



GIRL GUIDES SOUTH AFRICA CAPE WEST
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TERM 4 2019

Dear Cape West

At the end of Term 3, a number of us were privileged to attend the Centenary Camp of the George Guides in the Outeniquhe District. It was great spending a few days on the farm, being woken to the sounds of the animals and eating delicious strawberries, straight from the farm. There were so many photographs taken to capture all the FUN. This Term's headline photo, shows the happy campers. Every picture tells a story!!!!

A birthday needs a cake!!





I've got the BP spirit right in my heart.....▶



Overheard at camp:

What does CAW stand for? **Camp always wet.** (Actually Car registration).

Michelle February: Why am I wearing a SANGAM tshirt today?

Reply: **Your others are all dirty.** (Was doing International Guiding)



#SunnyWithABitOfRain

#FirstTimeToGeorge #100BirthdayGeorge

#SleepingInTents

#OutdoorFun #WhatACamp

#BestCampEver

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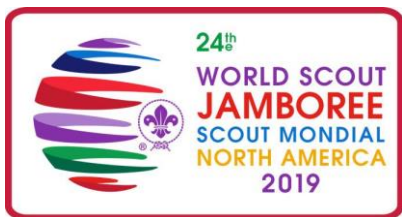
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TO: Dilys , her family and all our Guiding sisters in George for hosting this memorable camp!!!

GUIDING TAKES YOU PLACES!!!!

Two 1st George Rangers Stephanie and Katherine attended the 24th World Scout Jamboree in America earlier this year. They were asked to write an article for the Newsletter and I am happy to share this exciting experience they had , with everyone in the Region.

Katherine Armstrong (left) and Stephanie Hoon (right):



I was lucky enough to have had the opportunity to attend the 24th World Scout Jamboree, along with my brother and another member of the 1st George Ranger Crew. Those three weeks of my life I will never forget. I flew from Cape Town to Dubai, where the contingent first

came together. From there it was another long flight to America. The changing time zones were a bit disorientating in a way. We had a shakedown camp in order to get to know each other at Alpine Scout Resort. We were divided into our troops for the Jamboree (There were three: Naledi, Saldanha and Taung). I was in the Owls patrol in the Naledi troop. We slept two in a tent. The tents were a bit like the old ridge tents, but smaller and on a small platform. We spent a day in the campsite in our patrols getting to know each other. The four patrols in Naledi had a small 'contest' to design a possible banner and gateway for when we got to the Jamboree site. We spent another day at the Six Flags Theme Park. We spent two days touring New York in our patrols. The Owls and the Eagles (another patrol from Naledi) decided to tour together. We would be dropped off near Times Square, then we would split into our patrols to sight-see. The contingent would meet back up by the red stairs in Times square in the evenings to go and have supper at a restaurant. We would eat breakfast at Alpine and take a packed lunch. We then had a long bus ride to get to Washington DC where we spent another day sightseeing.

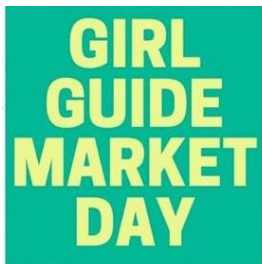
After another long bus ride, we finally got to the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, where the Jamboree was held. Naledi was in the Bravo Subcamp. It was raining when we got there, but luckily for us our tents had already been pitched. This time we slept in modern dome tents. We also slept on stretchers that we had to put up before going to sleep. The first day was spent setting up our campsite. Our kitchen area and eating area were under the provided gazebos; we built the gateway that was designed on the shakedown as well as a rope fence around the front area to force people to use the gateway rather than just go around. The campsites were rectangular, marked out by white string, with gaps in between that were used as paths, as well as dirt roads in between the columns of campsites. We also had a small rehearsal for the opening ceremony, where the entire South African contingent performed on stage with singer Lebo M. There were many activities that we could do at the Jamboree, such as rock climbing, zip lining and white water rafting. There was no schedule so we had to decide what we wanted to do in groups, then we would have to wait for a while in queues to do the activity. There was a cultural day when everyone wore clothes from their country. You could go from campsite to campsite and try the different foods the other countries had brought. At the end of the Jamboree the closing ceremony was spectacular, although we couldn't see all the fireworks due to all the smoke from other fireworks. During the jamboree I made friends with a UK guide and several scouts from America. I will miss all the friends I made. We left the Jamboree site by bus and spent one night in Washington DC. On the long 'plane ride back to Dubai, the people who were travelling to Cape Town had to say goodbye to the friends they had made within the contingent as we didn't have any time between the two flights due to the first one being slightly delayed. We had to run through the airport and the airline had to hold the flight for us. The long flights somehow seemed a lot shorter on the way back, due to a combination of tiredness and the fact that we had to say goodbye to each other. After landing, I still had a long drive to get back home. It was Sunday when we got back and late at night. Despite having school the next day, I only got to bed at around 12:30. I remember waking up the next day and almost saying good morning to the girl I shared a tent with before remembering that the Jamboree was over. I almost put on my hiking boots, which I wore for almost the entire jamboree, instead of my school shoes. I also tried to put my woggle on my tie and told someone that their scarf was skew. It felt strange to go back to normal life after such an amazing experience. I also missed my troop and patrol and it was strange not seeing them constantly. My memories from the Jamboree are something that I will always treasure. (Katherine Armstrong 1st George Ranger Crew)

