

MATOPOS MUMBLINGS



Special Newsletter for
Centenary Camp at
Gordon Park, Matopos

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Centenary Camp officially opened.

The 2009 Zimbabwe Centenary Camp has been officially opened by the Minister of Education, Arts, Sports and Culture, Senator David Coltart yesterday at a colourful Scouting ceremony. The proceedings kick started with the sound of a kudu horn blown by Christopher of the 1st Pioneer. The Minister was then introduced by the Acting Chief Scout Commissioner Ignitius Kajengo. The moment that left Scouts hearts leaping with joy was when the Minister revealed that he was a Cub Scout at 8th Hillside. He then urged the Scouts to value the heroes holidays as this is a national event. He was then taken for a tour of Gordon Park by Norman Scott and journalists before proceeding for lunch at the Headquarters area.



ABOVE from left to right: Ignitius Kajengo, Mrs Coltart, Dr David Coltart, Bekezela Ndebele and Norman Scott.

Hikers leave for Fort Usher

Two sets of hikers left Gordon Park late yesterday with hike leaders Mduduzi Nyathi, Mandela, Brian and Vusa. These hike leaders underwent an intensive course with the experienced and the senior



member of the Rovers, Edmore Mhazo. The Fort Usher hike covers a distance of around 26 km all in all. We wish them all the best hoping that they will make it back in time for the Centenary Service.

More still coming in

Scouts from the length and breath of this country are still coming in despite that we have took off. Scouts from Midlands arrived early this morning after having to travel for more than 16 hours and despite the fact that they missed the Opening Ceremony that was graced by the Honourable Senator David Coltart.

First to arrive in camp is RTS Group lead by the ambitious young Liberty Makonese from Matabeleland, then the Manicaland contingent followed by Mashonaland who also traveled for the better part of the day. The latest to arrive on Friday was Midlands with Commissioner Fundo leading the contingent. They had a hard time having to deal with a broken down bus all the way and the angry Park Rangers at the gate. 31st Sikhulile then arrived on Friday at around 0700hrs. We are reliably informed that the popular Midlands Commissioner, Mr Zulu is in Camp.

The Provincial Commissioner of Matabeleland Mr Bekezela Ndebele came in late Friday in the company of *uMntakamama*, Ntokozo Ncube. Other important personalities to note are Di Roberts, Provincial Scout Commissioner Mashonaland, Mr Nelson Sakala, Vice President Scouts of Zimbabwe and *Gogo* Mrs Rosemary Moody, Training arrived late on Thursday with the News crew.

We now have approximately 400 people in Camp, tents and campsites are established and the programme is underway.



Meeting the oldest..
Mrs Rosemary Moody (background) Mr Ken Nortje meeting the Minister

All Scouts are advised to master the Centenary Camp Theme song that was on yesterdays issue for tomorrows camp fire.



“YOU KNOW WHAT David, even if you are the Minister now you are still my Cub and I know you will still Do Your Best for Scouting”
Norman Scott with Senator David Coltart yesterday.