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58th Durban Air Scouts

The Spitfire Spotlight



58's Official Newsletter

Who are we and what are we trying to achieve?

"Learning by doing" is the natural way for children and young people to learn new skills. In Scouting, this takes place through result-driven, hands-on activities where Meerkats, Cubs and Scouts can later evaluate what they have learnt. Learning by doing is far more meaningful, memorable, and long lasting and it deepens the understanding of concepts and mastering of practical skills.

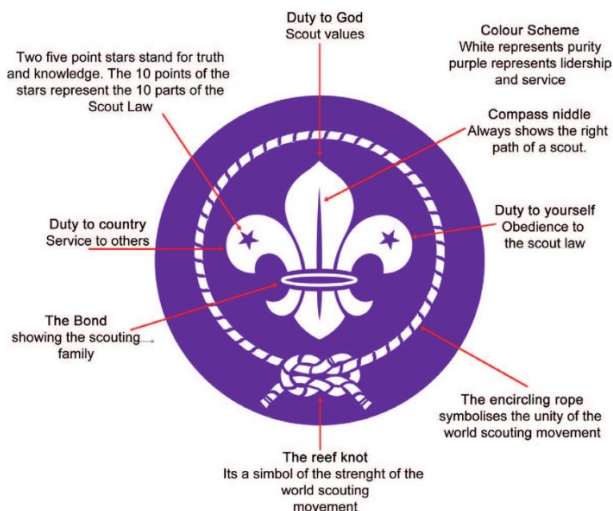
Youth Training

Our youth training programme is an advancement system where Scouts and Cubs are allowed to progress at their own pace. It allows for experimental learning and contributes to their personal development. Meerkats, Cubs and Scouts acquire Advancement Badges as part of their journey.

The Advancement Programme provides the core training for skills such as First Aid and emergency, hiking, camping, compass and mapping, knotting, pioneering, cooking, outdoor safety, conservation, cleanliness and topics relating to personal development.

Our Programme Promotes

- Character Development
- Exposure to new interests
- Life Skills Training
- Outdoor living
- Leadership Training
- Teamwork
- Citizenship involvement
- Community involvement
- Environmental awareness and training.



World scout emblem explained. Copyright WOSM.

Family Camp (10-12 May 2024)

58th is looking at organizing a family camp and we would like you and your family to join us for the weekend. The idea is to get to know one another and arrange activities around the family to create family unity. We looking for parents to help arrange the camp so please get involved and help us make this a camp to be remembered.

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2024 National Scout Challenge - Mental Health



What is necessary to change a person is to change his / her awareness of themselves Abraham Maslow

Awareness Ribbons: Why?

Awareness Ribbons

Awareness ribbons have evolved into potent symbols of solidarity and support that are widely used to draw attention to a variety of causes.

These straightforward yet powerful ribbons, worn or displayed in various colors, have deep significance and represent a variety of social, health, and humanitarian issues. Awareness ribbons are essential for starting conversations, building empathy, and advancing understanding because they act as strong visual reminders. By bringing attention to significant issues, they not only honor people impacted but also encourage group action, making them crucial tools in the fight for advocacy and good change. We shall go into the meaning of awareness ribbons in this article, looking at their history, symbolism, and effect on people and communities around the world.

What is "Cause Awareness" and why is it important?

The purpose behind these ribbons is to eradicate an illness and support the struggle of a loved one. Thereby, all efforts despite how big or small, bring us a step closer to the innate goal. In the healthcare industry, it is important to have a supportive network of allies that understand your struggle and vision.

Different Awareness Ribbon Colors and Meaning

There are a total of seven different colors and its multiple shades that are associated with diseases and other conditions. We have prepared a list of colors, its particular shades, and different patterns to help you learn about awareness ribbons.



Cool Awareness Ribbons
Can you guess there use?



Ribbon Awareness - Each month we will look at a different Ribbon and focus on some topic under Mental Health Awareness

January - Yellow



The yellow ribbon is for Thankfulness. It does have some other meanings, like many of the ribbons do have, however we will be focusing on Thankfulness. Some may ask what this has to do with Mental Health. This month we are thankful for those in uniform on any kind. The services that they perform to protect us as citizens. We think of those in the defense force (Land, air, sea), Nurses, Firemen, Police ect.

