

Africa Scout Day 2026 – Staff information

13–15 March 2026 |

Arrowe Park, Benoni



To: ASD Camp Staff & Gauteng Scouters (not applicable to non-Gauteng visitors or Scouters accompanying Patrols)

From: Camp Chief,

Dates: 13–15 March, 2026

Dear ASD Staff member or Scouter ,

Thanks you for volunteering your time and skills to make the Africa Scout Day 2026 camp a success. Your role is vital in creating a safe, well-run and memorable camp for Scouts from sub-Saharan Africa. We have about 30 Patrols and about 240 Scouts indicating attendance. Of those, 5 Patrols are from KZN and potentially one from Madagascar.

Please register here so that we have your personal details in case of a medical emergency:

<https://forms.gle/tEPcccWWiXUo7Afr7>

1. KEY DETAILS AT A GLANCE

Camp Dates: Friday 13 March (Scouters Report at Registration 14:00)
to Sunday 15 March (14:30)

Venue: Arrowe Park Scout Grounds – Ebenezer Road, Lakefield, Benoni

Camp Chief: Steven Kotze 083-654-6547 Radio: “Asterix”

Information Centre – marquee near main field Radio: “Control”

Event Staff Check-In: Friday 12:30 at Registration

Event Staff Briefing: Friday 13:00 at Information Centre (mandatory)

Meals: Scouters are allocated to Patrols for meal-times

Staff to organise own food – braai facilities are available at 9th Benoni

For Friday and Saturday evenings

Camping: Scouters are allocated to camping sites at Patrol sites. Bring your own tent and associated equipment.

Event Staff have a designated camping area – bring own tent (unless sleeping out) and associated equipment.

Any personal medication: Please declare at First Aid

Your specific equipment for your role eg. First aid kit, radio, activity gear, base games equipment

2. ROLE - MEMBER OF STAFF

Please note the following points regarding your role as a member of Staff at the camp:

- Staff are free to sleep at home if they wish, but are encouraged to camp for the weekend.

The core hours to be on-site are:

- Friday 15:00 - 20:30 (including camp fire)
- Saturday 07:30 - 17:00
- Sunday 07:30 - 15:30

- The camp fee options are as follows (per person).

- R500.00 - Visting (SA but, non-Gauteng) Scouters - Camping at Arrowe Park, eating and camping with local Patrols. Includes, camp site fee, tent, food, scarf and badge.
- R250.00 + food cost - Gauteng Scouters accompanying patrols- Camping at Arrowe Park, eating and camping with your Troop's Patrol/s. Includes, camp site fee, tent, food, scarf and badge.
- R250.00 - Event staff - Camping at Arrowe Park, providing your own food and camping equipment. Includes camp fee, scarf and badge.
- R150.00 - Visitors, Other SA Scouters, Staff: Making your own accommodation (not at Arrowe Park) and catering arrangements or attending as a day visitor for events. Includes day visitor access to Arrowe Park, scarf and badge
- R0.00 - Day visitors, other SA Scouters, staff: Being entirely self-sufficient and joining in the programme at intervals when you can. Includes access to Arrowe Park, but no camping at Arrowe park, no scarf, no badge).

- For Gauteng Scouters/Staff, please ensure that you have paid the above fee into the following account by 8 March 2026:

Bank	Nedbank
Account Name	SCOUTS South Africa
Account Number	1232041548
Branch	198765
Reference	ASD + Your name

Non- Gauteng visitors can make payment into the National account- details provided to you elsewhere.

- Event Staff will camp separate from the Scouts and TSs accompanying Patrols. Please bring your own tent, shade and chair.
- There will be no catering for Staff. Please bring your own meals. There are braai facilities at 9th Benoni which we can make use of on Friday and Saturday nights.
- Additional portable toilets (x 10) will be provided to add to the few at Arrowe Park. The new toilet block will be under construction but will not be ready for this event.
- A portable shower block will be available.
- Please bring all equipment that you need to perform your function (a Gazebo would be useful for sun / rain protection).

- Gauteng Troop Scouters accompanying their Patrols will be complementing the activities arranged by ASD by providing 30 minute "Kim Shield" type activity bases. All Patrols will be encouraged to participate in as many of these as possible.
- All adults attending ASD should please fill in the Adult ASD Registration form. This is to capture essential information in case of medical emergency – see link above.
- Code of Conduct – WOSM ("Scouts World") have a SAFE FROM HARM online 24/7 course that is mandatory for Scouters and Adult Assistants to do. The course is easy to do and takes just over 30 minutes to complete. Many parents have entrusted the safety of their children into our care. This legal & moral obligation is grounded in the Scout Law itself – "A Scout's honour is to be trusted." Follow the link, do the course *before* the camp:

<https://learn.scout.org/resource/sfh-1-safe-harm-essential-learning>

• 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

- *Annexure A provides a copy of the letter sent to the Gauteng Troop Scouters (just for your background information)*

If you have any questions, please contact the below:

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| • Steve Kotze: | 'Asterix' | Event organiser | 083 654 6547 |
| • de Waal Fourie: | 'de Waal' | Activity Base organiser | 082 885 6145 |
| • Guy Imbert: | 'Hathi' | Registrations | 083 325 3703 |

Should any changes to the Camp Programme become necessary, such change/s will be communicated via a briefing, Assembly announcement and / or Notice on the Notice Board

I look forward to your assistance in making this a successful event.