AN EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME! BY STEPHANIE HOON:

I am very happy to proudly say that I got the opportunity to have the best experience of a lifetime this year when I got to go to the 24th World Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. By going on a three week adventure with such a big group of amazing scouts and scouters, taught me many lessons, starting from the very first day, (to be more on time, to come out of my comfort zone, to take more chances, etc.) It was a wonderful privilege to meet so many people and spend so much time with them, even though the



time definitely didn't feel long enough. I made many more friends than I had expected to and I am grateful for meeting each and every one of them, because they were all really amazing people with completely different personalities. I must say that it was a new and interesting experience for me and I will probably never get another chance to do anything like it ever again. It was my first time traveling so far away from home all by myself for such a long time, and in the beginning I felt quite alone because I hadn't made any friends yet, so it was rather nerve racking. But that quickly changed after a few hours of getting to know everyone and soon I had a whole new family by the end of the first week on the pre-tour. On the pre-tour it was super exciting to get to spend time in New York and then Washington DC. We did so much exploring of these amazing cities and it is nothing like anything I have ever experienced before. It was almost like coming into a whole new world. The city life is definitely an interesting life. When the pre-tour came to an end we were finally on our way to the big event of our adventure, the Jamboree! These 12 days of camping, concerts and fun filled activities were truly amazing and wonderful. Meeting all those people from different countries in a single place was such a great opportunity and definitely taught me a couple of things about where some of these scouts came from. One of the highlights for me was the culture day that everyone took part in. It was so interesting seeing all the different cultures that were there and having everyone dress up in the proud colours of their country. We shone our colours brightly that day and we showed our true spirit and culture that many people didn't know we had. This experience taught me to be more independent, outgoing and more of a leader. It has helped change me as a person to be a better me and I am thankful for all this. Even though this amazing adventure flew by way too fast, I will never forget what it taught me nor any of the people that I got to meet along the way. I will take what I have learnt and spread it to the people around me and maybe even teach them one or two things that they didn't know before. It was awesome being one of the few Girl Guides taking part in this amazing scout jamboree. I would like to say a very big thank you to Guiding South Africa. , It was a great privilege to wear the South African guide scarf and to represent guiding South Africa in amongst all those thousands of scouts.



After one of the wettest days in Cape Town , the sun came out , the sky was clear, the Market Day went ahead. The weather was just perfect! Most of the food stalls were sold out! The young entrepreneurs did well and the games were enjoyed by all the kids!! Congratulations to all the winners of the hat competition, the raffles and the best stalls. Thanks to Sheila Thompson, our National President who did the official opening and judging. Thank you to all GSG's, moms, dads, brothers, sisters who came along to support us.

To all our Units and the Trefoil Guilders - WELL DONE.

The Best Decorated Stall was Lions
 Head TG,
 2nd place Khayelitsha District ►
 and 3rd Silversands. .



SERVICE WITH A SMILE



Dads on hand to help!!! ▲

Entrant: Hat competition.



Concentration!!!!!! ▶

◀Time to start putting your thinking caps on as we prepare for Kontiki , the weekend of 3, 4, 5 April 2020



1st Fish Hoek Guides

enjoyed a stunning hike in Cape Pint towards their Mapwork Badge.





Their Guides together with Rangers from Simon's Town took 5th place at the Scout Quinn Trophy Competition. They were the only ALL GIRL team..



YOUNG LEADER:

At the end of October , Morgan Lottering finally got to enjoy her raffle prize of a trip on the Rotary Scout that she won in 2018. Due to the motor breaking down during the Cape to Reunion Race in 2018 and a new one being purchased and installed, her prize was delayed.



