



EDITORIAL COMMITTEE 2016

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FOREWORD

2016 is a year filled with surprises and wonders. This year, we celebrate the cub scouts' 100 year anniversary, along with 68 prodigious years of glory, honour and brotherhood.

We will carry on the tradition of capturing our precious memories and exhilarating adventures throughout the year; inspiring juniors to live up to the name of a Catholic High Scout and to reminisce the legacy that their seniors left behind.

As you immerse yourselves in these pages, we hope that the photos will bring joy, laughter and nostalgia. Remember the hardships and brutality of the challenges we overcame. Remember the fun experiences devoid of all the stress and chains. Most importantly, remember the amazing people that stood steadfast by your side through thick and thin. We are a family. We are Scouts from Catholic High Scout Group.

Lim Lecarl, Eagle Patrol (2012-2015)

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国庆



The sec 2s and 3s that were all going to be promoted formed a 马蹄 at number 4, ready to commence the building of the iconic 五层旗杆 to signify 国庆, the troop's anniversary. We set off and began working on the 旗杆 with much enthusiasm and energy.

升旗, the ceremony to officially start the 集合 for the day, was almost upon us. We began to raise the 旗杆 under the blazing sun, but one of the wood gave way just as the 旗杆 was close to becoming fully raised. It broke apart, causing it to collapse! As a result, the troop did not 升旗 and headed off for the 国庆 ceremony held in the hall as the ventures worked tirelessly to raise an equally significant 三层.

