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ON THE NATIONAL

Workshop for the Venture Section (22,23th Mar)



On March 22 and 23, 2024, Baden Powell House was the venue for a significant workshop that brought together around 30 participants per session. The attendees included national and district commissioners, scout leaders, adventurers, and rovers. The primary goal of this workshop was to focus on the first part of the adventurers' program, the Kestrel, which has now been divided into two distinct sections.

The first part of the Kestrel Award program will concentrate on backwoodsmanship skills. This area emphasizes practical outdoor skills and survival techniques, which are essential for scouts to become adept at living and thriving in natural environments. Participants engaged in various hands-on activities and discussions to enhance their understanding and proficiency in these critical areas.

The second part of the program will focus on educational domains that have already been established but will see significant improvements. This section aims to provide a well-rounded education that includes leadership development, community service, and personal growth. The improvements are designed to ensure that the educational aspects of scouting are as robust and impactful as possible.

The workshop at Baden Powell House marks a crucial step in the enhancement of the scout training program, ensuring that it continues to provide valuable skills and knowledge to young adventurers. The collaborative efforts of the national and district commissioners, scout leaders, adventurers, and rovers underscore the collective dedication to maintaining high standards in scouting education and practice.

ALT & LT workshop by the National Training Commission (3rd Mar)









Photo Cr: Priscille Rose

The National Training Commission recently organized a workshop focused on Assistant Leader Training (ALT) and Leader Training (LT). The event aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of participants, improving their effectiveness in training and developing new leaders within the scouting community.

Throughout the workshop, interactive sessions provided a platform for participants to share their experiences and learn best practices from one another. The agenda included a series of simulations and practical exercises designed to ensure that troop leaders could immediately apply the skills they acquired in their respective districts. These hands-on activities covered essential topics such as group management, activity planning, outdoor safety, and leadership development.

The workshop fostered a collaborative learning environment, enabling leaders to discuss common challenges and effective strategies for overcoming them. This exchange of ideas was invaluable for participants, who gained insights from their peers and from experienced trainers.

The event concluded on a positive note, with participants expressing their gratitude for the enriching experience and the camaraderie shared. They left with renewed motivation to implement the newly acquired skills and inspire new leaders to reach greater heights. The National Training Commission remains committed to offering high-quality training programs that support the ongoing development of scout leaders, ensuring the sustainability and growth of scouting values and practices.

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ON THE INTERNATIONAL

WOSM Annual Report 2022-2023

The Annual Report provides a comprehensive overview of the noteworthy accomplishments and advancements within the Scout Movement throughout the previous year. It highlights a resurgence in membership levels following a decline attributed to the impacts of COVID-19, alongside the enlargement of its worldwide footprint through the addition of new Member Organizations. Furthermore, it underscores the strides made in fulfilling its strategic goals, encompassing the provision of various services and the inception of fresh initiatives geared towards enriching youth programs. Notably, the report places particular emphasis on the organization's dedication to youth and child safeguarding, as well as its integration of Sustainable Development Goals. Through these concerted efforts, the Scout Movement continues to evolve and adapt, remaining steadfast in its commitment to empowering young individuals and fostering positive change on a global scale.

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DISTRICT LEVEL

DISTRICT OF PORT LOUIS

Duke Adventurous Journey of 12th St Mathieu (11th Mar)













Photo Cr: Jonathan Law

On the 10th - 12th March 2024, the 12th Scout Port-Louis, along with youth from Slovenia, embarked on a Gold Level Practice adventure, covering a diverse itinerary from Pte aux Sables – Fic en Flac – Tamarin – Gorges National Park – Parakeet Trail – Alexandra Falls, totaling over 70kms on foot and by boat. With more than 50 participants, this journey was truly a collective effort and an enriching experience for all involved! A flag-raising ceremony was held on the 12th of March at Gorges National Park, where Scouts and Youth from Slovenia, alongside Duke Award Officers from the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation - Mauritius, gathered in unity. Adding to the ambiance, the talented musicians from the Scout Band delivered stirring performances of the National anthem and other Mauritian melodies.



