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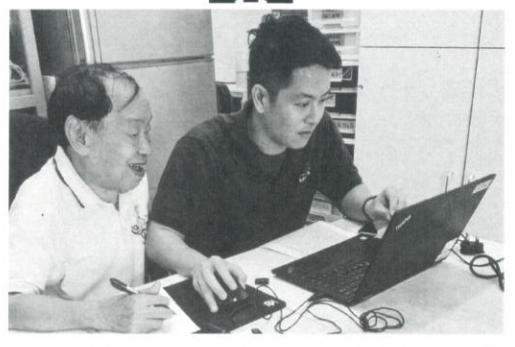
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FOREWORD

The 58th issue of Campfire Light bears witness to a riveting 2018 marked by celebration. The year began with the marking of 70 years of growth and brotherhood among our brother scouts past and present of the Catholic High Scout Group. The year came to an end with jubilation as we saw a return of the National Patrol Camp Challenge Shield to Catholic High Scout group after a decade.

As you pore over the photos and articles in these pages, we wish for you to enjoy the other high points and appreciate the precious memories created throughout 2018 by this troop. Let it remind us that these laureates are products of the camaraderie, sense of family and values that exist in this troop because we always place the troop before ourselves.

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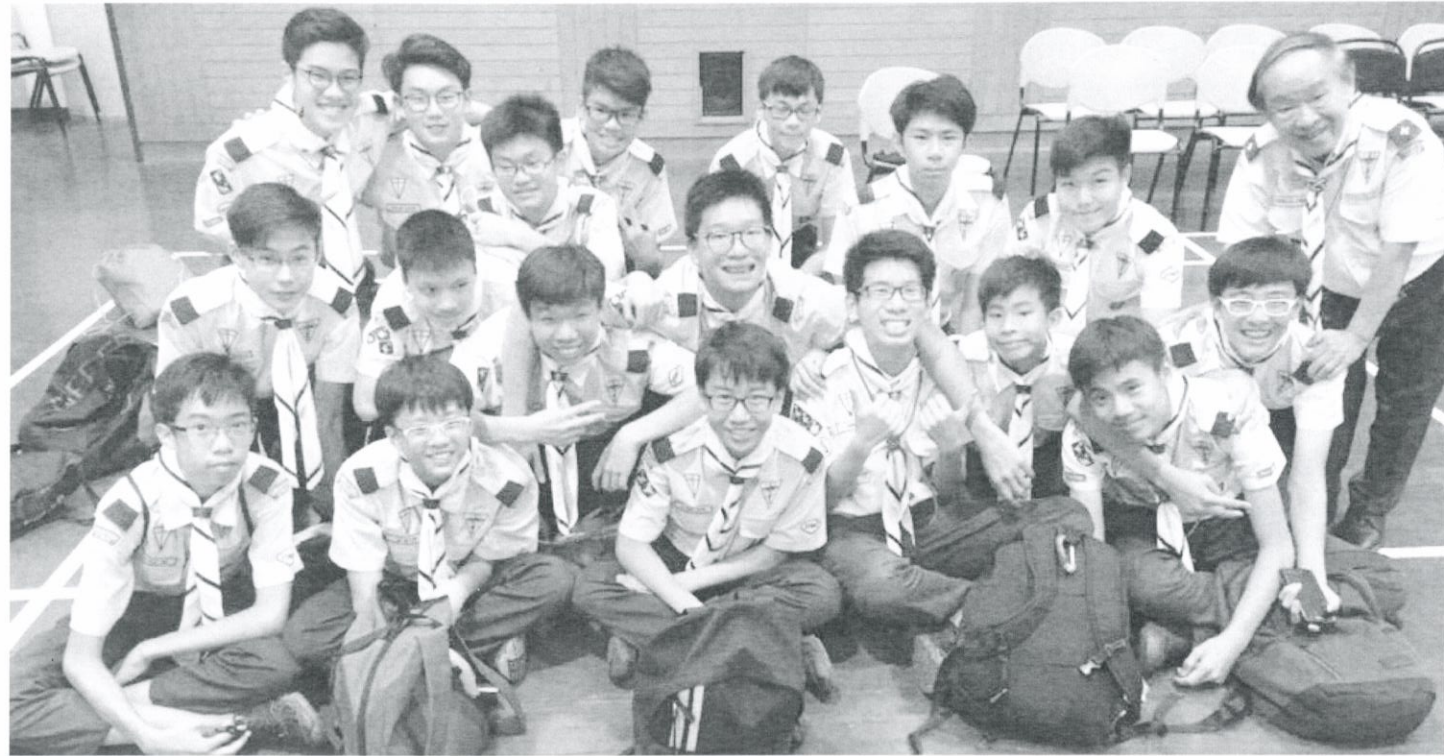
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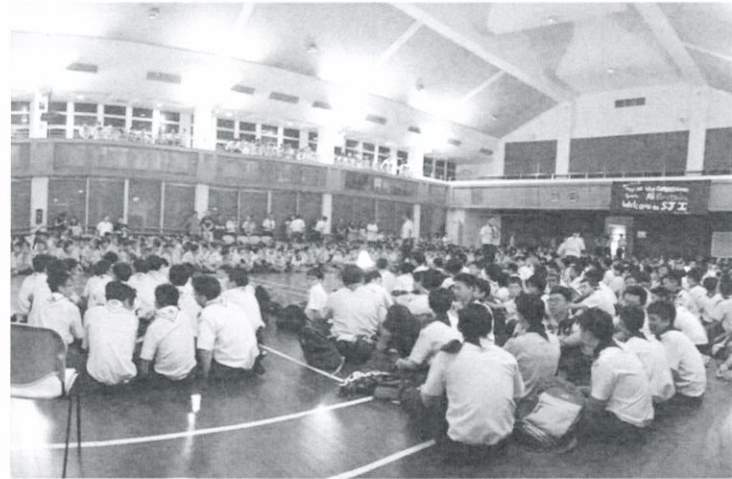
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SOUTH AREA CAMPFIRE