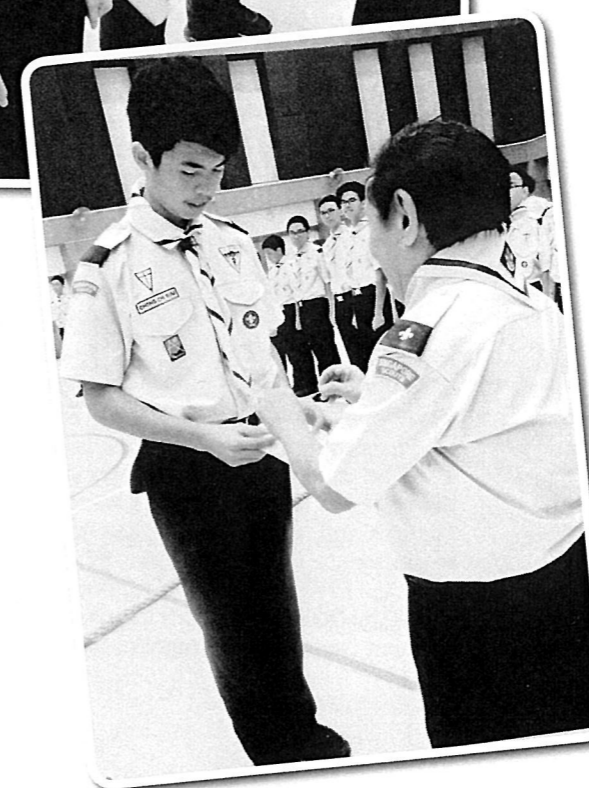
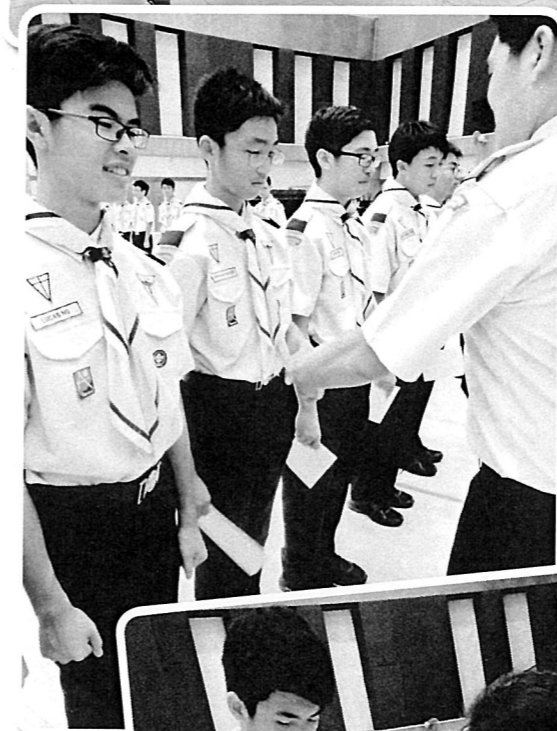
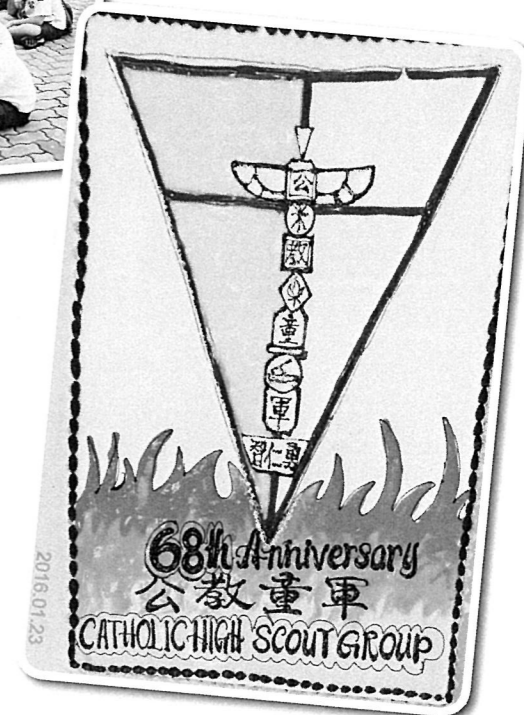
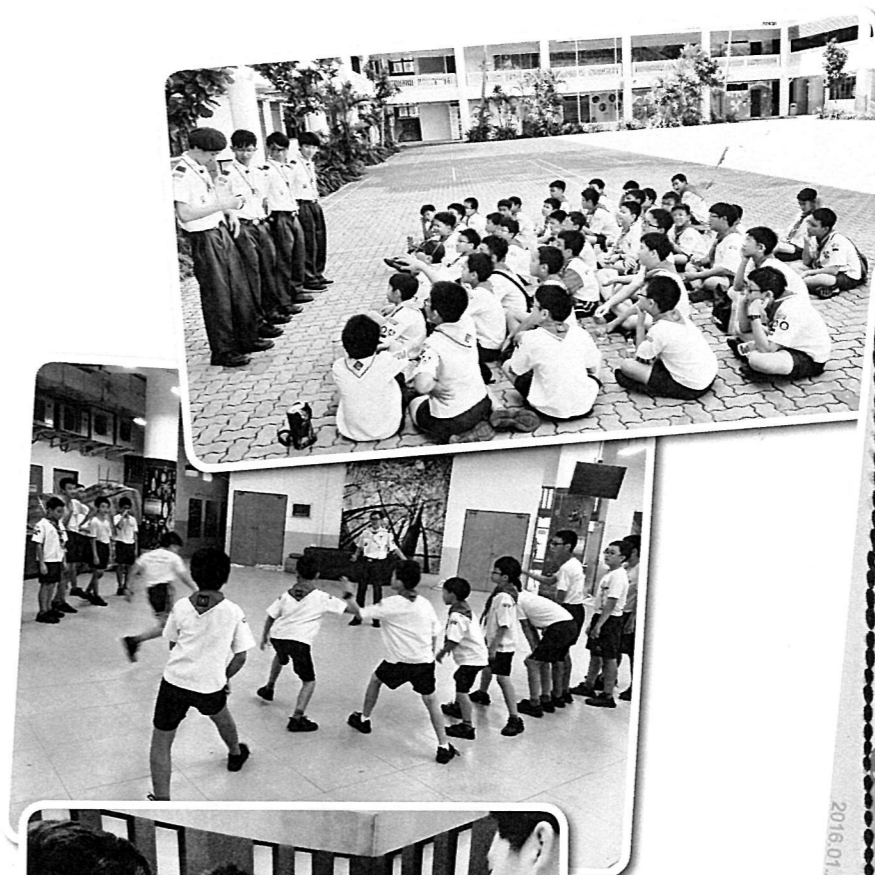
First up, all the Sec 2s were invested as seniors. They received their yellow and white troop scarf, which symbolizes the end of their journey as a junior, and the start of their journey as a senior. Following which, the APLs and PLs were announced. Next, the two ASPLs were announced Kieran Phoon of Rhino



and Lucas Ng of Wolf. And finally, the SPL position went to Chong Chi Sum of Wolf. Lastly, the sec 4s were promoted to ventures and venture probates. They were excited and looking forward to this. Being a scout will always be an experience that they will treasure and hold dear for a long time to come.

