

# Info Document



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This document contains all necessary information for new parents.

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1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Scouts

## About 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere

Congratulations on making one of the best decisions for your child!

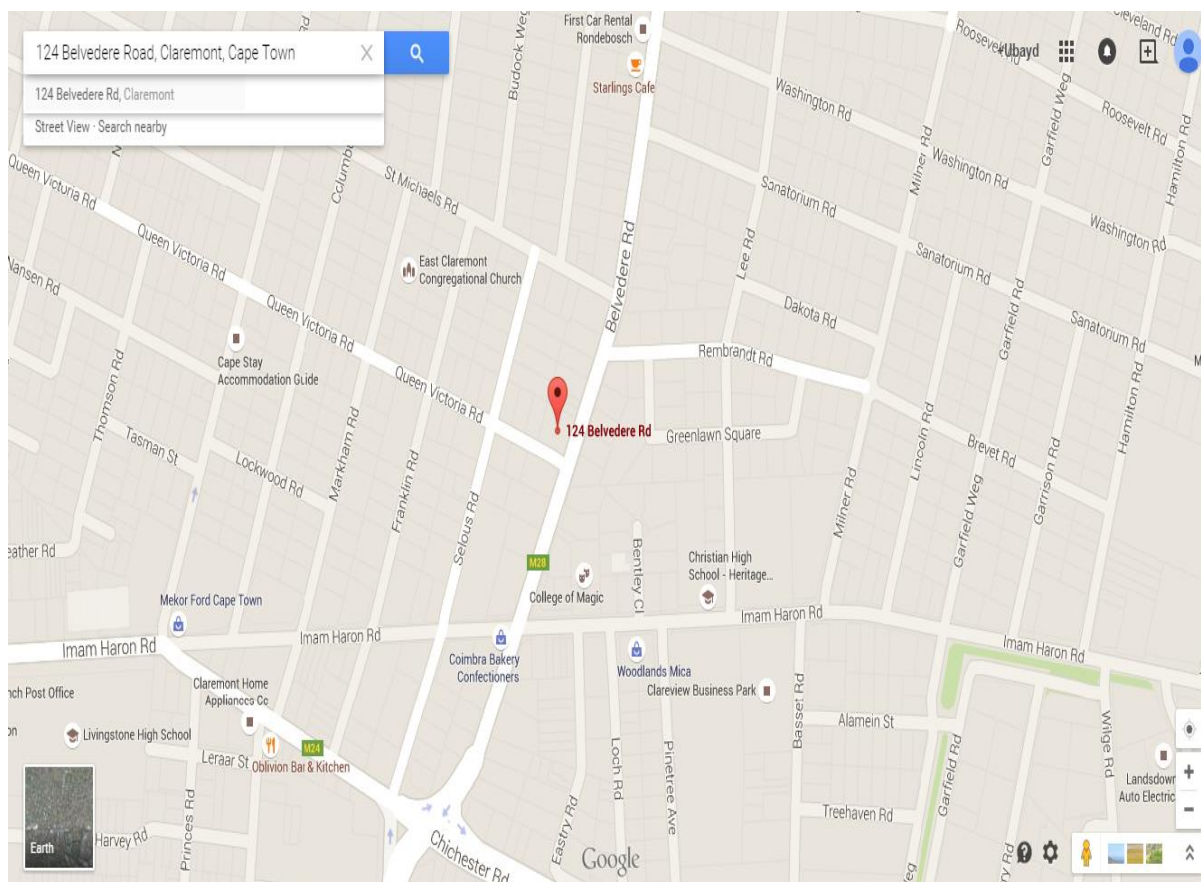
The scouting movement encourages the youth to get involved in communities, develop social and physical skills, preserve the environment and help to create a better world.

Here at 1st Belvedere we help to prepare our young scouts to face the world with excitement, integrity and honesty. We help to develop your child's natural abilities in a safe, caring and nurturing environment.