On the 24th of February after 集合, we took a shuttle bus heading towards St. Joseph Institution for the annual South Area Campfire. We had to register at the counter then report to the hall for the campfire. I was amazed by the majestic gateway at the front porch and how huge the school was. When we stepped into the hall, I could feel that the atmosphere was hyped up and there were many excited faces from the scouts of the other troops. The campfire started with the usual campfire songs. After singing a few songs, the atmosphere was getting a bit dull and the MCs could feel it too. Hence, they got us to stand up to dance and sing "Gecko the Frog".

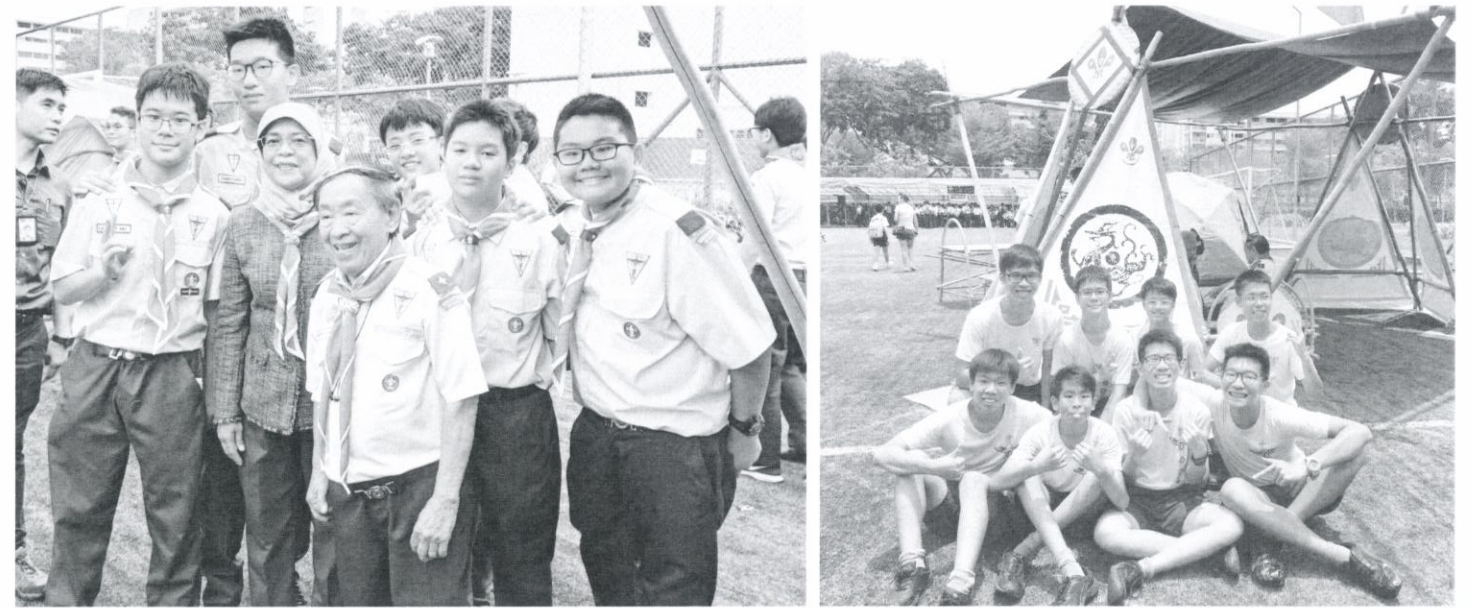


It was followed by a Kpop dance by the RI scout troop. Then, we played a very traditional game, Musical Chairs. Each troop had to send a representative to participate in it. Our troop's representative was Damien. The game was very tense and every representative was seeking to win for their troop. We cheered Damien on as he slowly but steadily eliminated many participants. In the end, Damien ended up in the top three. Even though, he lost he still showed sportsmanship by shaking the hand of the guy who he had lost his seat to. Before the campfire ended, we sang "Auld Lang Syne" and the Chief Commissioner, Mr Antong, closed by emphasizing that the South Area must be united.

Jayden Chan, Cobra Patrol



ADIJI CHIEF SCOUT



The Adiji Chief Scout event was held at Tampines Primary School on the 7th of March. It was for all Scouts to come together and spend a fun and enjoyable time together in addition to meeting the Chief Scout, President Halimah Yacob. The role of the Catholic High Scout Group was to set up a model campsite where our Chief Scout would sit on a specially constructed rattan sofa. A carnival was also held with all sorts of games which definitely helped to hone my knotting, orientation and cooking skills. It was overall a wonderful experience, something I would surely recommend to my juniors in future.