Yours in Scouting



Steve Kotze 'Asterix'

Camp Chief – Africa Scout Day 2026

Scouts South Africa

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"A Scout is friendly, courteous, kind, and helps others." Let's show our visitors the best of South African Scouting!

Annexure A:

Details pertaining to the Scout (Just for your interest):

- *Each Patrol attending must be accompanied by a TS/Scouter.*
- *These Scouters will eat with their patrols and camp in the Patrol camp site (Bring your own tent)*
- *Scouts must be between the ages of 11 and 18*
- *The camp fee is R250.00 per person (for camping fee, Scarf and badge)*
- *Please ensure that you have paid the above fee into the following account by 28 Feb 2026:*

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

- Some Patrols may be requested to host a visiting Patrol (i.e. one from outside of Gauteng). Once they have been identified, Host patrols will be given guidelines on what is expected of them.
- You troop must bring their own tents (separate for boy, girls and Scouters), sun-shade, food, cooking equipment, etc.
- ASD (Africa Scout Day) will arrange several activities and Patrols will be encouraged to participate in as many activity bases as possible during the weekend.
- Due to the number (~30) of patrols attending, **we need the assistance of each accompanying TS to arrive with a prepared activity base** (like the ones offered at Kim Shield), for which we would be most grateful:
 - The TS will run this base during the weekend.
 - These activities should take a patrol about 30 minutes to complete.
 - They can be based on any aspect of the Scouting skills or related skills
 - Fun & Cool – Scouts should leave with huge smiles
 - Hands-on – Active participation, not just watching
 - African flavour – Showcase something uniquely South African if possible
 - Safe & controlled – All activities must meet SSA safety standards
 - "Instagrammable" – Something they'll tell their friends about back home
 - Some Activity Base ideas include:
 - Archery tag, Catapults, mini zipline (exercise in reeving pulleys), crate stacking
 - Cultural African drumming, gumboot dancing, traditional games, beadwork
 - Scout Skills, GPS, Compass Trail, orienteering, Scavenger hunt
 - Simple raft building on dam, bushcraft fire competition
 - Light pioneering projects
 - Obstacles ("Explorer Incidents") /Leadership challenges etc.
 - Please bring all materials needed for the activity. There is no budget for consumables
 - You should be able to accommodate up to 2 patrols at a time (i.e. 16 scouts – Gauteng Patrols + Visitor Patrol)
 - You will be required to run your base for several hours during the weekend so bring a chair for comfort.
 - **Please decide what your activity will be and advise me by Monday 2 March with the following information:**
 1. Name of Activity:
 2. Troop Name & Patrol Name:
 3. Names of Scouters running the base (must be adults; Rovers welcome):
 4. Brief description of activity (2–3 sentences):
 5. Equipment needed (what you will bring vs. what camp must provide):
 6. Preferred time slot (Saturday and Or Sunday AM/PM?):

- **Banned substances:** Please note that the following substances are banned from the camp for both Scouts and Scouters: Alcohol, drugs, cannabis (in any form), fireworks, firearms, other weapons etc. Only adults are permitted to vape / smoke tobacco, but this should be done discretely and out of sight of Scouts, as this is not a habit we want to encourage. Please ensure that your Scouts do not bring any such substances to the camp as they will be sent home immediately – non negotiable.

NOTE The general rule is that the use of any substance – that may impair judgement or negatively affect the health of another – is not allowed when working with children.

- **Registration:**
 - Registration is open from 15h00 – 17h30 on Friday 13 March
 - Scouts should arrive in uniform
 - Each Scout must have a signed Consent Form
 - The whole Patrol must report at the Registration table on arrival and present their Patrol for inspection and briefing
 - The signed Consent Forms must be handed in for checking.
 - The PL will then be assigned a camp site and can proceed with setting up camp
- Scout kit list (uniform, camp clothes, hat, sun screen etc.)
- A Tuck shop will be available for snacks and refreshments. Trading hours will be posted on the Notice Board.
- The camp ends at 15h00, gates close at 15h30 on Sunday 15 March.