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Dear Meerkats, Cubs, Scouts, Parents and Guardians,

1st Midrand Scout Group Family Camp 2026: Friday 9 October – Sunday 11 October 2026 | Ruah Park

We are delighted to share the first details of the **1st Midrand Scout Group Family Camp**, which will take place at **Ruah Park Camping & Outdoor**, north-east of Pretoria.

The Family Camp is open to **all families across every branch of the 1st Midrand Scout Group**, including Meerkats, Cubs, Scouts, parents, guardians and siblings.

We warmly encourage families from all three branches to attend. Bringing our Meerkat, Cub and Scout families together will help us get to know one another, strengthen friendships and build a shared sense of identity and spirit across the whole Group. Whether your family is new to 1st Midrand or has been part of the Group for many years, we would love you to join us.

Important correction to the dates

Our original save-the-date notice indicated that the camp would take place from **10–11 October 2026**. Please note that the camp will, in fact, be a **two-night camp from Friday 9 October to Sunday 11 October 2026**.

Families will be able to arrive and set up camp on Friday afternoon. The programme will conclude on Sunday morning, allowing time for families to pack up before departing. Final arrival and departure times will be confirmed in the detailed camp information.

Venue

Ruah Park Camping & Outdoor

Plot 68, Leeuwkloof

North-east of Pretoria, Gauteng

www.ruahpark.co.za

Ruah Park is situated approximately 30 km north-east of Pretoria, bordering the Dinokeng Nature Reserve. It offers a peaceful bushveld setting with dams, streams, birdlife, small game and nature walks.

The grassed camping stands are equipped with:

- Private ablution facilities
- A washing-up basin
- Electrical points
- A water tap
- A portable braai

The venue also offers a swimming pool, catch-and-release fishing, nature walks, a kiosk or shop, and wood and ice for sale.

Estimated cost

We currently estimate that the camping cost will be approximately **R250–R300 per person for the full two-night weekend** (excluding meals).

This is a preliminary estimate and will depend on the final number of people attending, the allocation of camping stands and any programme costs. We will confirm the final amount before requesting payment.

Camping arrangements

This will be a **self-catered family camp**. Each family will be responsible for providing its own:

- Tent and camping equipment
- Mattresses, sleeping bags and bedding
- Chairs, tables and a gazebo, if required
- Cooking equipment and utensils
- Crockery and cutlery or personal mess kits
- Food, snacks and beverages for the weekend
- Toiletries, towels and swimming costumes
- Any other items needed to make the family comfortable

We do not want a lack of camping equipment to prevent any family from attending. **For families who do not have their own tents, a limited number of the Scout Group's tents can be made available by prior arrangement.** Families using a Group tent will still need to provide their own mattresses, bedding and other personal camping equipment.

Families may be asked to share a camping stand, depending on the number of bookings and the size of each family. We will coordinate the stand allocations once we know how many families will be attending. Children will remain under the care and supervision of their own parents or guardians throughout the weekend.

Meals

Each family will cater for its own meals, including:

- Supper on Friday
- Breakfast, lunch and supper on Saturday
- Breakfast on Sunday

We anticipate having a **communal social braai on Saturday evening**, with each family providing and preparing its own food while we all eat together. Further details about meals and any shared activities will be provided closer to the camp.

Programme

The programme will be relaxed and family-friendly, with plenty of free time between the organised activities.

The provisional programme is likely to include:

- An opening parade
- A Friday evening wide game
- A family hike or nature walk
- Icebreakers and family team challenges
- Activities for Meerkats, Cubs, Scouts, siblings and parents
- A communal social braai
- A family dessert competition
- A traditional Scout campfire
- Scouts' Own on Sunday morning
- A closing parade

Participation in the activities will be encouraged, but the emphasis will be on enjoying the weekend together rather than following a rigid timetable.

Scout uniform will not be required for the weekend. Meerkats, Cubs, Scouts and Scouters should, however, bring their **Group scarves** for the opening parade, campfire, Scouts' Own and closing parade.

Expression of interest required by Friday 28 August

To plan the programme and camping allocations, and to calculate the final cost as accurately as possible, we need an early indication of the number of families and individuals who are likely to attend.

Please complete the Family Camp Expression of Interest form by no later than Friday 28 August 2026:

[Complete the Family Camp Expression of Interest Form](#)

At this stage, the form is an indication of interest to assist with costing and planning. Further information regarding confirmation, final costs and payment will follow.

Even if you are not yet completely certain that your family can attend, please provide your best indication by Friday 28 August. An accurate estimate is essential for us to secure the appropriate number of camping stands and keep the camp as affordable as possible.

IMPORTANT: Please complete the form once for every family attending the camp.

Please save the corrected dates:

Friday 9 October to Sunday 11 October 2026

We hope that families from every branch will support this camp. It is a valuable opportunity for our Meerkats, Cubs, Scouts, parents, siblings and Scouters to share an adventure and build the friendship, community and spirit that make 1st Midrand special.

Yours in Scouting,

The Committee of 1st Midrand Scout Group