The 28eme Scout Group on the Virtual (12th Mar)

March 12, 2024, will be memorable for 5 members of the girls' patrol. They had identified the House of Digital exhibition as a site to visit. This flagship exhibition had opened its doors to the public, and they made the most of it. An activity that falls within the framework of the Guide Activity Badge initiated since the beginning of the year. After Curepipe, where they discovered the commemorative plaque honoring the pioneer of scouting in Mauritius, Samuel Blunt de Burgh Edwards, the scouts explored The Edith for several hours, where the House of Digital exhibition was held. This place dedicated to digital arts also offers a platform to discover the heritage of the Indian Ocean. The scouts particularly appreciated the new technologies used in the service of history.



Written by: Joëlla Pompeia



The 28eme Scout Group getting ready for Camporee 2024 (12nd Apr)







The young scouts carefully prepared for the weekend of April 12-14th 2024. They set up an initial camp to test their endurance and rekindle the flame of scout camaraderie among the enthusiastic recruits from the Sainte Anne group in Tranquebar. Throughout the weekend, the youth demonstrated courage and a spirit of sharing.

For the eight members, this was their first mobile camp. Aged 11 to 14, they attentively listened to the leaders' instructions to pack only the bare minimum in their backpacks. The first challenge was to walk from Cascavelle to Wolmar under a scorching sun—10 kilometers to cover and 3 liters of water to manage until they reached their destination! The young scouts showed perseverance and courage to make it to the camp, a necessary trait to complete the "Outdoor Challenge."

This wasn't the only activity. Besides the "Hike Activity Badge," the camp schedule included workshops like backwood cooking, emergency aid, and a fishing session in collaboration with Izumi, a fishing and outdoor equipment company. These activities enriched the recruits' experience, aiding their personal growth and development.

Two days filled with emotions and moments of relaxation culminated in an evening event hosted by the scouts of the 1st Upper Plaine Wilhems on the Wolmar beach. At lights out, the recruits felt joy from this time of camaraderie and sharing. A successful first mobile camp bodes well for future endeavors!

Cleaning the Tiny Forest of Saint Louis Cathedral (02 Mar)





The scout group of the 18th Port Louis - Cassis recently cleaned the Tiny Forest of Saint Louis Cathedral. This project aims to beautify the cathedral's surroundings and create a vibrant green space. The scouts, guided by their leaders, regularly maintain the Tiny Forest by clearing litter and pruning plants. Their efforts not only enhance the area's aesthetic appeal but also promote environmental stewardship. Through this ongoing project, the scouts learn valuable lessons in teamwork and community service, while ensuring the Tiny Forest remains a welcoming and thriving part of the cathedral's vicinity

The 6th Port Louis Scout Group on Adventure (22nd Apr)







The cub scouts, scouts, and ventures of the 6th Port Louis embark on a rewarding adventure together, embracing the values of camaraderie, perseverance, and respect for nature. Starting from the majestic Petrin, they venture into the vast expanses of the National Park. Guided by their experienced leaders, they explore picturesque trails, discovering breathtaking landscapes and hidden treasures along the way.

This hike offers them much more than just steps in nature; it forges lasting memories and imparts valuable lessons that will accompany them throughout their lives. Each young scout learns the importance of teamwork and environmental respect, enriching their personal and collective journeys. Along the way, they develop essential skills such as navigation, outdoor survival, and resource management.

Moreover, this adventure strengthens their bonds of friendship and solidarity, creating a strong group cohesion. The majestic landscapes and challenges encountered along the way enhance their resilience and ability to overcome obstacles. Every sunset observed and every summit reached are silent witnesses to their personal growth and dedication to the values of scouting. This unique experience will leave a lasting imprint on their hearts, always reminding them of the importance of nature and camaraderie.