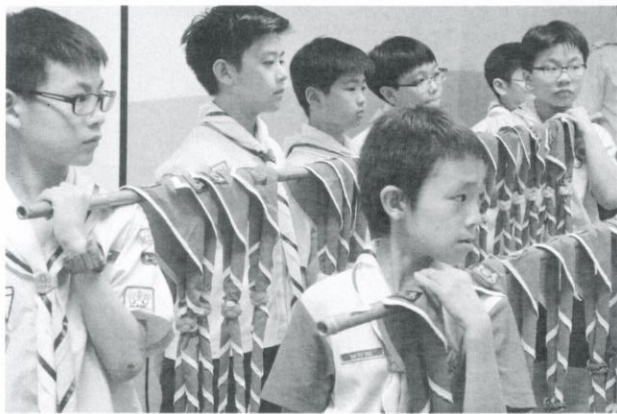
Jeremy Neo, Dolphin Patrol

P3 CUB INVESTITURE



Together with Nathan Wong, we were both chosen to be the hosts for the event on the 9th of March. Knowing that it would be a very special day for our newly appointed P3 & P4 recruits along with their parents, I tried to do my best in the task given to me. This time, I did not feel nervous at all as I had already been up on the podium reciting the Pledge, the School Vision and the making announcements in front of the entire school body as my duty as a Head Prefect. Altogether, 32 P3 Cubs were invested in 2018. Our GSL officiated the ceremony.

Benjamin Choon Guo Shao, White Six



SECONDARY ONE INVESTITURE



On the 9th of March, the Sec 1 scouts were to be invested into the troop. The parents of the Sec 1 scouts would also be invited for the teachers to share with them more about the background, purpose and activities of the scout troop. They would also watch their child being invested.

The faces of the 23 Sec 1 scouts were brimming with joy and excitement and the chairs in the hall were all filled up. In the centre of the hall was a big 马蹄 and at the front of it was our GSL. He would also be the one who was going to invest the secondary one scouts. The Sec 1 scouts with their patrol leaders marched up according to patrol order to the front of the 马蹄 where the GSL was. They then placed their left hand on the troop flag and raised their right hand to recite the Scout Promise and Scout Law.

This was also when they received their national scarves that would mark the beginning of their exciting journey as a Catholic High Scout. A look of pride could be seen on both the secondary one scouts and the faces of their parents. After Pigeon Patrol, they were followed by Eagle Patrol, then Cobra Patrol, Rhino Patrol and so on. During the Secondary One Investiture, they also released the results for the Best Patrol of 2017 and it was Dolphin Patrol that received this.

After the investiture and release of the best patrol results, there was a photo session where the Sec 1s could go and take photos with their parents and talk with them about their scouting experience so far. Through this event, they would be able to get used to the different ceremonies which they would be required to attend during their time in scouts.

Koh Jun Ler, Eagle Patrol



MARCH JOB WEEK CAMP



The Job Week Camp was held in the school from the 9th to 11th of March. As the name clearly suggests, the main activity of the whole camp was Job Week. From my understanding, Job Week is an annual one-week event that every scout participates, mainly involving the scouts going to residential estates around Singapore to provide help for a small donation to the SSA, essentially illustrating the idea of a job.

The Job Week Camp had lasted 4 days and 3 nights, with 3 out of the 4 days being a full Job-Week-day. Personally, I found Job Week a very meaningful activity, opening my eyes in various ways. The activity allowed me to better understand that when doing one's job, it requires hard work. With our hard work and dedication, we managed to help many people with their daily chores and housework. Thus, we must put in our best in order to receive what we want. Going through Job Week Camp had also brought me immense joy. The satisfaction from my hard work and the smiles on the people's faces made me take pride in my work. The Job Week had also bonded my patrol together during the doing of the jobs and after as we basked in the satisfaction of a job well done and a person helped.

Fang Kai Cong, Rhino Patrol



BISHAN HOME VISIT

The 23rd of March was the day of our VIA visit to Bishan Home. We had collected some items to be donated to Bishan Home, over the past few weeks. The cub scouts had donated food like coffee, milo, prunes, toothbrush and toothpaste and daily essentials. A total of 40 Cub Scouts visited Bishan Home. We started out by performing a dance, the same one as the one we performed at the scout anniversary dinner. The audience clapped and cheered, filling us with pride. After we had completed the dance, we moved on to interacting with them. We gathered at a table and started colouring with them.

From this experience I have learnt that as a scout, we must ensure that we do not judge people based on how they look or are classified as in society. In the scout promise it says that we must help other people.

Tan Jed, White Six



SOUTH AREA ORIENTEERING COMPETITION



On the 24th of March, 3 teams of 2 scouts and a team of 2 ventures participated in the South Area Orienteering Competition against many teams from other troops. The teams were given many different MGR to find in Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park. The Teams raced off to find the hidden checkpoints and write down the names of the mountains that were at the checkpoint. After one and a half hours the teams gathered back at the finish point and the scores were tallied. The results were Golds for the team of Joash Cheng and Samuel Wong, and Joash Ho and Damien Kang. A Silver went to the team consisting of Jann Lim and Peh Xuan Wei. Finally, the Venture team made up of Zachary Wong and Lim Jen Kai got a Bronze.

Joash Ho, Cobra Patrol



EAST AREA SLC

From the 31st of May to the 2nd June, 15 of our Sec 2 scouts attended the East Area SLC at Sarimbun Campsite. This camp was built to further develop the leadership skills of the scouts to ensure that every scout is a leader in their own way. Each activity had instilled different values in us but the most fulfilling one being the pioneering. Through this we had learnt the importance and value of teamwork and how working together made everything easier. After we left, not only had we earned ourselves the certificates of completion but we had also walked off with many scouting values instilled in us such as teamwork, leadership, courage and initiative.