All of us readily accepted our newly appointed roles, understanding that leadership is not a privilege but a great responsibility; vowing to bring the troop to greater heights. Finally, we played some interesting games with our younger brothers from the Primary school cub scouts before heading off to the canteen to celebrate the 68 year legacy of the troop with a 2kg cake in the canteen. The 集合 ended with a 降旗 led for the first of many occasions by the sec 3s and the memorable 国庆集合 came to an end.

Chong Chi Sum, SPL



I was in high spirits that day. We were celebrating our scout troop's 68th birthday! The cub scouts joined the Secondary scouts for an unforgettable day of fun, joy and laughter.

We had a whale of a time playing some games with the Secondary Scouts. After which, we went to the secondary school canteen to witness the prize presentation for the Akela, Chief Commissioner and President Scout Awards. There were so many awardees that I couldn't help but be proud of our troop!

Thereafter, we had a huge cake and sang Happy Birthday to our CHS scout troop. The atmosphere was filled with pride and joy. "智仁勇" printed on the cake reminded us to be wise in our decisions and actions, be kind in words, thoughts and deeds, and have courage in all difficulties. Be rest assured that I'll forever carry these principles with me.

Siauw Yu Hern, Senior Sixer

3R Derby Competition

The inaugural 3R Derby competition was held at Raffles Institution. 15 cub scouts from our school participated in the event. As the name suggests, participants had to use recycled materials to make a car to compete in the event.

All of us were excited at the thought of pitting our carefully handcrafted cars against competitors from the other schools. Each car was judged on two criteria. The first was the creativity of the design and the other was the distance travelled on the track when propelled forward. It was a very enjoyable experience as we cheered one another on during the competition.

It was indeed a very enriching and exciting experience for all of us. We learnt the importance of the 3Rs, along with how we could give "trash" a new lease of life. All it takes is a little more effort on our part. It was also a great learning experience. I learnt that patience is a key factor in making a good car. It takes trial and error to improve on the car design by experimenting with different recycled materials.

We look forward to see what our juniors will be able to conjure next year! Hopefully, their design will be as creative and effective as ours, if not better.

Ignatius Gan, Blue Six

Akela Award Presentation Ceremony



After fulfilling stringent requirements set by the SSA, 6 of Catholic High School (Primary) cub scouts were conferred the prestigious Akela Award.

The ceremony was orderly yet the atmosphere was euphoric. The Guest of Honour, Mr Alvin Lim Hock Chuan (Deputy Director, CCA officer, MOE) made an inspirational opening speech.

The much awaited moment arrived. Emcees read out the names of the awardees as beaming cubs filed up the stage. Pictures and videos were taken to capture the moments for reminiscence in years to come. When it was my turn to go up the stage to receive the award, I was so excited! I bowed down, shook the Guest of honour's hands and received the award! That moment was one of the highlights of my scouting journey.

Rey Chan, White Six

Sec 1 and P6 Investiture



To everyone else, it was just another Friday, but to our troop, that day was a very special occasion to our troop. Not only does this signifies the unlocking of endless possibilities for themselves, but also the start of a journey where they can truly call themselves a Catholic High Scout.

We formed a neat looking 马蹄 in the hall. A few Sec 3s stepped out to help with the ceremony. Our GSL stood at the front of the 马蹄 to initiate the juniors. The Sec 1s recited the scout law and promise loudly with pride. They then don their red scarves and woggle, marking their official entrance into this brotherhood.

For our juniors, it was an incredibly blissful experience. As one of the Sec 1 scout, Damien Kang from Rhino, recounted: "At that moment, I felt pride and admiration and knew I made the right choice joining CHS scout group".