February - White



The white ribbon is a fairly heavy subject yet a very vital one when it comes to Mental Health. The white ribbon is for online safety awareness and includes social media, browsing, messaging and giving out personal information. It also includes all that follows from there like cyber bullying, violence, hacking and identity theft. Kids today are growing up in a world we as parents have never had too.

March



Periwinkle Blue

This ribbon has been chosen for its awareness mainly for eating disorders and the part multimedia plays in setting the norms of today. Focus will also be on peer pressure, been negative or positive, coming from our peers, siblings and / or parents. This also focusses on good sportsmanship. How do we deal with all of this?

AGM and Awards 2023



Our Meerkats attend the District Meerkat Day at Toti



Saturday the 11th November our Meerkats join Toti Meerkats in a District Meerkat activity. The Meerkats played soccer, hockey and made bead necklaces. They always enjoy meeting other Meerkats

Yellow Wood Community Fund Raiser 2 Dec 2023

On Saturday evening the 2nd December 58th made pancakes, tea and different types of coffees at the local YWP community fair. To raise funds. Due to a large donation towards the pancakes, tea and coffee from the Musallah e dawood uplift we made were able to raise R1800.00. We also got donations of chips, biscuits and cool drinks for those that helped. A massive thank you to the parents who came and helped make pancakes and assist in other ways. To the cubs and scouts that helped, a thank you to you too!

Yellow Wood Park Run 3 Dec 2023

On the 3rd December 2023 once again 58th assisted the Yellowwood Park Athletic club with their annual community run. The table that we manned was at 48 Kestrel Crescent. This is a good spot for us it is 70 meters from a corner and on a little uphill. This means the runners are normally moving a little slower, unless they are the front runners. The cubs and scouts that have attended this run in the past would never miss this event. A big thank you to



We never fail when we try to do our duty, we always fail when we neglect to do it.

Robert Baden-Powell

everyone who assisted including the parents. The event finishes in a massive water bath.

January		February		March	
1 Mo	New Years Day	1 Th		1 Fr	
2 Tu		2 Fr		2 Sa	Outdoor Cub Camp
3 We		3 Sa	Air Charge	3 Su	Outdoor Cub Camp
4 Th		4 Su		4 Mo	Committee Meeting
5 Fr		5 Mo	Committee Meeting	5 Tu	
6 Sa		6 Tu		6 We	
7 Su		7 We		7 Th	
8 Mo		8 Th		8 Fr	
9 Tu		9 Fr		9 Sa	
10 We		10 Sa		10 Su	
11 Th		11 Su		11 Mo	District Scouter Council
12 Fr		12 Mo	District Scouter Council	12 Tu	
13 Sa		13 Tu		13 We	
14 Su		14 We		14 Th	
15 Mo		15 Th		15 Fr	
16 Tu		16 Fr		16 Sa	Warrant Courses (BP)
17 We	Schools Open	17 Sa	Warrant Courses (BP)	17 Su	Warrant Courses (BP)
18 Th		18 Su	Warrant Courses (BP)	18 Mo	
19 Fr		19 Mo		19 Tu	
20 Sa		20 Tu		20 We	Schools Close
21 Su		21 We		21 Th	Human Rights
22 Mo	District Scouter Council	22 Th		22 Fr	PLTC
23 Tu		23 Fr		23 Sa	PLTC
24 We		24 Sa	Dist. Founders Camp Fire	24 Su	PLTC
25 Th		25 Su	Founders (KZN Awards)	25 Mo	
26 Fr		26 Mo		26 Tu	
27 Sa	IAL (Lexden & BP)	27 Tu		27 We	
28 Su	IAL (Lexden & BP)	28 We		28 Th	
29 Mo		29 Th		29 Fr	Good Friday
30 Tu				30 Sa	
31 We				31 Su	



From the 58th Family we would like to thank one and all for the successful year behind us.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and look forward to the new year.



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