Written by: Elodie Gateux

District Youth Scout Forum Port Louis (27th Apr)











Photo Cr: Jonathan Law

The 2024 Youth Forum of the Port Louis district was held from April 27th to 28th at the BP House in Trianon, bringing together over 80 adventurers. The first day began at 8:00 a.m. with registration and ice-breaking exercises to facilitate interactions among participants. After the opening ceremony, various workshops were organized, focusing on topics such as the DEC and NEC, DYSC, preparation for the youth forum, and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These sessions provided youth with opportunities to acquire knowledge and share their opinions on relevant subjects. The day concluded with a lively evening around a campfire.

The second day featured practical activities related to the SDGs. Two units planted endemic and medicinal plants in the courtyard of the BP House, while two others conducted a waste collection at the Ebène Recreational Park. The afternoon was dedicated to a workshop on resolutions and recommendations, followed by the election of the new DYSC.

This forum provided a valuable opportunity for youth to engage in environmental initiatives, enhance their leadership and collaboration skills, and connect with other young people who share similar values.

Written by: Anne Sophie Chinamah



The new members of the DYSC Port Louis

Kusheeladevi Pillay Chellen (2nd Port Louis)
Axel Victor(6eme Port Louis)
Anne Sophie Chinamah(10eme Port Louis)
Darel Celine(11eme Port Louis)
Noemie Lucasse(12eme Port Louis)
Matthew Jeanne(15eme Port Louis)
Noemie Xavier(15eme Port Louis)
Michael Etienette(16eme Port Louis)
Dino Lucette(22eme Port Louis)
Felicia Mamode(22eme Port Louis)
Samuel barbe(24eme Port Louis)
Alicia Azor(24eme Port Louis)
Noemie Ohis(26eme Port Louis)

DISTRICT OF LWP/BR

Maha Shivaratree pilgrimage (10th Mar)





An adventure that ended in complete satisfaction. This is what the adventurers of the Palma Scout Group, Albion Scout group and Bambous Scout Group experienced on the sidelines of the celebration of Maha Shivaratri, which took place on Friday, March 8, 2024.

These young people, whose goal was to discover a culture different from their own, embarked on a pilgrimage to Ganga Talao, commonly known as "Grand Bassin" by the locals. This discovery is part of their long list of activities planned for this year.

While some would have preferred to travel this path in peace, the 25th deliberately chose to discover all the constraints such as the beating sun or even helping to carry the traditional "Kanwar," which comes in different colors, but mostly in various sizes, making the ascent even harder. This was obviously an opportunity for them to question the devotees about this march to learn more about the God Shiva and the enthusiasm surrounding this festival dedicated to him.

Their walk lasted six long hours and left for some a bittersweet taste, as they did not necessarily expect it to be so challenging, and for others, they only remember the positive. However, in both cases, it aroused admiration among all for those who do it year after year without fail. We take this opportunity to wish a happy festival to the Hindu community, and to the other Mauritians who, like the 25th, decided this year to live intensely through this journey, hoping it will be filled with devotion and spirituality.

Written by: Queency Soulange, National Com. ARD







DISTRICT OF THE NORTH

15th North Scout Group for the Maha Shivaratree pilgrimage (10th Mar)









On the 5th of March, at Candos Quatre Bornes, a heartwarming collaboration unfolded between the 15th North St Mark Poudre D'or Scout Group and the St John Ambulance team. Their joint effort aimed to provide donations and helping hand for the Maha Shivaratree pilgrimage. This initiative was not just about material contributions; it was about embracing both the spiritual and communal aspects of the pilgrimage. For the participants, it represented a unique opportunity to engage with the challenges of spirituality and community service in a meaningful way.

As they worked together on the Spiritual Challenge, they delved into the essence of Maha Shivaratree, connecting with its spiritual significance and understanding the rituals involved. Simultaneously, they tackled the Community Challenge, demonstrating their commitment to supporting and uplifting their community through acts of generosity and compassion.

Written by: Anais Christophe, ADC Comm. & Pr

Woodbadge Validation briefing (17th Mar)

On March 17, 2024, at Terre Rouge Village Hall, a significant event unfolded as 14 leaders gathered for the North District Woodbadge Validation briefing session. Scheduled to validate their Woodbadge this year, attendees received vital information on the validation process, the clusters to be assessed, the marking scheme, and the portfolio requirements. Trainers conducted the session with great diligence, ensuring it was enriching for all participants. The leaders exhibited remarkable enthusiasm for the upcoming validation process, reflecting their dedication to enhancing their skills and knowledge. This briefing session not only equipped them with essential knowledge but also fostered a sense of camaraderie and shared purpose among the leaders, underscoring the importance of continuous learning and development within the scouting community.