## Operation Information

**Meetings held on Friday evenings during the school term. Contact details listed below.**

**Pack (Ages 7-10):** 05:45pm– 07:15pm  
**Troop (Ages 11-17):** 07:30pm – 09:30pm  
**Address:** 124 Belvedere Road, Claremont  
**General Email:** [info@1stbelvederescouts.co.za](mailto:info@1stbelvederescouts.co.za)  
**Website:** [www.1stbelvederescouts.co.za](http://www.1stbelvederescouts.co.za)



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Group

Scouting is run in local Groups, which may be made up of units of each branch. The group is a member of SCOUTS South Africa and actively participates in Regional and District events. We currently have two active sections operating at 1st Belvedere: Cubs (Ages 7-10) and Scouts (Ages 11-17). The scout group is also Islamically orientated, encompassing Islamic values with scouting principles. The Group is run by volunteer adult leaders and parents. The volunteer leaders known as Scouters run a programme of weekly meetings, camps and other activities.

**1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Scout Group Leader:** UbaydBapoo  
**Cell Number:** +27 723945610 \*SMS/ Whatsapp Only  
**Email:** groupleader@1stbelvederescouts.co.za

## 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Pack (Ages 7-10)

Being a Cub is fun and exciting! You learn new things, make new friends, do good turns to help people and protect nature around you! Play, sing and build things with friends, discover and explore new places, plants, animals, cultures and technologies, camp or have a sleepover.

**1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Pack Scouter:** Naadirah Ismail  
**Cell Number:** +27 76 150 7493 \*SMS/ Whatsapp Only  
**Email:** packscouter@1stbelvederescouts.co.za

## 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Troop (Ages 11-17)

Scouts are guided by the Scout Trail. This adventure trail includes a wide range of activities such as hiking, camping, abseiling, swimming, survival skills, first aid or even flying! Scouting is an awesome and creative way to have fun, meet new people and be active outdoors while exploring the world around you!

**1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere Troop Scouter:** Adeeb Abrahams  
**Cell Number:** +27 72 313 4395 \*SMS/ Whatsapp only  
**Email:** troopscouter@1stbelvederescouts.co.za

## Appointments and Investiture

If you are interested in having your child join 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere, we encourage you to make an appointment with the scouters, so that they may advise you when to come for your first visit where they will sit down with you and have a 20min introduction meeting explaining the operations and to answer any questions you may have. Please contact us **first** as we may not be meeting at the hall that week, and we may have a waiting list.

At that stage you don't need a uniform and you don't need to pay anything, but you will need to bring your application form with to the first Friday you attend.

After a few weeks, we will send you a mail regarding your child's investiture. At this moment we will need to know if you do decide to stay. Once you confirm you are happy with the date of the investiture we will purchase the badges once you have paid the R140 registration.

The investiture is a formal ceremony which your parents can also attend at which you wear a uniform for the first time and receive your badges and are allocated to a six/ patrol. You will need to buy a uniform from the national scout shop at the same location (124 Belvedere Road, Claremont).

The shop however, operates during normal business hours Monday-Friday but is open on the first Saturday of every month.

Once you are invested, you have joined the world Scout movement. You can now start working on advancement and badges and enjoy the great adventure that is scouting!

## Application Forms

The application form can be found on the website or you can request it from one of the scouters. The form can be filled in digitally but we will need a signed hard copy for our records that has to be brought with to the first Friday of cubs/ scouts. Please fill in all contact details for both parents as well as the scout where applicable.

It is of great importance that the medical details reflect all necessary details and conditions if applicable. No matter how big or small it's best to include it on the form with the medication used as well as Medical Aid details.

We also require the ID number; it's **not** necessary to include a copy of the birth certificate.

## Communication

We primarily communicate via email where we will give links to the locations we are visiting. We also use whatsapp to give quick feedback/information to parents, parent may use this platform to arrange lifts with other member if they need. To save costs we suggest parents form a car pool, where one parent can drop the kids and the other can collect them. We also use social media to help parents see what's happening on activities.

## Activities

All activity information will be communicated timeously to parents, which will help them plan accordingly. We do understand that there are family/school/madressa events. By us communicating beforehand parents are able to decide on their plan of action.

We are very accommodating when it comes to scouting events, if your child needs to run off to a madressa class or family function during the event. We do allow them to be picked up then dropped off again at the

event, but communication needs to be made before hand. There are however some events where this arrangement cannot take place.

## Activity Deadlines

We are appealing to parents to stick to activity deadlines. Consent forms as well as finances need to be paid on the due date since the scouters need to pay for deposits as well as purchase items for the activities.

## Consent Forms

For every activity that takes place away from the scout hall a consent form is required. Failure to hand in the consent form on the due date result in you forfeiting the opportunity to participate in the activity.