In our hearts, we made a small prayer, wishing our juniors the best of luck and hoping that we will bring justice to their dedication and commitment to scouts by serving and nurturing them to the best of our abilities.

Sean Hung, Rhino Patrol

I was really excited and could not wait for the investiture ceremony to begin! To start the day off, we sang the Scout Hymn before going to the back of the ISH building. Our CSL called every six forward one by one to present us with our scarves and woggle. It was really hot outside at that time of the day, but nobody seemed to care as everyone was very excited to receive their own scarf and woggle. Some of the sixers also received their troop scarves! After everyone received their scouts scarf and woggle, we joined in the tea party held at the primary school canteen. Everyone brought some snacks of their own to share with the other scouts. At the end of the day we were tired but really happy.

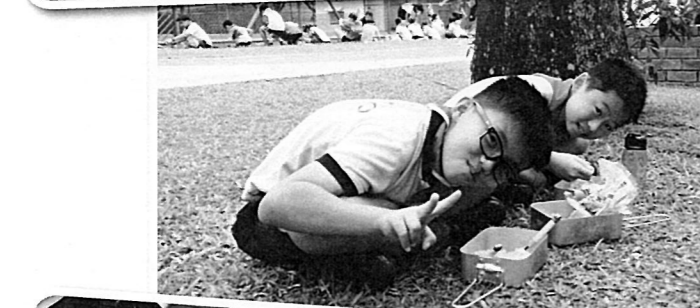
Ong Jiunn Xiang, White Six

Cub Scout Leadership Camp

The camp was held in St Andrew's Primary School. There were many cub scouts from different schools, and all of us were very excited to meet each other. We set up our tents quickly as we were familiar with the procedure. Soon after, there was a camp briefing for the day. After dinner, we did some knot-tying and attended the Six-in-Council meeting.

On Day 2, I woke up restless and excited. I felt prepared having brought everything the instructor told us to bring. We started the day off by doing physical exercises. After that, we did our area cleaning for the day and had a camp inspection. We did not know what a camp inspection was. As such we did poorly and some of my scout mates were disappointed. I encouraged them to persevere and to try harder the next day.

Soon after, we did our outdoor cooking. We each made a sandwich using chicken as our main ingredient. Thereafter, we did our first aid and learned the hand, head, and leg bandages. Dinner was followed by a night confidence walk. It was a bit scary for me, but I didn't give in to fear and managed to make it to the end.



On Day 3, we had our last morning physical exercises, followed by breakfast and the camp inspection, in which we did well! We were delighted as we made a huge improvement in results compared to the first inspection. We did more first aid activities and had a neighbourhood walk. After a much-needed tea break, we were presented our certificates of participation, followed by the flag lowering ceremony. Finally, it was the end of the camp. I had loads of fun and learnt a lot of new life skills. I also made many new friends from the camp. I hope to be a better sixer leader and I will strive to lead my fellow cub scouts better in school.

Zachary Chua, Orange Six



March Camp 2016



The annual 4D3N March Patrol camp was a good opportunity for the seniors to interact with juniors better and impart important skills, correct some of their attitudes and unite them as a batch.

We went to the school hall for the Secondary 1 Investiture ceremony which was then carried out promptly in the midst of their admiring parents, who look on eagerly.

Throughout the camp, we took part in an array of activities planned by our secondary 3 seniors. They included the Scouts Obstacle Journey which tested our First Aid, Orienteering and knot-tying skills, stove cooking, night games, solo night and basha building to name a few.

The most memorable activity, which was the most strenuous and challenging of them all, took place on the very last day. We were all physically exhausted and mentally drained. Our seniors evacuated us at 2am and pandemonium ensued as we frantically got up and started to untie our basha. In the chaos and distress, everything was in shambles and we created a great deal of mess as we tried to complete our tasks in time.

As dawn broke, the sight of our fellow batchmates sharing the heavy burdens and the encouragements we gave one

another made the punishments seem meaningful as it taught us the importance of never giving up and supporting one another in everything that we do. We also witnessed the seniors pushing the juniors on, to test them further and help them become better men. It was tough but we are all extremely proud of our juniors for their perseverance and spirit.

