



africa scout day 2022

The purpose of the annual *Africa Scout Day* is to celebrate the **Scout Movement's contribution to the development of Africa.**

The Africa Scout Day 2022 celebrations will take place from Thursday 10 to Sunday 13 March 2022 and will be celebrated by all National Scout Organizations (NSOs) across the African continent.

This year's celebration will be the **ultimate reconnection, beneath an african sky.**

Scouts throughout Africa will be taking part in Scouting activities over the four days and SCOUTS South Africa challenges you to take part in the celebrations by running the programme-on-a-plate provided below.

We look forward to you all getting *reconnected beneath an African sky* and sharing your experiences on social media using the hashtags *#AfricaScoutDay* and *#ScoutsSouthAfrica*.

The Troop meeting programme-on-a-plate below should be run at any time during the four-day celebrations or on the closest day to the celebrations that your Troop meets.

We wish you a happy and successful *Africa Scout Day* and enjoy the Troop programme beneath an African sky!


Yours in Scouting

The National Team

theme: ultimate reconnection – beneath an african sky

Date: 10th – 13th March 2022

time	min	activity	equipment	scouter
	15	FLAG BREAK:	Troop flag Prayer book	
	10	FEEDBACK: Feedback on previous events/Troop position; advice on any notices.		
	10	INSPECTION: Uniforms and neatness	Beans	
	10	GAME: Hopping Flamingoes The Troop is divided into two teams using the 'tallest to shortest' method. The two teams line up facing each other. Number each team from opposite ends. Remember you want a small Scout to compete against a small Scout. When the leader calls out a number, the two Scouts with the corresponding number hop forward on one foot, with arms tucked in like a flamingo. Each tries to bump their opponent over. The first Scout to put a foot down or fall over is the loser. Keep calling numbers to create rotation.	None	
	20	ACTIVITY ONE: Under the hot African sun NB: This activity must be run outdoors <u>Objective:</u> Each Patrol is to construct a shelter out of any material they can find or, alternatively, issue each Patrol with suitable equipment (staves, ropes, tarpaulin) with which to build a shelter. <u>Briefing:</u> To be given to the Patrol Leader Your Patrol has become lost while hiking in the African desert, your food and water supplies are running short, and the Patrol Leader has decided that during the hottest time of the day you need to seek shelter. Construct a shelter out of any items you can find at your Troop meeting place. Remember your entire Patrol must be able to fit under the shelter.	Staves; ropes; tarpaulin	

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		Points awarded for originality.		
	20	<p>ACTIVITY TWO: When it rains in Africa, it pours</p> <p>NB: This activity must be run outdoors</p> <p><u>Objective:</u> The Scouts are to make their shelters waterproof, after the given time the Patrol must enter the shelters and Scouters can drip water from the buckets onto the shelters to see if they are waterproof.</p> <p><u>Briefing:</u> To be given to the Patrol Leader</p> <p>Your Patrol has successfully constructed their shelter from the sun. But, as we all know, on the hottest of South African days the heat is often followed by a thunderstorm. Your Patrol now has ten minutes to make sure their shelters are as waterproof as possible before the rain starts.</p>	Buckets; water	
	10	<p>TIDY UP:</p> <p>Tidy up from activity 1 and 2.</p>		
	15	<p>ACTIVITY THREE: Dancing in the rain (see below)</p>	Yarn	
	15	<p>ACTIVITY FOUR: Tree planting ceremony</p> <p><u>Preparation:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An indigenous tree needs to be purchased and a suitable place needs to be identified at the Troop meeting place where the tree can be planted. • A suitable hole in which the tree is to be planted is to be prepared / dug beforehand. <p><u>Objective:</u> Plant a tree at your Troop Meeting place to commemorate <i>Africa Scout Day</i>. Each Scout to participate and have a chance to place soil around the tree as it is planted.</p> <p><u>Message as the tree is planted:</u> To be read to the Scouts</p> <p><i>As we celebrate Africa Scout Day, we plant this tree, and as the tree grows tall the roots will grow deep and strong. Every time we walk past our tree, we will remember that the roots of our tree connect to the roots of hundreds of other trees planted at Scout venues around our beautiful country, South Africa, and on our continent, Africa.</i></p>	<p>1 x indigenous tree for planting</p> <p>1 x spade</p> <p>1 x bucket or watering can filled with water</p> 	

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		<i>And we will understand the true meaning of the Ultimate Reconnection – Under the Reconnection – Under the African Sky.</i>		
	10	CLOSING CEREMONY:	Prayer book	

Yarn: Dancing in the Rain

This is a story about a very young tree.

The young tree faced many storms through its young life. The powerful winds, torrential rains, famine, and ice would lie across its branches.

At times the young tree questioned its Maker asking, "Why have you let so many storms come into my life?"

The tree's Maker whispered, "You will understand one day, stand firm, you will make it through the storms of life. The challenges will pass, keep this in mind."

The tree questioned the Maker, "If I go through one more winter the cold will surely break my branches if I face any more powerful wind I will surely be uprooted and moved away."

The tree's Maker whispered, "Stand strong, dig your roots deep into the soil, you will understand someday."

Somehow the young tree kept positive thoughts in mind and managed to survive and make it through even the toughest of storms.

Somehow, even in the toughest of times, when the things it went through should have broken it down, it found a way to stand firm even through the worst of storms.

As a young tree grew taller, stronger, and matured the tree realized the storms of life had made it stronger.

How many of you have faced with adversity in your life?

Have you been faced with hard economic times, sickness, death, or other trials in your life?

How well were you able to cope with the challenges that you were facing at the time?

How well were you able to the weather the storm in life that you were in?

Did anyone ever share motivational stories with you that inspired you to weather on through the personal storms even though the times were rough and wearisome?



Most people going through challenges in life won't realize that there is something to be learned from the experience. If this big problem can be prevented from ever happening again, then be aware of its causes.

Perhaps, better solutions can also be considered just in case a new challenge presents itself in the future.

After every storm, pick up the pieces, mend the broken parts, and move on. The storms in our lives shouldn't make you frightened or weak. Instead, look at storms in your life as something that can make you a stronger and a better person.

**Life isn't about waiting for the storms to pass . . .
It's about learning how to dance in the rain.**