Workshop by the Ministry of Health(Feb-Mar)









In February and March 2024, the 10th North Goodlands, 2nd North Terre Rouge, 8th North Notre Dame, and 15th North Poudre D'or groups embarked on a journey of education and empowerment through workshops facilitated by a Ministry of Health representative. These sessions aimed to address the pressing issues affecting youth, including drug abuse, HIV/AIDS, and addiction.

Through engaging discussions and interactive activities, participants gained insights into the detrimental effects of these scourges on individuals and communities. They also learned about prevention strategies and support mechanisms available to combat these challenges effectively.

The presence of Chief Commissioner Bruno Rose and District Commissioner Sebastien Marc further emphasized the significance of these workshops. Their involvement served as a powerful motivator for youth engagement and underscored the importance of proactive participation in community initiatives aimed at personal and collective well-being.

By equipping young people with knowledge and fostering a sense of responsibility, these workshops not only empowered them to make informed choices but also inspired them to contribute positively to society, laying the groundwork for a healthier and more resilient future generation.

Creation of a Mini Forest at Piton(23rdMar)









Several Adventurers from the 4th North Rivière du Rempart, 10th North Goodlands, and 15th North Poudre D'or participated in a camp during the weekend of March 23rd and 24th at Piton. During this activity, they had the opportunity to assist in planting endemic plants that will form a mini-forest, in collaboration with the NGO AEP (Action for Environmental Protection) and Tiny Forest of Mauritius. Following this, they engaged in a mini survival camp at Mon Loisir and witnessed the induction ceremony of new adventurers into the Rivière du Rempart group. This camp not only provided hands-on experience in environmental conservation but also fostered a sense of camaraderie among the participants while instilling a deeper appreciation for nature and wilderness survival skills.

District Youth Scout Forum North (7th Apr)









The District Youth Scout Forum North convened on April 6, 2024, in Goodlands, marking a pivotal moment for scouting in the region. Notably, members of the District Youth Scout Council (DYSC) were elected, with 12 individuals officially chosen to serve. The forum also featured workshops addressing critical topics such as community service, local and global issues, as well as safety protocols and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through these discussions and elections, the forum underscored the commitment of young scouts to making a positive impact both locally and globally, aligning with the principles of scouting to promote leadership, service, and global citizenship.

The new members of the DYSC North are: President- Toddy Jowree V.President- Melanie Charlot Secretaire- Elina Veeren Tresorier- Tibo Bell

Written by: Charline Jeslie, Venture Scouter North

First Aid Training (19th Apr)

Ten leaders from the 3rd North Scout Grand Baie achieved a significant milestone by obtaining their first aid certificates. This accomplishment followed their participation in a rigorous two-day training program conducted on April 12th and 19th. The training, facilitated by a skilled instructor from "Industrie et Services de l'Océan Indien (ISOI)," took place at Forbac. Equipped with essential first aid skills, these leaders are now better prepared to ensure the safety and well-being of scouts under their care during scouting activities. This initiative highlights the commitment of scout leaders to prioritizing safety and enhancing their capabilities to handle emergencies effectively.



Internaltonal Day for Monuments and Sites (20th Apr)







elebrating the International Day for Monuments and Sites, approximately 30 members of the 14th North Scout Cap Malheureux embarked on a journey to explore Mauritius's rich heritage on April 20th. Their itinerary included visits to significant historical sites such as the Belle Mare Sugar Industry, the National History Museum in Mahebourg, the Natural History Museum in Port Louis, and the Government House. Immersed in these cultural treasures, the scouts gained a deeper understanding of Mauritius's history and heritage. Their excursion not only fostered appreciation for the island's diverse past but also encouraged a sense of pride and stewardship towards its monumental legacy.