When the day finally dawned, what a spectacular day it turned out to be. Blue sky and good winds provided hours of fun in the Bay and Morgan got to take the wheel. Many thanks to skipper Peter, Kerryn and Tyla M.

TEDDIES

The new Teddy Tshirt.....too cute.



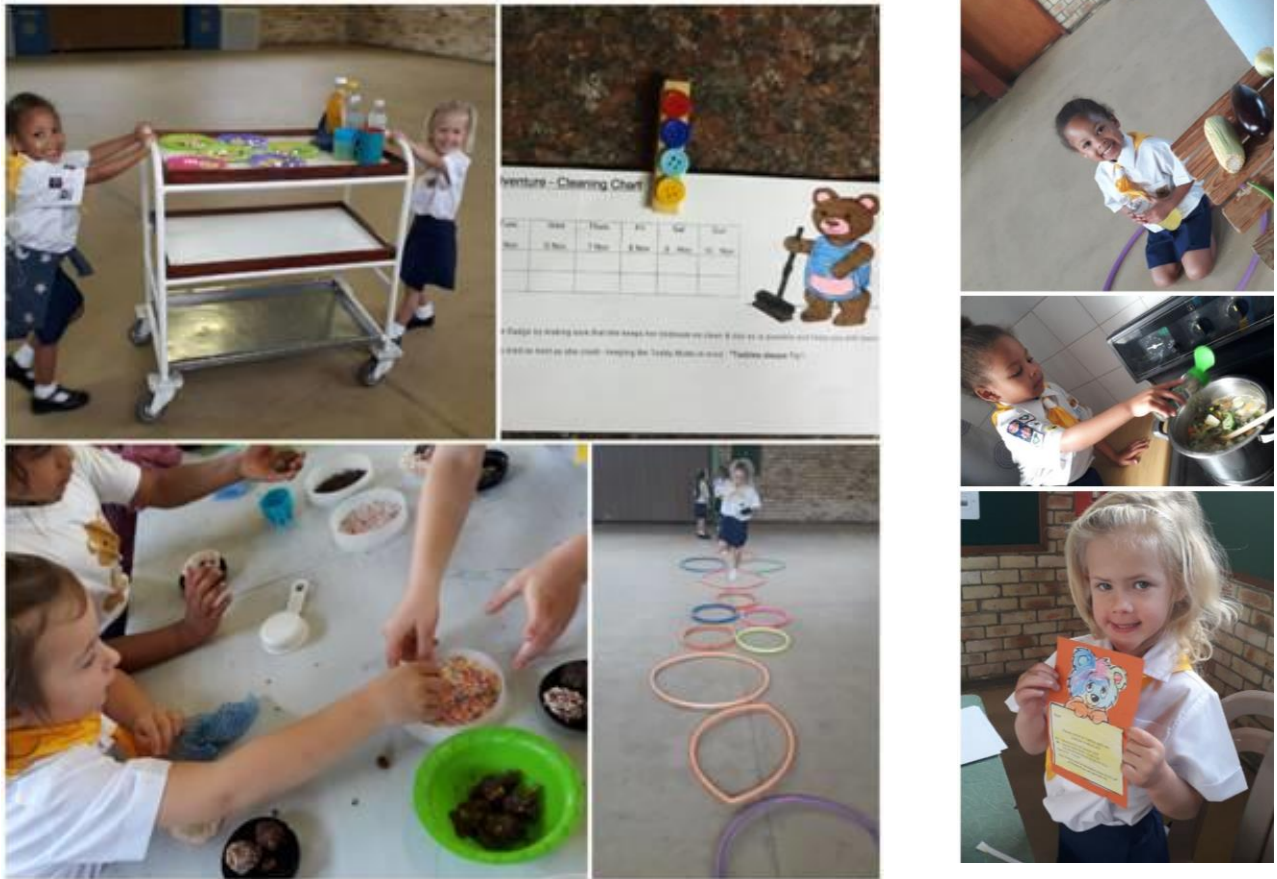
1st Monte Vista Teddies worked on the **Little Me' Adventure Badge** this term. Judging by the report received, looks like the Teddies had lots of FUN.

Learn a simple song and prayer or story from your faith. Seeing that Christmas is around the corner, we focussed on learning about the First Christmas and the true meaning of Christmas by reading through the bible story as well as reading other Christmas Stories, made a small Nativity Stable from Recycled Materials and an Advent calendar which has a little donkey that moves from day to day along a path till it ends up at the stable. We will be having a little concert for the parents at the

last Teddies of the term where we will sing some carols and do a Christmas skit and end off the meeting with a Christmas prayer.