Noah Lee, Wolf Patrol



JUNE UBIN CAMP



On the 7th of June, the whole troop took the ferry to Pulau Ubin with our camp items and an open mind. Upon reaching the campsite, we started on the Camp Development and quickly built our bashas and gadgets. After that, we went for a scavenger hunt around Pulau Ubin to find certain food items which could be used for our backwood cooking. All the patrols found various items such as bicycle tyres and rambutans. To end the day, we went for our Night Hike around Pulau Ubin and went to Bukit Puaka to gaze at the stars. The Night Hike is an annual tradition for Catholic High Scout Troop during every June Camp.

We had our backwood cooking the next day. Each patrol were given chicken, eggs, canned food and other food items. We also had the other food items we found during Scavenger Hunt to work with. Each patrol came up with their own unique recipes and made very interesting meals like Glutinous Rice. We had to present chicken, a dessert and an appetiser and give each food item a name. The presentation was graded based on the best tasting food and the most creative food items. After the backwood cooking, we had our second Night Hike that went up one of the three watchtowers at Chek Jawa. Despite the challenging conditions and fatigue, we still persevered and kept focused throughout the hike.

During our campfire, each patrol had to perform a skit with the theme "Put the Troop at the Top". Through this campfire, I witnessed how the patrols bonded over the last 5-6 months, with everyone coming up with ideas for the skit, performing together and ultimately having fun. After the campfire, we had our Night Games: 追踪. A Venture was assigned to each patrol and the patrol had to "stalk" the Venture. Everyone had a whale of a time and we also bonded intimately through this activity.

On the last day, we had a final clean up and it was the Prize Presentation Ceremony. The Best Patrol of June Camp 2018 was Tiger Patrol. Although my patrol did not win Best Patrol, we definitely learnt a lot about each other and went through thick and thin together. This camp pushed me to my limits and forced me to step up as an Assistant Patrol Leader, through the different fun activities. It was indeed a fruitful and enjoyable experience.

Elvis Tay Zikang, Wolf Patrol



70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Dinner (27 Jan)

Having achieved a legacy of 70 years, Catholic High Scout Group celebrated its birthday with a grand dinner on the 27th of January. The ventures and scouts, guided by our leaders and teachers, spent much time and effort to make the best 团庆 it could be. This day marked the end of a fruitful decade and the start of a fresh new journey. 齐心写协力创辉煌。

The day before the dinner, the scouts and ventures started constructing our gateway. We needed to construct two gateways, one at the staircase and another outside the hall. It was no easy task but it felt great to see the grand gateway standing tall on the school plaza. The scouts helped to decorate the hall and set up the exhibition display for the event.

Our Masters of Ceremony were Nicholas, a venture scout and Nigel, a former rover scout. They did well as MCs. Our Guest of Honour, Brother Joseph, Ms Soh and the Chief Commissioner Mr Antong were also present. Batches of scouts, even those in their 70s, came back to celebrate this grand occasion. They gathered at the exhibition displays, cherishing and reminiscing their scouting days. There were brotherly hugs and scout handshakes, candid chats and joyous laughter. It was indeed a memorable night for all. We had music performances by our scouts and a dance by our cub scouts to the song of 'Uptown Funk'. We had the traditional cake cutting ceremony and the dinner ended with all the guests, scouts, ventures and cub scouts singing the Scout Hymn, reminding us to be clean in thought, word and deed.

We belong to a scout family with a legacy of tradition. 齐心写协力创辉煌, striving for the best for our troop is a value that we as scouts and venture will always uphold. 我们心里的辉煌会燃得更亮, 更大。公教童军, 智任勇, 日行一善, 深谋远虑。

Siau Yu Chuan, Venture



Campfire (14 Apr)

It was the 14th of April and the 70th Anniversary campfire was here! It was a day that our Catholic High Scout Troop had been working extremely hard towards to. The leaders and ventures had all come down early to plan for the gateway that would welcome the different schools coming to the campfire. The troop had to work together to ensure that everything was properly built in place to make the gateway stable.

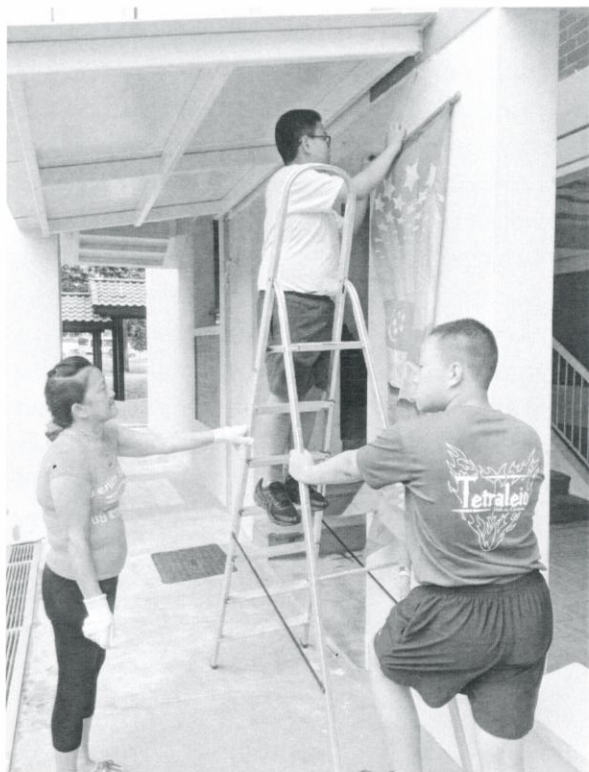
There was even a team of wushu performers from the troop who had been training extremely hard for their performance during the campfire. This team of wushu performers from the troop had been training extremely hard for their performance during the campfire. They even stayed back on weekdays just to practice. The next day, we started to prepare for the campfire. We arranged chairs for our fellow guests as well as put out items special to us such as old nostalgic patrol logs and the different physical training kits of the time. We were in high spirits and even when it started to rain, it did not stop us from preparing our prestigious event. We pushed on and completed what we had to do.

