



1st St Benedict's Cub Pack

MAD SCIENTIST CAMP

As always we had such a lovely camp. The venue, Parnassus, suites our requirements very well and we have now had our 3rd annual camp there. Such a pleasure to have these wonderful facilities available to us! A big thank you to Claudia, Michael and the team at Parnassus for everything they do for us! As usual the food was amazing!

The smaller numbers (Only 13 cubs attended) meant we could focus on more challenging badges. So this year cubs attempted the Science badge and the Flying Models badges. I am not sure who had more fun with the experiments, the helpers or the cubs!

Some of our highlights during the camp included making kites on top of the mountain after our short hike, and flying them as if we were Benjamin Franklin himself! Jordan Savadier, Diego Ramos and Evan Sheasby were named the best Kite flyers for the camp!

One of our much loved night time activities included the "Stalk the Plasma Ball". Our very talented Stalkers were Evan Sheasby, Andrew Nixon and Ben Riccardi!

Another very awesome activity was the cubs making their very own torches! It was challenging – but so worth it! Joshua was highlighted as the best electrically skilled cub! Another fun highlight was the camp fire, with many new songs learnt!

Not to mention all the games and activities the cubs had, but they also came home with their Kites, Crystal solutions, home-made torches, balloon hover craft, and loads of fun stories!

Many other tasks for Gold Wolf Outdoor Challenge and Outdoorsman interest badges were also completed at the camp. Including Making fires, cooking bacon twisters and chocolate cake! A camp would not be a camp without tents and inspection! The cubs were divided into 3 sixes for the camp and competed against each other for inspection items, and helped put up and take down their tents. Well done to the "Dr Atom" six for winning the competition, it was very close!

We ended the camp with a small stop on our way back, a visit to the High Voltage Lab at Wits University. Prof Nixon (Andrew's dad), with his colleagues and students entertained us with very cool experiments. I am sure this will be an experience that the cubs will never forget! So a big thank you to them for taking time out of their busy day!

A big thank you to all our scourers and volunteers on the camp, Lynn Evans, Beth Sheasby, Mia Nixon, Jacci Lundberg, Dennin Smith and Morne Grobelaar. Not only for all the hard work during camp, but the many hours spent putting it all together and of course packing it all away at the end – Thank You!