The consent form can be filled in digitally. We advise parents to fill in all the details except for the details of the activity then save the consent form. This way when an activity arises, all you need to do is print the consent form and fill in the activity details, which save loads of time.

## Google Calendar

### Add using a link

You can only add a calendar using a link if the other person's calendar is public.

1. On your computer, open Google Calendar.
2. On the left side, find "Other calendars" and click the down arrow.
3. Select Add by URL.
4. Enter the calendar's id in the field provided. The address needs to be an ICAL link.
5. Click Add calendar. The calendar will appear on the left side under "Other calendars."
6. Note: It might take up to 12 hours for changes to show in your Google Calendar.

### Group Calendar:

Contains dates for all division Cubs, Scouts, and Adults.

Calendar ID: [5t8ph0s4hk13d76s4bfd6lgas8@group.calendar.google.com](https://www.google.com/calendar/group/5t8ph0s4hk13d76s4bfd6lgas8@group.calendar.google.com)

### Cub Calendar:

Contains dates for the 7-10 age group.

Calendar ID: [ggirmnqk0dbanoej42413eqhn4@group.calendar.google.com](https://www.google.com/calendar/group/ggirmnqk0dbanoej42413eqhn4@group.calendar.google.com)

### Scout Calendar:

Contains dates for the 11-17 age group.

Calendar ID: [covojkar47dc0u4sd2c7a8ltj8@group.calendar.google.com](https://www.google.com/calendar/group/covojkar47dc0u4sd2c7a8ltj8@group.calendar.google.com)

## Fees Structure:

### Registration Fees:

There is a once-off registration fee of R140 for all new scouts.

This covers the cost of:

- Registration fee at Scouts HQ
- Group Scarf
- Woggle
- Initial set of Badges (World Membership, Scouts SA, Western Cape, Patrol/ Sixer Badge, and 1st Belvedere Badge)

### Fees:

The fee for 1st Belvedere is R840 per annum. The yearly fee is calculated pro-rata from the month that your child officially joins 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere, until the end of the year. Each child will be given a family code, which parents need to reference when paying. Parents can choose to pay either monthly, quarterly or yearly. For parents who choose to pay upfront, there will be a 10% discount on the yearly amount. There is also a 10% sibling discount, but parents who have more than 1 child at scouts can choose only one discount option, either the sibling discount or the early payment discount, not both.

### Payments:

These payments cover various items such as badges for the scouts, competition entry fee for the scouts, equipment for the scouts, hall maintenance and various other costs that will arise. Parents may be levied for extra activities such as camps, hikes and various other outdoor activities, but this will be communicated to parents beforehand. EFT's or debit-orders are the preferred method of payment as depositing cash uses of our much-needed funds, but if parents are unable to use these payment methods, cash will still be accepted. The treasurer will be available at the hall on the last Friday of each month to accept any payments. Please make use of the family code when making payments and also forward proof of payment on to either the treasurer or secretary.

### Banking Details:

<b>Bank</b>	<b>: Standard Bank</b>
<b>Branch code</b>	<b>: 026209</b>
<b>Account</b>	<b>: 272142689</b>
<b>Type of account</b>	<b>: Business Account</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>: <i>Family code + Child's name &amp; surname</i></b>
<b>Account name</b>	<b>: Scouts SA 1<sup>st</sup> Belvedere</b>

For any queries feel free to contact either of the following:

**Ayesha Jacobs**      - Treasurer      - 0792264853/      [finance@1stbelvederescouts.co.za](mailto:finance@1stbelvederescouts.co.za)

## Uniform

**Boys** - The Scouts boys' uniform consists of the Scouts Khaki shirt, available for purchase at the Scouts Shop situated at national scout shop at the same location (124 Belvedere Road, Claremont). The shop however, operates during normal business hours Monday-Friday but is open on the first Saturday of every month.

They also need to wear the Scouts belt, which is also available at the Scouts shop. The pants must be a khaki chino pants, which can be purchased at retail stores such as Edgars, Foschini, Ackermans, etc. The stores most likely to have a pants which is the closet match is:

\*School and Leisure - Shop 14, Rondebosch Main Shopping Centrs, Main Rd, Rondebosch. PH: 021 6861541/2.  
Willowbridge North, 39 Carl Cronje Drive, Tygervalley. PH: 021 9140495

\*Suits - U                      -Shop 21, Village Square, Plumstead. PH: 021 7623312

**Girls**- the Scouts girls' uniform can be purchased directly from us. We have it custom-made by a dressmaker to make it more Islamically appropriate as the Scouts girls' uniform at the Scouts Shop is not very long. The uniform is available from your scouter. Please enquire from him/her as to the cost and availability.