The event then started with a short talk by our GOH, the National Operation Commissioner, Mr Anba Thurai. We sat in a circle around the fire, sang songs and bonded with the other invited troops. Our troop's performance went smoothly and we were very fortunate to have had the rain stop for us just before the campfire started. When they all finally left, we had a troop photo at our majestic gateway which had withstood the heavy rain and stood strong and tall, impressing many of our visiting guests. Our SL, Mr Cai Wenchuan was also presented with the Woodbadge Beads and Parchment by our GSL in a simple ceremony.

We were very proud of our success as we felt that our troop had done our best and performed well, to put the troop at the top!

Alexander Ang, Pigeon Patrol

BISHAN COMMUNITY SERVICE, PAWS & FRIENDS



I felt that the Paws & Friends VIA that was held on the 29th of July was very interesting. The activity was held at Bishan Active by the Bishan Community Centre to allow for pets in Bishan to have fun and spend time with their owners. Ryan Loh, Shu Heng, Nathanael and I reported to Bishan Active where we saw many different animal related activities that had been set up. Our job was simple; we had to ensure that the obstacle course was maintained and limited to a certain number of dogs at a time. Many people came to the course and we were able to see see multiple animals in action, especially dogs. Despite the varied breeds, they were all very cute and likeable.

Damien Kang, Rhino Patrol



SOUTH AREA SCOUT FIELD DAY

On the 18th of August, Catholic High Scout Troop participated in the South Area Sports Day. We went for the Frisbee, Football and Captain's Ball matches that were held at Queenstown Secondary School. We had spent many weeks practising for this event. During our gameplay, it was heartwarming to see everyone working together for a common goal, to score as much as possible. We all put in our best efforts and cooperated to win as a troop. Even in the competitive atmosphere, we also had fun while playing our respective games. It was satisfying to see everyone enjoying themselves while working together.

In the end, after many hard fought qualifying rounds, our teams emerged 4th for Football while we were placed 3rd for Captain's Ball and Frisbee out of the 11 participating scout units. In addition, thanks to the huge efforts put in by our competing brothers, we rose to become overall 2nd in the competition! Upon receiving the award, all of us felt a deep sense of pride and identity to the troop.

Isaac Loke Wei Tong, Cobra Patrol



SOUTH AREA CUB FIELD DAY



25 of us participated in the above area event on the 25th of August at GES Secondary School. Splitting into our groups, we went for the respective stations. The first game was "Caterpillar", I cheered loudly for my group and we won the first station. Next, we played small carnival games while waiting for the next station to start. Zachary was first in the "flip the bottle cap into the cup."

The second game was a telematch where Zachary blew the balloon into a cup and brought it to the P3 Scout to bring it to a table. Elliot and I brought the ball to the line for Elliot to throw into it. We were first. After that, we participated in the game "Chariot", where my group clinched second place. Lastly, we did "Sour Grape". All of us could climb except Zachary who had a phobia of heights.

At the prize giving ceremony, when we were told that we were the overall champion and achieved an overall Gold, we jumped up in joy. I was delighted to hear that. Throughout the game, I have learnt that it is important to have teamwork and to never give up.

Ethan Chua Wee Hung, Red Six



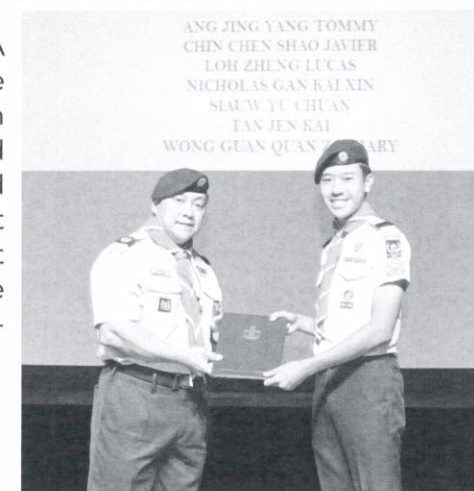
CCA CEREMONY



The Chief Commissioner's Award Presentation Ceremony was held on the 25th of August at Raffles Institution. There was a total of 76 awardees from 19 different scout groups. We are proud to have had seven scouts who achieved this prestigious award. The GOH was Mr Antong Shahrudin bin Rahmat. In his speech, he congratulated the awardees on their achievement and also emphasized the importance for them to be role models for their younger scouts.

The journey to achieving the CCA was certainly memorable as we had the opportunity to reflect on our past scouting experiences and how the scout values had enabled us to develop in our character. It was certainly not possible without the tireless dedication and the encouragement of our teachers-in-charge and our scout leaders.