Written by: Anais Christophe, ADC Comm. & Pr

Cub Scout Activity Day (27th Apr)



At Bras d'eau Natural Park and Beach was an enriching experience for all involved. With 93 cubs and 23 leaders/ assistants in attendance, the day began with a nature exploration trip followed by educational activities at Bras d'eau beach.

Participants engaged in discussions on marine protection, led by experts from
bis la mer>, and received valuable safety tips from the Coast Guard. As part of their environmental stewardship, the cubs undertook a beach cleaning initiative, aligning with the objectives of the KOCK BADGE. Overall, it was a successful day filled with learning, fun, and meaningful contributions to environmental conservation.







Survival Camp(27th-28th Apr)











The Survival Camp, orchestrated by DEC North for the Kestrel Award, was an immersive journey into nature and self-discovery. Venturers and Rovers embarked on a trek from Grand Gaube to Bain des Rosnay, boarding a boat bound for Ile aux Bernaches. Amidst the wilderness, they fashioned bivouacs, cooked over open flames, and relied on nature's bounty. A pivotal debate on Human Rights deepened their understanding of the Spiritual Domain. Representing diverse regions like Goodlands, Grand Baie, Rivière du Rempart, Pamplemousse, Cap Malheureux, and Terre Rouge, the group forged bonds amidst challenges, fostering resilience and camaraderie. It was a testament to the transformative power of adventure and community in the great outdoors.



Written by: Charline Jeslie, Venture Scouter North





DISTRICT OF MOKA/ FLACQ

District Youth Scout Forum Moka-Flacq (27th May)









The District Youth Scout Forum of Moka-Flacq convened on May 27th at the Hall of St-Pierre Es-Liens Church. The session commenced with engaging icebreaking activities designed to foster camaraderie and alleviate any initial hesitations.

Representatives from various scout groups were in attendance, including the 2nd Moka, 1st Flacq, and 2nd Flacq, accompanied by more than 35 ventures eager to participate in the day's activities.

The workshops conducted during the forum were structured to provide valuable insights into key aspects of scouting. Participants delved into topics such as understanding the DYSC, exploring the DEC and NEC, and engaging in discussions centered around proposing resolutions and recommendations.

As the workshops concluded, all participants demonstrating heightened interest and enthusiasm for further engagement in the District Youth Scout Forum. The event not only served as an opportunity for learning and reflection but also ignited a collective passion for scouting and community involvement among the attendees.





Photo Cr: Jonathan Law

The new members of the DYSC MOKA/FLACQ are:

Upper row(left to right)

Arekion Revik Jonathan(2nd Moka St Pierre)
Mathis marcel(2nd Moka)
Clélia Jasmin (2nd Moka) - V. Secrétaire
Donah Veerapen(2nd moka) - V. President
Kevin Bungsee(1st flacq)
Marie manoella Olivia panain(2nd flacq bel air)
Louis icelly Ecumoir(2nd flacq bel air) - Président
Samuel Arekion(2nd flacq bel air)
Curley ponnusami(1st flacq)

Bottom row (left to right)

Ryan Duval(2nd Moka) - V.Trésorier Kimberley Auguste(2nd Moka) - Trésorière Clenie Andy(2nd flacq bel air) Megane Azor (2nd flacq bel air) Marie Nolwenn Kiara Jaune (2nd Flacq bel air) - Secrétaire

DISTRICT OF UPW/ SOUTH

Glen Park Scout Group at Volunteering at the Maha shivaratree (9th Mar)









The purpose of this sharing was not only for the social aspect of the Kestrel Award, but also to demonstrate that the Venture Unit of the 3rd Upper Plaines Wilhems is active and here to contribute as much as possible to various cultural events such as Maha Shivaratree. We began cooking at 4:15 PM and finished at 6:30 PM. We learned to cook "gato zinzeli" at the home of a chef in Très Bon. From there, we walked to Glen Park where food sharing was already taking place for pilgrims walking towards Grand Bassin and those descending. We finished at 9:30 PM and then walked to admire the kanwars and also to eat.