**Casual Uniform** - There is a casual uniform available as well which can be purchased directly from us. It consists of a t-shirt and tracksuit. The items are made from very durable material, and the tracksuit consists of a hood as well as cuffed pants, making hiking and general scouts activities much easier. The t-shirt is also long, making it appropriate for our young muslim girls. There are all sizes available, from age 7 right up to xxxl.

While these items are not compulsory, we do encourage that parents purchase it for the kids, or even for themselves. It is usually worn at district events, camps, day outings and hikes. These are events where wearing the uniform becomes constrictive and the kids cannot freely move around if they are wearing a pants and shirt. We then suggest that they rather wear the casual clothes, but we would still like some form of unity. Again, it is not compulsory but definitely encouraged.

Please feel free to speak to the scouter for the prices.

**Shoe** - Boys and girls need to wear their school shoes, either brown or black, whichever is worn at their school.

**Badges** - The badges and scarves will be given to the scout as part of the investiture ceremony. This forms part of the once off registration payment. The badges once received should be sewn on like the image below.

**NB!** *Not all the badges in the pictures bellow will be given to the scout/cub on investiture. They will have to earn the ones that were not given through the fun activities that they participate in.*

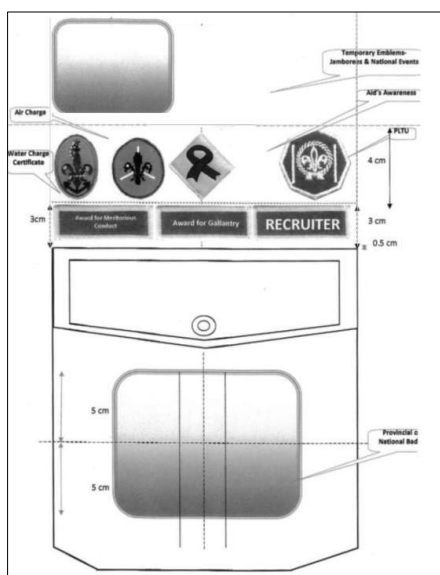


Figure 2 Right Breast Pocket

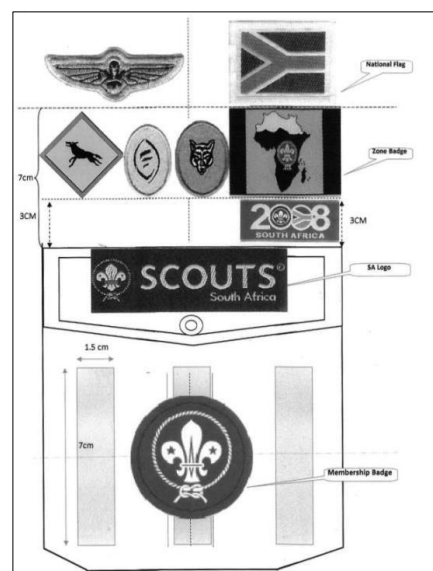


Figure 1 Left Breast Pocket



## **Volunteer:**

There are many ways in which the Parent body at 1st Belvedere could assist the scouters. The valuable assistance from parents goes a long way in helping to grow the group from strength to strength.

There are various ways to help:

### **Group committee:**

This committee is for parents who feel they have a certain skill they would like to bring to 1st Belvedere. The scouters always need help with administration, collecting fees, transporting of kids and equipment. This frees the Scouters up so they can focus on running the Friday night program/outdoor activities.

### **Fundraising:**

The coffers of a Scout group could always do with some improvement. Funds are needed for all sorts of things such as equipment, additional competition costs, maintenance, as well as future projects. Parents are needed here to help raise funds by doing various fundraisers to maintain a healthy bank balance.

**Feel free to email our Head of Fundraising, Dilshaad Hassan on: [fundraiser@1stbelvederescouts.co.za](mailto:fundraiser@1stbelvederescouts.co.za) for any queries**

### **Other:**

There are various other ways parents could assist, such as maintaining the hall, building up camp pantry items and assisting with catering for competitions. If any parent feels that they would like to help in some small way, please speak to any one of the scouters who will point you in the right direction. Any assistance from parents is greatly appreciated.