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SCOUTS SA Mpumalanga would like to announce **Mr. Khonzaphi Mdaka** as the new **Deputy Chief Scout** of SCOUTS South Africa.

He has experience in various positions in scouting, not in in Mpumalanga Region.

He was the Provincial Commissioner before handing over the position to *Lucy Magagula*, who is now the Regional Commissioner and being supported by Khonzaphi as the **Advisor**.

He used to be the **National Team Coordinator Properties** and **RTC Finances** in Mpumalanga.

His professionalism, diplomacy and deep understanding of the movement and its challenges contribute greatly towards Mpumalanga Region.

We are all sure that he will perform brilliantly, with honesty and dedication in his new position.



Congratulations, Mpumalanga is proud of you!





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GOING ABROAD



Each and every year, Scouting Mpumalanga is sending two volunteers to Germany. They are regional and national represents by participating in a volunteer program for 3 months called "Aktion Tagwerk".

"Aktion Tagwerk" can be described as a campaign for students all over the world. The idea of the campaign is, that students in Germany are going to work, planning creative projects, or doing donation runs instead of attending classes at school for one day per year. The collected money, they spend on education projects in 7 different African countries. Aktion Tagwerk is an initiative for students, who want to support students for worldwide education.

The team consisting of German and South African volunteers is visiting different types of schools from Primary schools, over Highschools to Professional Schools, Inclusive Schools and Universities. They are giving presentations to inform about the campaign and their project countries. They are creating an intercultural exchange and build a network between foreign countries. The 2 will also support the 3 regional offices of "Aktion Tagwerk" in Bonn, Mainz and Berlin.

From March to June they are staying in different host families all over Germany to dip into the culture.

For 2018 we have chosen the two Rovers Bheki Sitole from Nkomazi District and Thulani Ngomane from Emalahleni.



Bheki (30) has already held many different positions in Scouting Mpumalanga. Amongst other things, he is voluntary working together and supporting German volunteers for over 10 years with passion and a constantly growing understanding of their culture. Now he finally visits Germany for the first time! He is more than welcome, that is for sure!

➤ **Thulani** (22) belongs to the young and self-motivated Rovers, under the 1st Passau leaders who took him in at a very young age. In 2016 he has been to Germany for two weeks through Scouting. He is very excited to go back- this time for a longer term.

Our two German volunteers have run a 3-week workshop to prepare them extensively. They had a closer look at the features of Germany, the cultural differences, and other relevant topics. The German Lessons, Phonetics of the "complicated language" have challenged them a lot. Both, participants and examiners showed full dedication and teamwork.

The visas are ready, with excitement they have started counting-down the days before they go! We wish them an exciting time, full of events, cultural exchange and many encounters.



Bis bald, see you soon!



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2018 FIELDWORKERS

- Sebenzile Nkosi
- Maxwell Khumalo
- Mawethu Songca
- Siyabonga Mndebele
- Nikiwe Mthisi



Annually, Mpumalanga gets assistance from fieldworkers who are tasked to support scout groups, open new groups and stabilise groups whilst doing their best to revive old groups. They serve as communication link between the groups, districts and the regional office by ensuring that the groups get information from the Region and National.

Thank you very much for your engagement and Good Luck for 2018!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2018

- 24th March **Matsulu Community Event**
- 26th - 29th April **Warrant Course**
- 23rd June **Hazy Community Event**
- 22nd – 24th June **Winter Camps**
- 25th August **Bushbuckridge Community Event**
- 1st – 6th October **Scouts Summer Camp**
- September **Nangu Thina Jubilee**



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“Scouts against Child, Women Abuse And Human Trafficking”

Enough is Enough!

Every day more and more children are abused or harmed in different ways. Child abuse refers not only to sexual abuse, but includes amongst others, emotional and physical abuse, sexual exploitation, child labour, exposing children to pornography, violence, substance abuse or neglecting their basic needs.



Scouting Mpumalanga has joined hands together with communities, government and NGOs/NPOs to raise awareness AGAINST CHILD AND WOMEN ABUSE and HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

Our campaign aims to reach out to young and old citizens to step-up and fight towards these topics in creating a safer lifestyle for our society!



Our partners

- ❖ Umckaloabo Foundation
- ❖ Mpumalanga Government
- ❖ SANCA
- ❖ Childline Mpumalanga
- ❖ GRIP
- ❖ Local Media



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PREPARATION COURSE

From the 17th to 19th January we had invited social workers from different NGOs and NPOs, such as SANCA and GRIP, to prepare young leaders for our 2018 campaign.

During this 3-day workshop they have gave us a lot of information about the different aspects of the topic. Between the presentations they kept us busy with team work tasks. We have practiced role plays or answered quiz questions. That was a very good way to adopt what we had just learned.

With our basic knowledge we can now start to raise the awareness towards abuse of all kinds and Human Trafficking.

All participated have manual containing information that will enable us to pass on information regarding these topics. We will always be prepared.



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IMBIZO

On the 10th of February we launched our annual campaign with over 450 guests at Kabokweni Community Hall.

The theme: **Scouts against Child and Women Abuse and Human Trafficking.**

We started the event with a big parade from Emtfonjeni School to the Community Hall.

Numerous Scout groups, Community Members and NPOs such as , *Child Welfare, GRIP and Childline* came to support SCOUTS in raising awareness to take action against these issues, we were also honoured to have members from the Office of the Premier who presented what they were doing as Youth Development.

Scouts rendered self-prepared Dramas and Isibhaca Dance Sessions.

The whole event has been covered by different Media which include *Mpumalanga Newspaper, Lowvelder Newspaper, Ligwalagwala FM and Rise FM.*



The event was found to be of great necessity and very informative towards everybody. Imbizo was a good launching point for our campaign. We are very motivated that our campaign reached the communities, that in the end we made a change!



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BP CAMPS

Mpumalanga rocks!

In the year 2018 we had exciting BP Camps which were mostly attended by new scouts a leaders who yearned to see what we do in scouting. We had a total of 384 scouts and leaders that attended the camps which took place in three different campsites.

The camp theme was based on **AGAINST CHILD ABUSE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING**, it was the same theme for all four camps.

The facilitators were well trained prior the camps so that they are able to instil correct knowledge in their groups and district camps – this was the best platforms to show-off what the local NGOs supporting the project shared with them.

As a norm the different sites held campfire, which always leaves great memories at the end of the camp. It is always very exciting to see Scouts showing their talents in singing, poetry and drama.

We are grateful for the support received from our friends in Germany, Deputy Chief Scout, Regional Commissioner, Childline Mpumalanga, GRIP, SANCA and the Youth Development – Office of the Premier. Without the support received we would not have made it.



TRAINING - ADULT LEADERSHIP COURSE

On the 2nd to 4th of February Scouting Mpumalanga has run an Introduction to Adult leadership course with 14 participants.

The training covered information about the organization of the SCOUT Movement, the SCOUT Method, principles of Scouting, mostly SCOUTS South Africa.

On Friday afternoon after every participant had arrived, we have started our first session: Orientation.

Saturday has been the busiest day of the program. We have worked on topics such as Roles of Scouters in a group, Promise and Law and First Aid to grow the participants' knowledge and to improve their skills.

What made it easier for the session leaders is that the all participants were very eager to attain more information about the organisation. During this whole time we have never missed the fun element of Scouting 😊.

On Sunday was mainly reflection on what they had been taught. We have closed the successful training with the SCOUT's Own and the presentation of certificates of participation.