Help at home by doing simple chores and to tidy up your bedroom for a week - the girls practiced how to do various household chores from making beds, washing and hanging socks, picking up toys and laying a table to dusting and polishing , they really had loads of fun cleaning up the den after each meeting. A little chores chart for 5 days was sent home so that the mom / dad could tick off that they did their chores and helped around the house.



BROWNIES

1st Bergvliet Brownie Pack dressed up as the profession they wanted to be when they grew up on the 11th of October - **International Day of the Girl Child**. They had a handful of doctors and vets, one nurse, an actress complete with an Oscar award, an ornithologist, two lifeguards (one with a handmade buoy), a writer, a teacher with a bunch of keys around her neck, a ballerina, a fashion designer, two horse-riders, a marine biologist and an entomologist. This was such a great meeting idea and the girls put much thought into their outfits as well as props, with some being handmade. Each Brownie presented herself to the Pack and explained her occupation and it was a great teaching exercise for the girls to see the variety of professions out there.



1st Fish Hoek.

Oh what FUN it is to be a BROWNIE !!!!!



Good news: Meadowridge Hall is available for use for Pack Holidays, Sleepovers, Indoor Camps Trainings etc for all our members with fees for 2020 remaining the same, no increase!!!!!!
Do encourage your members to use this comfortable facility we have.

TREFOIL GUILD

The ladies in red were quite busy this term.

On 3 November , the Annual Luncheon was held at Monte Vista Guide Hall. While the final of the Rugby World Cup was being played, there was much joy when South Africa won.....or....a bit of sadness for one of the English supporters.



DE GREDEL - end of year togetherness. Guilders visited DARG animal rescue in Hout Bay. They collect food throughout the year as their good turn . They



were invited to tea and shown around as well and then ended their day with Fish & chips at the harbour. Yummy!!!



De Grendel Guilders



HELDERBERG:
End-of-year High Tea
Interesting delicacies were
enjoyed by all.



Awards:

Honeypot

Edgemead Teddies

Maya White

Grace Visser

Golden Hand
1st Bergvliet:

Keisha and Kezia Kemp

Siana Rushby

Alice Martens

Olivia Scherzinger



Monte Vista

De Grendel
Somerset West

Tamara De Pao
Daniella Brazier
Emily Nel

Peyton Witten
Isabella Rautenbach
Anelize Nel

Shiloh Sylvester
Ashlyn Robinson

Chief's Challenge:

1st Bothasig

Hannah Ferreira

Courtney Schelhase

Amy February

Adults:

Catering Qualification:

Nicole Bannister

Ranger Outdoor Camping Qualification:

Megan Lane

Outdoor Camping Qualification:

Miranda Lewis

Residential Qualification:

Nicole Bannister

Regional Ranger Adviser:

Cathleen D Hannay

Appointments as from 1 January 2020:

Regional Commissioner Mrs Katelijne Wademan
 Deputy Regional Commissioner Mrs Sue McFadden
 Regional President Mrs Geraldine February
 Youth chairperson Ms Kimberley Hing

TERM 1 : 2020 DATES TO REMEMBER



Flyer 25 of 2019

2020 REGIONAL CALENDAR		
JANUARY		Who May attend
14	Office opens	
15	Schools open (term 1)	
16	Reports due for Reg Comm	Dcs and Chairpersons
18	2020 Party	All Adult leaders, Commissioners, Trefoil Guilders
22	Regional Committee Meeting 7:00pm	District Commissioners and Chairpersons
FEBRUARY		
1	Introduction and ALQ Training	New adults
8	Trefoil Guild Exco Pinelands Hall	Trefoil Guild Exco
22	Thinking Day	
22	Trefoil Guild AGM	All Welcome
23	Guide Sunday Wynberg School	All Welcome
MARCH		
7	Sixer and Seconder Training	Brownie sixers and 2nds with their Adult Leaders
8	Argus Cycle Tour	
14	Kontiki Sports	Guides and Rangers
20	Schools close	
21	Human Rights day	
21 to 22	Mac24	
31	Schools open (term 2)	

To all of us from the Office, our best wishes to you and your families for a safe and happy holiday.



To those celebrating Christmas, may it be a blessed time !

Thank you to everyone whose **News** I was able to share with the rest of the Region. **Any articles for the newsletter, please forward to: geraldine.february@gmail.com**

