

# smoke signals

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF SANJAMB 2017

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## READY, SET... GO!



Day two dawned bright and early, with a bugler sounding *reveille* at 05h30. War cries sounded across the grounds, and then a herd of hungry Scouts flocked into the dining room for breakfast.

According to the kitchen staff, 88 dozen eggs were served up in the first meal of the day. By 08h30, everyone was at their first activities, raring to go.

There was some excitement towards midday, when a loud explosion was heard – which sounded very much like a large calibre gun. Two-way radios crackled into life, with team leaders querying the source of the noise.

After some investigation, however, the culprit was discovered to be a football that had been left in the sun, where it expanded in the heat ... and exploded.



Cobra was having a short rest and was given a rude surprise as the explosion occurred five metres from him. We are happy to report that he was lying down at the time and therefore didn't have far to fall when he nearly passed out from shock.

### PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The management of SANJAMB 2017 is looking into providing close protection for our Camp Bugler (who will, for the moment, remain anonymous).

Several Scouts were overheard plotting to find him and insert his bugle into an unmentionable place, due to his early waking call which startled them from their beauty sleep.

Personal security is being arranged.

Just kidding ... but please don't attack our tame bugler: remember, he has to get up earlier than all of you.



### WHATS ON TONIGHT

Disco at Sarel Cilliers Hall from 20h30 - be there or be square ...

### FOOD FACT OF THE DAY

Scouts will be enjoying over one tonne of red meat during their stay at Doornkloof!

The ladies in the kitchen are preparing jelly for dessert - it will take 10kg of jelly powder to feed everyone.

Yesterday's tuna lunch might have looked simple but it needed all hands on deck - the catering staff had to cut 51 dozen hamburger rolls!



# SANJAMB A "WOW" FOR OUR CHIEF SCOUT

South Africa's chief Scout, Dr Brendan Hausberger, has described SANJAMB 2017 as an incredible event, which offer many opportunities for Scouts and Guides to learn and grow.

He spent the morning visiting several bases and interacting with participants, and is delighted by what he has seen.

"Considering the short space of time that our team had to put this together, this is an extraordinary event that is rich with activities and growth experience for the kids," he says.

Dr Hausberger believes that SANJAMB is an opportunity for Scouts and Guides to learn that their respective movements are bigger than just their own troops or districts, as with over 100 troops represented here, they are meeting participants from all over the country.

Most of all, though, he just wants everyone to have a fun experience. "Our participants will make new friends from all over the country, and this will strengthen the bonds between our groups, making the Movement stronger.



## WHAT'S IN A NAME?

We have some first names that are very popular at Sanjamb this year. Have a look to see if you are one of these... if you are, here are how many people share your name here this week!

- 16** Matthew
- 12** Daniel
- 8** James
- 8** Megan
- 8** Michael
- 7** Joshua
- 6** Kyle
- 6** Liam
- 6** Ryan
- 6** Luke
- 6** Nicholas
- 6** Sean
- 5** Jamie
- 4** Nathan
- 4** Sean
- 4** Samantha

## TOP SCORERS OF THE DAY

### ARCHERY

- 1** Ethan (3)
- 2** Robert (70)
- 3** Keith (4), Lambro (70)

### COMMANDO COURSE

- 1** Boys - Matthew Williams, 1:42  
Girls - Layla Paul, 5:23
- 1** Boys Patrol - 67, 9:14  
Girls Patrol - 79, 15:23

### RIFLE RANGE

- 1** 151 - Patrol 70
- 2** 118 - Patrol 35
- 3** 112 - Patrol 55

### BARRELS COURSE

- 1** 22:14 – Patrol 67
- 2** 31:00 – Patrol 79
- 3** 31:34 – Patrol 5

## BITS AND PIECES

### THE SAINT ANTHONY AWARD

Saint Antony is the patron saint of lost things, and this award today goes to:

- Patrol 61, for getting lost on the orienteering course.
- The bus driver who got lost taking the morning group to the water activities.