Written by: Michaelle Armoogum, ADC Comm. & Pr

Glen Park Scout Group Founders' Day (23rd Mar)













Photo Cr: Jonathan Law

The Glen Park Scout Group marked Scout Founders' Day with a memorable event held in Vacoas/Phoenix, inviting the city's mayor, Mike Mungur, as the guest of honor. The celebration, which took place on a sunny afternoon at Glen Park, brought together scouts, their families, and community members to honor the legacy of Scouting and its enduring values. The event began with an impressive performance by the scout band, setting a festive tone with their lively music. The event began with an impressive performance by the scout band, setting a festive tone with their lively music.

One of the key highlights of the day was the launch of the Adult Support Group. This initiative aims to provide structured support and mentorship to the scouts, ensuring they have the guidance and resources needed to thrive. The Adult Support Group consists of parents, former scouts, and community leaders who are passionate about contributing to the development of the next generation.

As the saying goes, "Once a scout, always a scout!" Holding firmly to Baden Powell's philosophy, alumni of the 3rd Upper Scout Group decided in September 2023 to come together to revive these values and pass on years of experience to the new generation. Under the initiative of Gaya Ittoo, Jaywant Tannoo, Roopsen Bappoo, and Atma Khundoo, an idea was transformed into an entity now known as the Adult Support Group. Surujbhali Sooviraj is one of the members who participates in activities with great pride and enthusiasm, such as the recent Founder's Day. The support group is engaged in social activities like renovating the facade of the RCA Jean Paul II in Glen Park and organizing hiking trips to Patrin in Rivière Noire. These activities are conducted alongside those planned by the scout group led by GSL Sena Olath.



Surujbhali Sooviraj started at the 3rd Upper Scout Group at the age of 13 in 1979. His presence, along with other "Old Boy Scouts," is further proof that scouting forever transforms those who embrace its values of courage, friendship, and sharing. Surujbhali finds motivation in the eyes of the young scouts of the 3rd Upper, inspiring them through the enduring legacy of scouting.

TESTIMONIAL

Louis icelly Ecumoir - President of DYSC Moka/Flacq

Allow me to introduce myself, I am Louis Icelly Ecumoir, 20 years old, and a member of the 2nd Flacq Bel Air Scout Group. I am also the newly appointed president of the DYSC (District Youth Steering Committee) in the Moka Flacq district.

Regarding the DYSC forum, I would like to express my gratitude to the commissioners, members of the NYSC (National Youth Steering Committee), and also the former members of the DYSC who attended, for their time and for imparting their knowledge to the present youth. Personally, I have learned a great deal; it was truly enriching. We realize the true responsibilities that come with being a DYSC member, and we have worked on various issues such as resolutions and recommendations. It was truly fascinating to hear everyone's perspectives on the challenges faced by the youth in the district. Now, the DYSC team is ready, and together, we will do our best to address all the points discussed during the forum.

Michael Etiennette - President of DYSC Port Louis

The DYSF of Port-Louis 2024 was enriching for me. Having been a member of the organizing committee, I had the opportunity to truly learn how to prepare a forum, draw inspiration for the workshops, and manage the number of participants. At the same time, I learned a lot from the workshops. I was a facilitator in the SDGs workshop and I really learned a lot from the speaker. It's something I've never had the chance to discover in my troop, and I find that the guidelines for preparing a forum are really interesting in this regard. The mentioned workshops are very well thought out. The presence/support of the commissioners during the weekend was really motivating. I felt recognized, and I think many ventures feel the same way. I also appreciated the contribution of the NYSC, although I suggest they could have been a bit more forthcoming; they were too much among themselves at one point when we could have shared much more. However, I was a little disappointed with the performance of some workshops. The speakers were not sufficiently prepared in my opinion, which makes learning less dynamic. Time management was also lacking on Sunday. If Saturday we were on schedule, Sunday went a bit overboard, the workshop on reform and recommendations being lengthy. It penalized my troop since my ventures couldn't wait for the election and certificate presentation. But in terms of learning, I feel I was better trained in the last forum.