Nicholas Gan, Venture

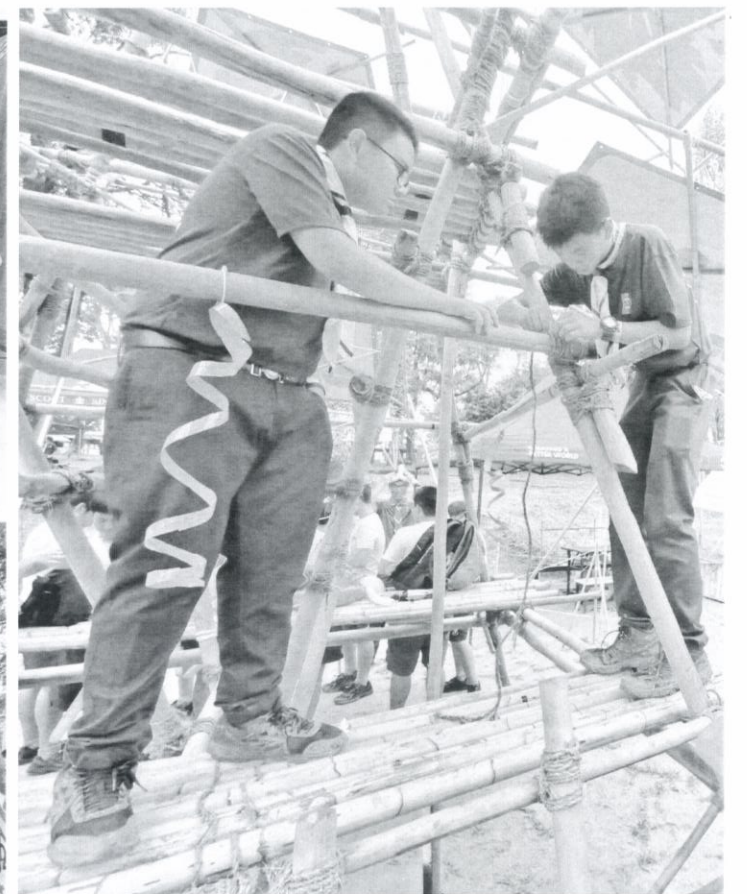


NATIONAL PATROL CAMP X

NPC X has been an unforgettable experience for everyone from the 15th to 19th of November. NPC has evolved over the years with this year's competition focusing on sustainable scouting. Therefore, a large part of our campsite incorporated these efforts. Our service scouts helped us in so many ways. From using recycled bottle caps to make placemats, to reusing milk jugs to hold our kitchen equipment, slippers; and even making our very own brooms and dustpans using recycled materials. We have definitely learnt a lot more about conservation through this experience.

NPC threw us multiple challenges. However, the one that hit us the hardest was during the actual camp itself. We expected a stormy camp, with muddy terrain. But what we did not foresee, was dampened spirits. Day after day, the rain poured every morning, with us having to sit out multiple a times due to the constant lightning risk alert. However so, we braved through the weather as a team, and worked tirelessly even late into the night when most of the other troops were resting, the eight of us soldiered on, knowing that the whole troop were rooting for us throughout.

Being awarded the Challenger title after a decade left us with mixed feelings. The euphoria that one would expect most scouts would feel when crowned "Best Patrol" wasn't that evident. Instead, it was the memories forged and lessons learnt that was the best takeaway for us all. NPC was never about the challenge shield, instead it was about giving our best, winning the hearts of all in Singapore scouting.



AKELA AWARD CEREMONY

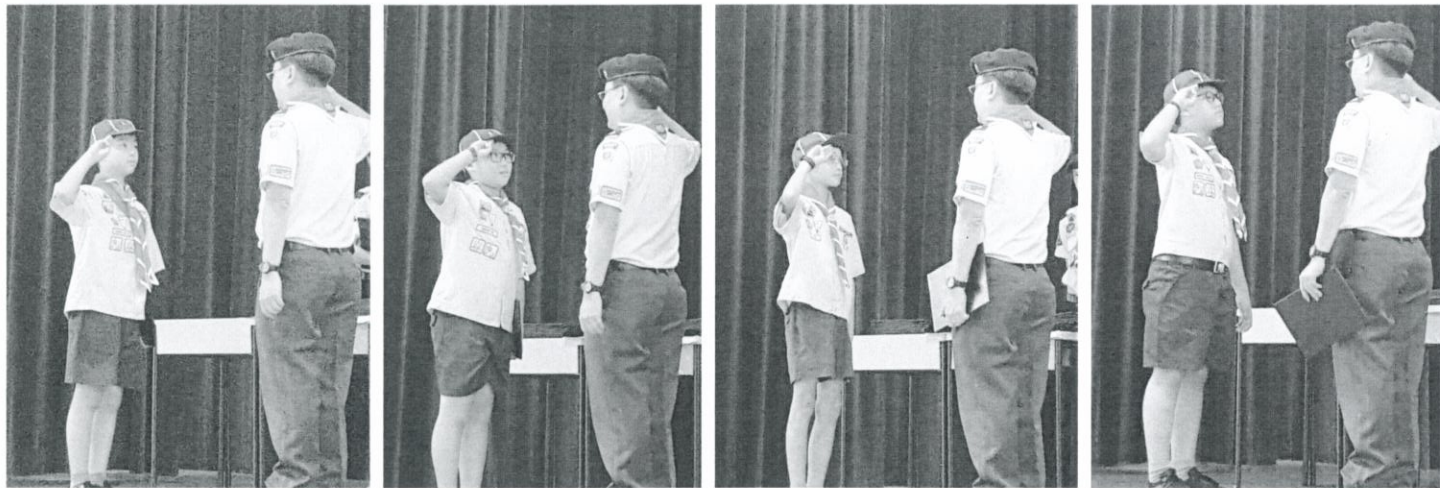


On the 13th of October, I stood proudly with six of my fellow scouts to represent Catholic High School in receiving the prestigious Akela Award, the top honor of Cub Scouting in Singapore. We were each asked to deliver a short speech reflecting on the values we had learnt during our years in scouting. Humility, hard work, perseverance, patience and to strive for the best were some of the values, amongst many others, that were highlighted.

