Framework and Mutual Awards/Challenges

The Forum,

- recognising the current efforts of SCOUTS South Africa in integrating the Better World Framework into the Scout Advancement Program,
- observing the improved participation in the Better World Framework when the requirements are well aligned to the Scout Program,
- recognising the mutual requirements of several charges, challenges, and other award programmes – such as The President’s Award – in addition to the better world framework,
- requests that members from the various national programme teams, Better World Framework Teams, and other volunteers form a working group to analyse these various other programs and cross-index similar requirements,
- requests the Marketing Team, based off the input from the working group, to design an infographic or similar diagram which illustrates similar requirements between the Scout Advancement Program and other programs such as charges, challenges, the President’s Award, as appropriate for each of the respective branches.