

AFRICA SCOUT DAY EVENT

Dear Patrol Leaders and Scouters,

The Regional Team has taken the decision to combine the traditional February **Ubuntu Camp** with the **Africa Scout Day** celebrations being hosted by SCOUTS South Africa in March. This is to ensure support for this important event being hosted in our region.



What is Africa Scout Day?

Africa Scout Day, is celebrated annually on March 13, as an opportunity for Scouts, leaders, and supporters across the continent to come together in unity, to celebrate the achievements of Scouting, and to reflect on the challenges and aspirations for the future. Under the theme **"Strong Roots. Bright Future."** Africa Scout Day 2026 celebrates growth, continuity, and the power of a solid foundation. Just as a tree can only rise tall when its roots run deep, so too can Scouts succeed when grounded in values, heritage and teamwork.

Dates and Venue

The Africa Scout Day main event will take place from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th March 2026 at Arrowe Park Scout Camp (Ebenezer St, Lakefield, Benoni). Patrols can arrive from 15h00 on Friday and must be in camp by 17h30. The official closing of the camp takes place at 14h30 on Sunday.

The Challenge

SCOUTS South Africa's Gauteng Region will be hosting visiting Scout Patrols from neighbouring provinces and countries in Africa. We need local **Gauteng Patrols** to rise to the challenge of giving these Scouts a warm South African welcome and hosting them for the weekend.

Each visiting Patrol will be paired with a local Gauteng Patrol for the weekend, and will camp, cook and participate in event activities together. For practical reasons, the Gauteng Patrol must provide tents and purchase food for the visitors. A catering budget to a maximum of R250.00 (2 x breakfasts, 2 x lunches and 2 x dinners) has been budgeted for each Scout in the visiting Patrol. The visiting Patrols will pay for this as part of their event fee. You will receive confirmation and information about the Scouts you are hosting and any special dietary requirements by the 1st March. Visiting Patrols are limited to 8 Scouts maximum. They will be accompanied by an adult Scouter who will also camp with them.

The aim of the camp is to learn from each other and have fun in the true spirit of Scouting.

Activities

A range of special Africa Scout Day activities will be provided, as well as water activities on the lake. The East Rand Radio Club will also be in attendance, operating an HF station and other technology-related bases, including an escape room. Your Patrol will not need to arrange activities.

Participation Fees

The camp fee for **Gauteng local Scouts as part of a Hosting Patrol** is R250.00, which includes the following;

- Camping fees for the weekend
- Africa Scout Day scarf and event badge
- Africa Scout Day activities

This amount does not include your Patrol food costs or transport to the camp.

Payments are to be made by each Troop (for the total of all Scouts and Scouters) into the following bank account:

Bank	Nedbank
Account Name	SCOUTS South Africa
Account Number	1232041548
Branch	198765
Reference	ASD + Scout Group Name

Patrol Requirements

Each participating Patrol is expected to arrange the following;

- Provide and budget for its own food for the weekend, which includes planning a suitable South African themed menu that meets the dietary requirements of the visiting Patrol.
- Tents and camping equipment for the two Patrols for the weekend, boys and girls separate as usual (including tents for adult Scouters).
- Consent forms for all local Scouts participating, which are to be handed in on arrival at camp.
- A responsible Scouter, who will be present for the duration of the event.
- Removal of all your refuse and rubbish upon departure.

Main Camp Programme

Day	Time	Activities
Friday	15h00	Gates Open
	17h30	All Patrols in camp
	20h00	Scouters and PL's Briefing
	22h00	Gates Closed & Lights Out
Saturday	06h00	Rise & Shine, Breakfast
	08h00	Morning Activities
	10h00	Africa Scout Day Ceremonies
	12h00	Lunch
	14h00	Afternoon Activities
	17h30	Supper
	19h00	Evening Activities
	22h00	Gates Closed & Lights Out
Sunday	06h00	Rise & Shine, Breakfast
	08h00	Scouts Own Service
	08h30	Morning Activities
	12h00	Lunch
	13h00	Strike Camp
	14h30	Closing Ceremony
	15h30	Gates Closed

Registration & closing date

Each Patrol should register on-line using [this link](#).

Registration closes at 10:00, Sunday 1st March.

This event is open to a **maximum of 20** local Gauteng Host Patrols. Apply early to secure your place.

If you cannot register on-line at the above link, then fill in the form below and send to:

Event Admin: Guy Imbert. email: Guy.Imbert@scouts.org.za Cell: 083 325 3703

Africa Scout Day Camp Registration Form

Question	Your Answer
Are you aware the event is open to Scouts from the age of 11 years to 18 years (Yes/No)	
Are you aware that the camp fee is R250.00 per Scout or Scouter (excluding the cost of food and transport), and should be paid with this application into the account mentioned above? (Yes/No)	
What is the name of your Troop?	
What District is your Troop from?	
What is the name of the Patrol you are sending?	
How many Scouts in the Patrol?	
What is the Advancement level of the most Advanced Scout in the Patrol? (Membership, Traveler, Discoverer, First Class, Springbok)	
What is the age of the eldest Scout in the Patrol?	
List the full names of the Scouts in the patrol. (One name per line)	N/A
Scout 1 (Patrol Leader)	
Scout 2	
Scout 3	
Scout 4	
Scout 5	
Scout 6	
Scout 7	
Scout 8	
What is the Patrol Leader's mobile number?	
What is the Patrol Leader's email?	
What is the Troop Scouter's full name?	
What is the Troop Scouter's mobile number?	
What is the Troop Scouter's email?	
What is the full name of the Scouter that will be accompanying the Patrol during the event?	
What is the accompanying Scouter's phone number?	
What is the accompanying Scouter's email?	
Please confirm that by participating in Africa Scout Day Camp your Patrol/Troop is undertaking to host a Patrol visiting South Africa (i.e. provide them with a tent, buy their food (cost to be repaid) and cook with them)?	