When I first joined scouting as a P3 recruit, I was extremely happy-go-lucky, and never imagined myself achieving the Akela award one day. Scouting to me then was simply a CCA. However, an encouraging teacher impressed upon me the benefits of Scouting and advised that with perseverance and hard work, we could all succeed in our scouting goals.

Scouting, with the guiding principles set out in the motto, law and promise, has shaped me to be a better person. Long live the 公教 scout group spirit!

Dillon Wong, Blue Six



PSA CEREMONY

The 6th of December was the PSA presentation ceremony at the Istana. The ceremony at the Istana was attended by Ms Ho (CHS VP) and our GSL.

A few weeks before, a badge presentation was held on the 10th of November at Hwa Chong Institution where the PSA badge was handed out along with the ATAS (Association of Top Achiever Scout) badge award. Out of the four awardees for this year, two of them from Catholic High were Ryan and I. We were glad that Mr Lak (CHS VP), our GSL, family and friends were present to witness this.

I have personally found that the Scout Law of making friends and establishing harmonious relationships have resonated ever more strongly after this President's Scout Award journey.

Yeo Ying Heng Ellis, Venture



SOUTH AREA LEADERSHIP CAMP 4TH INTAKE



13 – 16 Dec at Sarimbun Scout Camp

Best Course Cadet – (CHS) Fan Bo Zhang

Total Participants: 16

Units involved: 5

Training Topics:

- Patrol Activities Planning and Execution
- Conflict Management
- Personalities and Leadership Styles
- Managing Expectations



WISDOM - BENEVOLENCE - COURAGE

I've been a scout for a large part of my life and the wheel has come full circle perhaps as now my baby son's favourite toy is one called 'Scout'. The three words above in the title have stayed with me throughout my time as a scout, and even more so through the different phases of life that I've been and am going through.

智. As a teacher, I value deeply the curiosity to learn, the inquisitiveness to ask and question why, and to see each moment as an opportunity to learn something new. As a scout, there was so much to learn and experience. From knots to first aid, from campcraft to survival skills, we were always taken out of our comfort zones in order to learn something new. With curiosity comes knowledge and with knowledge and experience, comes wisdom.

仁. To care for others and not just ourselves, to look beyond the self-ish desires that we have and ask ourselves what others might feel and to put ourselves in their shoes. This is a value that is at the core of my scouting experiences. I remember the months we volunteered at Gracehaven, tutoring and mentoring others for whom the lottery of life has dealt a less kind hand than what we had. It is important for us to have the capacity for empathy and understanding, to realise that we are blessed beyond imagining and that we have a role to play in making the world a better place.

勇. The national narrative today is one of grit and resilience, of the desire to build this capacity in the children of today in order to face the challenges of tomorrow. Being a Catholic High Scout has instilled these values in me. To have courage in all difficulties, to face the challenges placed before us and not to give up – whether it be the annual Ubin Camp where we were stretched to our limits with the seemingly endless hikes and sleepless nights; or the pursuit of excellence we undertook when embarking on the President's Scout Award, I have been taught to never give up, no matter how difficult the journey is, because the destination is worth it and the journey, priceless.

Ask any Catholic High Scout and they will invariably say that the greatest takeaway is the life-long friendships and community that we have with those we have grown up and old with. And while much has changed, much still remains the same – of walking back to the Scout den and, despite being half a lifetime removed from standing in the 马蹄, still hear the echoes of our once young voices shouting in response to our SLs; of seeing the totem pole and the spars, and remembering the hours spent in the sun and rain.