# WELCOME TO OUR GUIDE & RANGER TROOPS!

## CAPE WEST

- Cape Peninsular Rangers and Guides
- Fishhoek Rangers
- Bothasig Rangers
- Heldeberg Rangers
- 1st George Rangers
- 1st Steenberg Guides
- 1st Portlands Guides

## ORANGIA

- Bloemfontein

## GAUTENG

- 1st Kyalami Guides
- 2nd Randberg Rangers
- 3rd Krugersdorp Rangers

## KWAZULU NATAL

- Mthatha Rangers
- Queensburgh Guides and Rangers
- 1st Irene Rangers
- Willomoore Rangers
- Glenstantia Girl Guides



**Longest Da Vinci Bridge today  
– Red and Blue working together**



**Best hairstyle  
– Keenan, 2nd Boksburg**



**Commando Course  
– Best Times**



# MY SANJAMB

Best of the stories by you, at the Journalism Base

## Scouts in the South

~ by Hailey Pope, Troop B, Patrol 49

I started my scouting career in 2012 at 1st Edenvale Girl Scout Troop. I was invested at the age of 10 a few weeks before my 11th birthday.

I am currently 16 and almost finished my first class advancement. My personal growth agreement is that I complete my first class by the end of February 2018, my explorer by June 2018 and my Springbok at the start of 2019.

In January 2018 I am doing PLTU, and in December I want to do Cederberg, and in 2019 I want to go on World Jamboree.

I would like to complete my Springbok when I am in Grade 11 (2018 so I don't have to juggle matric, World Jamboree and my Springbok.

I am currently at SANJAMB and it is amazing. There is a wide variety of activities that have been planned and I am super excited to do them.

There is murder mystery, tubing, rafting, movie making and many more.

I am excited to see where SANJAMB will take me in my Scouting career.

## SANJAMB NEWS

~ by Shanna Tiffin

Some of us went on a bus and some of us came with our parents, we are all ready for our week with new friends, old friends, brothers and sisters.

Some of us came late but in the end we all got settled in and got our things ready.

Lunch came around and we were all hungry and so happy to finally get food. We got to socialise with new people and have fun.

Then the time came around for the motivational speech. It was actually quite funny and entertaining to listen to. The speech inspired many of us to do more than what we thought we could do! All of us really enjoyed the motivational speech and couldn't wait to go to sleep and get some rest.

## Pancake batter?

~ by Daahil Lakha

On the second day of SANJAMB, there was a very interesting food. It looked and tasted like pancake batter.

There was other stuff like bread and eggs, but I chose the pancake batter.

If anyone can please tell me what it was, please find me and let me know

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## INTERVIEW

WITH "KINGFISHER", ADULT LEADER FOR GIRL GUIDES

~ by Sam van Vuuren and Pramit Kanji

**WHAT DO YOU THINK THE PURPOSE OF SANJAMB IS?**

Sanjamb is a good opportunity for the Guides, Scouts and Rangers to socialise and mingle around with other people around South Africa.

**WHAT INSPIRED YOU TO VOLUNTEER TO WORK AT SANJAMB?**

I have never been to a jamboree and always wanted to go!

**HOW COMFORTABLE DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE CAMP WE ARE USING TO HOST SANJAMB, SEEING THAT IT IS OF "FOREIGN BLOOD"?**

Well, the Voortrekkers rented it to us. The facility is awesome - it suits all our needs and they provided us with kitchen staff!

## The polluted dam

~ by Paddy Lavery

On Friday 8th a dead duiker was found in the local dam.

The origin of the dead duiker is unknown. All we do know, is that it arrived and then was pelted by rocks and stones, that caused it to burst open.

## SANJAMB 2017

~ by C. Eltis

I have never been the organised, planned list maker that some people my age seem to be.

That's okay as it is who I am, until you realise one day that the disorganised, unplanned non-list-maker that you are, can only get you so far in life.

Yesterday I realised this, as someone incredible spoke to Scouts at the first SANJAMB in 16 years. It was my first day on this 8 day ride and a Springbok Scout came to speak to all 513 of us.

He told us how ever since he was a teen, he'd known he'd wanted to climb mountains. He later even overcame a serious injury and negative doctors, who said he'd never climb again, and he reached the top of Mount Everest.

He inspired me as I have always had big dreams, but have never been quite sure who or what I would like to be. He encouraged me to follow my dreams no matter how impossible they may seem.

He also said that lists are the way to the type of life you want to have, and live.

And so from that day, I decided that no matter how crazy, big or impossible my dreams may seem, I can always reach them.

It all starts with a LIST!