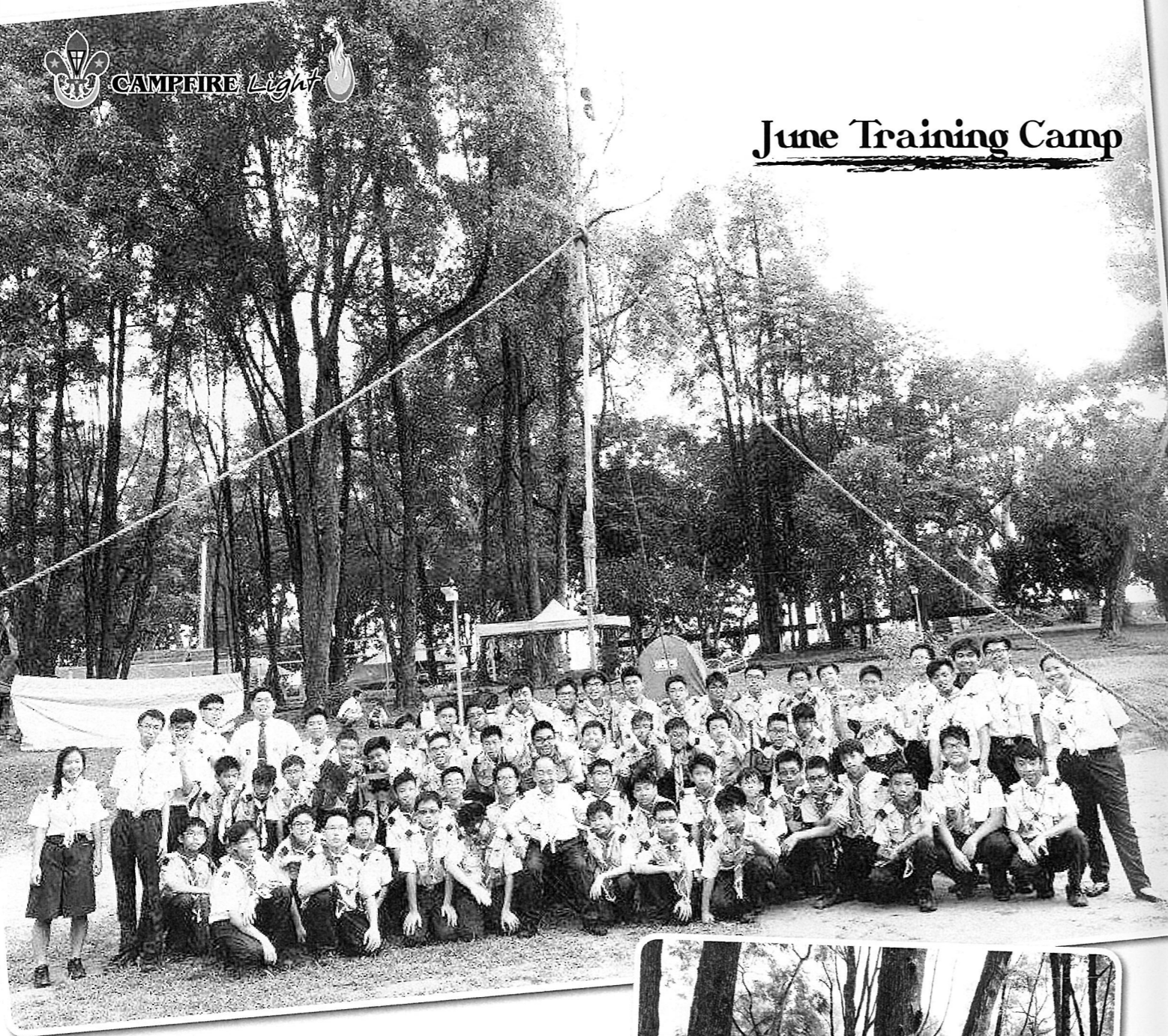
Another memorable part of the camp was Jobweek! The annual Jobweek event meant to teach us the humility of hard work. We did plenty of odd jobs including washing cars, mopping floors, watering gardens and even weeding lawns! 2 full days were dedicated to Jobweek. Our backs ache from so much walking, eyelids drooping from the fatigue but our hearts warmed with contentment and satisfaction every time we successfully complete a job. There was no questioning how meaningful this event is to scouts across Singapore.