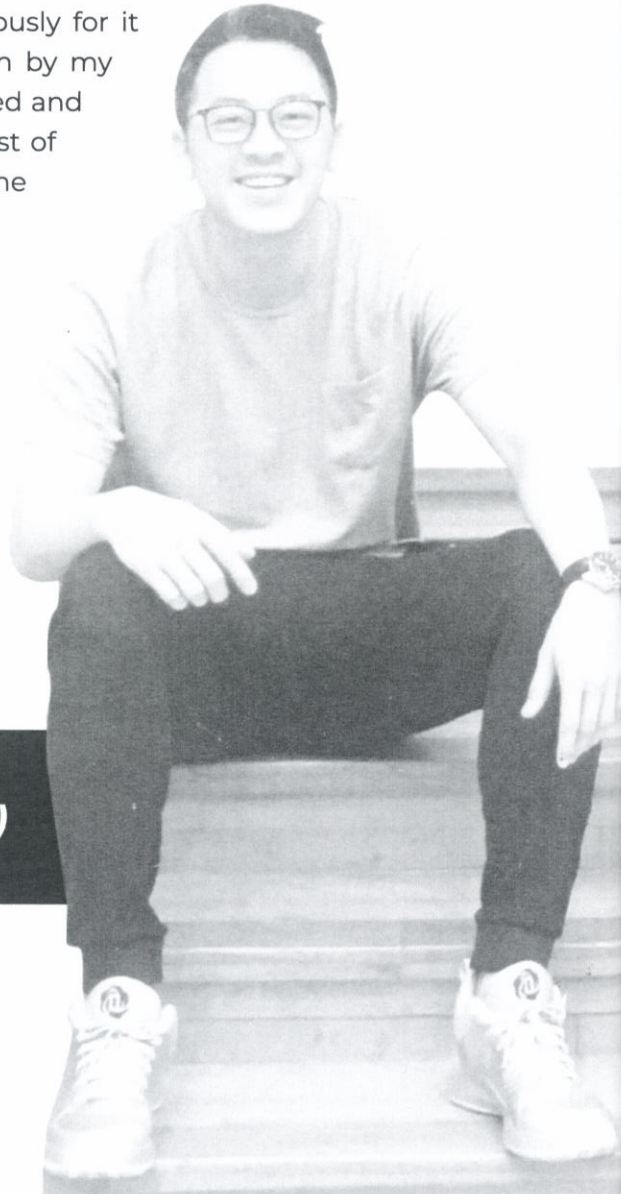
EVERLASTING CAMARADERIE

As a Scout in my secondary school years, discipline and teamwork were highly valued. Weekly activities consistently featured the construction and erection of the flagpole, signifying the start of our Scouting day. Those weekends, as I recall, were the most colourful a teenager could have asked for. A myriad of activities planned and executed by the leaders injected an education in school that a standard classroom could not.

Having played a part in one of our Scout Group's most glorious years justified the sweat and tears we shed, for in 1996, we participated in the National Pioneering and Camp Craft Competition. The competition's three main events were the Tower, Bridge, and Camp Craft projects. This was ingrained in us, through countless days and nights of preparation. The rope length, spar quality and decorations were all prepared to perfection. In the end, it was not one or two of the main events that we had won, it was everything! A clean sweep. The euphoria was electric when the results were announced! Till this day, the three gold trophies sit in our Scout's Den as a reminder not only of our victory but the value of teamwork.

Another bookmark in my Scouting journey was my involvement as a companion on a President's Scout hike. Such was our Scout Group's culture of growth, we had a pipeline of President's Scouts every year! The hike was led by the candidate, Andrew Ong with Li Xiao Ping and I rounding up the trio as companions. Prior to the hike, we prepared tediously for it and looked forward to an adventure without the daily attention by my parents. Every item we were to carry found itself to be compressed and waterproofed in zip lock bags of various sizes! This hike was a test of endurance, self-reliance and navigation. From the get go at the Singapore Scouts Association, we eventually found ourselves at Changi Point jetty and realised the 2nd leg of the hike was to take place at Pulau Ubin! The fairly innocuous island provided for a hike of uneven terrain, armies of mosquitoes, sweltering heat and sparse amenities, perpetuated by the mating chirps of crickets throughout. Checkpoint to checkpoint, it became a breakthrough of sorts as I discovered my ability to complete so many hours of walking! Having been selected to complete the hike, share the load and be appointed the cook, the camaraderie through Scouting once again glowed.

Nigel Wong
Pigeon Patrol (1995 - 1996)
Shark Patrol (1997 - 1998)



团部“过夜”

我在2106的童军生涯，已经事隔40多年，印象也开始模糊，有一天蔡三陵老师突然打电话来邀稿，我想也是时候收拾记忆，回顾一下我们曾经疯狂过的青春年代。不知为何，当时的我们感觉每隔3、5年与学长们的经历，好像都不太一样。或者是公教的名气与日俱增，报名学生的家境也一年比一年富裕；又或者是大家在国家快速发展下，生活逐渐宽松；再或者是越来越多人住在高楼，有了自己的组屋，而不是几户人家共租一栋房子，同住在一个屋檐下。

在这里，我稍微描述一下1970年代的公教童子军团部。它不在奎因街 (Queen Street) 的公教旧校舍，而是位于滑铁路街 (Waterloo Street) 与史丹福路 (Stanford Road) 的交界，国家博物院的对面的一片地。离开学校一段距离，那里也有一个供公教的学生军与学生警察练习气枪的打靶草场。团部就在未封盖成为行人道的史丹福河边。它是由一些老童军平地而起的一间单层的小木房子，屋顶还是“沙厘”板 (zinc sheet)。就像在乡村的或德光岛上的一些住家。由于它不在学校范围内，它也是我们一个自由，无拘无束的家。用我们当年的简单的说法就是：无政府。

至于团部的夜间活动，不外是打野战、夜晚 VOJ (Venture Obstacle Journey) 和营火会等等。夜间活动结束后，小队开始自己所谓的过夜行动，但事实上当团部活动结束后，加上收拾也就只剩下一小时左右就要休息睡觉，也没多少时间可以再加入其他活动，所以当晚我们得到的就是一个夜宿的经验。有了经验，小队开始搞自己的夜间活动兼过夜，而活动的精彩程度，也就随着经验的累积，逐渐有了层次。

烧烤会是少不了的。从学习生火、搭营帐、唱营 (非淫) 歌、练胆量、爬矮墙、跳电房，走峭壁 (打靶场一面离地8尺的窄墙) 等等。不能不提当时还未封盖成为行人道的史丹福河，有一个跨越两岸的“小桥”，而实际上它只是政府为保护跨过史丹福河的水管，而铺设的6寸宽混凝土，上面还用带勾的铁丝围绕着，以防外人攀爬。

团友们一起玩了这么多年，玩出的是无法割舍的友谊。我们这一小撮人，从中学到今天一直保持着不间断的联系，大约平均每个月聚会一到两次，从孤家寡人聚到一家数口，每三两年还凑了几家人一起出国旅行。孩子出生后也常常在一起，儿子就读公教中、小学，能唱公教校歌是理所当然，连女儿们竟然能哼上几句。可见除了合作互助精神，我们的收获无法估计，实属难得。

我在这一期的记录，相信是各位新老童军记忆的冰山一角，希望抛砖引玉，引发团友们的更多精彩回忆，让大家分享。

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Wolf Patrol (1971 - 1974)

