

KIM SHIELD

Challenge 2017

Dear Sebastien

Congratulations on entering your Patrol in the KIM SHIELD Challenge 2017.



This letter confirms that your Patrol has been accepted to participate in this year's challenge. As you know, this is an incident hike where you and your patrol are given the challenge to complete as many bases as possible.

For the duration of the Challenge, your patrol will be **Patrol No: ...14....**

On the morning of **16 September 2017**, you and your patrol must rendezvous at **Modderfontein Nature Reserve** in the Edenvale area, from **06h00**. There are instructions on how to get to the venue attached to the e-mail that has been sent to you. At the venue, your whole patrol will fall-in to register and submit a completed parent consent form, and pay any outstanding fees. Anybody without a consent form will not be permitted to compete in the Challenge. If on the day, you get lost getting to the venue, please phone **Philip** on **063 692 0878**.

You will be permitted to come into camp on the Friday (15 September) if you want to, but you have to be in camp between 17h00 to 20h00. Alternatively, you can arrive on the Saturday morning, registration will commence at 06h00. Please take note of which entrance you can use depending on what time you arrive, GPS coordinates are provided. On arrival, only cars towing trailers will be permitted to the camping area, then they have to leave immediately. These are not our rules but rules of the reserve.

At the venue itself, we will be camping at a central location. You **will** be expected to provide your own tents and to cater for you and your patrol. Please note that you will have to bring a 25 litre container for water. Water will be collected from a common point. Please note, there is no electricity at the venue, so remember those gas lamps.

Ablutions will be available at the venue, but in the form of Port-a-loos. For the hike itself, you will not be expected to take your camping equipment, but a day pack is suggested along with a packed lunch. Please ensure that **all** members of your patrol have a **2-litre** water bottle, a hat and suntan cream! As we are experiencing unusual weather patterns, a rain coat might be considered too. Also, please ensure you have a compass, pens/ pencils, ball of string and a hike first aid kit. It would be appreciated if you and your patrol hike with scarves on so to help the local farmers identify you as Scouts.

There are certain rules that will apply at the venue. **NO FIRES** at all will be permitted. Therefore, all cooking will have to be done on gas equipment. Please ensure that all litter is taken with you after the event.

It was noted last year that some Patrols were being catered for by adults. This is a challenge weekend and all patrols must cater for themselves. If it is observed that a patrol is being catered for, they will be severely penalised.

Please note that the gates to Modderfontein Nature Reserve, will be open from 06h00 on Saturday morning, so ensure you are there by then and ready to register your team.

The Challenge will close at 14h30 on Sunday 17th September. Please ensure that your transportation will be there at that time.

We look forward to meeting you at the Challenge. May I wish you the best of luck, and hope that your Patrol approaches this event with the Scouting Spirit at heart.

Yours in Scouting

Gerard Evans
Kim Shield Organising Committee