Throughout this camp we have learnt much from the experiences, especially on the night of Day 3 when we reflected and soul-searched. We hope that we would be able to pass on the torch to our juniors as smoothly as our seniors did for us!

*Tan Jen Kai (Pigeon), Javier Chin (Eagle),
Asher Tan (Cobra), Joel Lim (Rhino) and Tan Kai Yu (Tiger)*



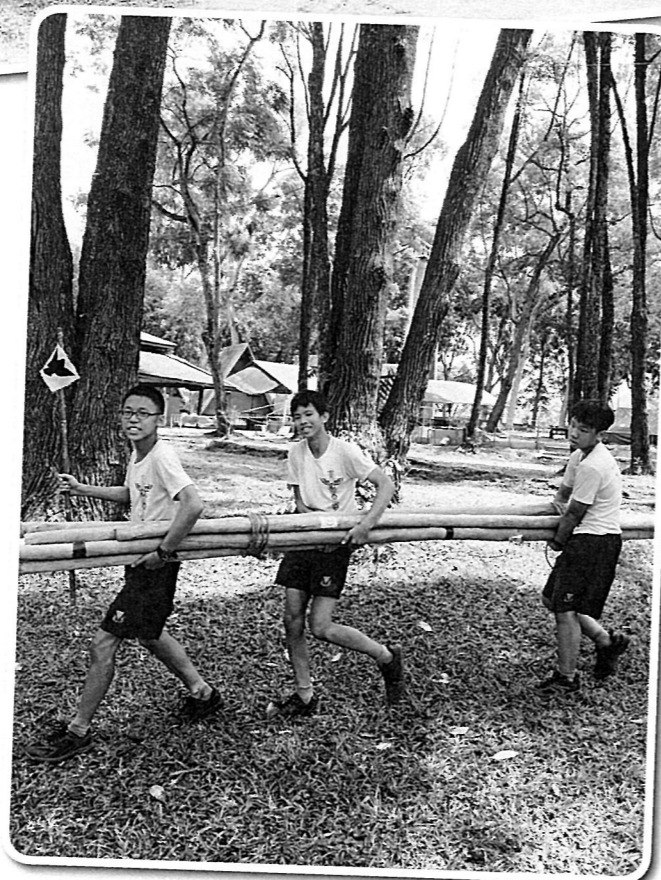
June Training Camp



The troop jighed at 6.30a.m. sharp at number 4, marking the official start of June Camp 2016. The theme for this year's camp is 'To be or not to be'. A rigorous training awaited us and we boarded a bus for our campsite, Sarimbun.

Upon arrival, we worked on our Camp Development; where each patrol had to build their gadget, basha, gateway and pounder's tent within their boundaries. We also had to build up our Qi Gan.

SRIT was a completely new experience for us. There were various stations, each presenting a real-life scenario that required us to react promptly to it. The most challenging one being a hostage situation, with a scout threatened at knifepoint. Survival killing was another intriguing activity. We were taught ways to prepare chicken, fish, frog and crabs! The food were then cooked in a graded stove cooking test. Things didn't go exactly as planned, so quite a lot of food went to waste.



This year, the night games was inspired by Hamlet. Prince Hamlet the rightful heir to the throne, sought to overthrow the malicious King Claudius. Patrols played the role of Hamlet's renegades on a mission to stalk King Claudius and recover the priceless cards that he drops.

The graded open inspection came on the 3rd Day. Everyone was moving with a sense of urgency, but patrols were punished severely for not meeting the requirements of an inspection layout. We were all motivating each other; and after what seemed like an eternity, inspection was finally over. Open House was also held in the late afternoon for the parents. Scouts led the parents around the campsite to let them know more about what we do in scouts. They were impressed by the many skills and values we learn as scouts and were comforted by the good company their sons have integrated into. Soon we were headed for campfire where every patrol put up an a good show for the parents. Time flies as we were having fun and before we know it, the campfire came to a close.

When dawn arrived on the last day, the campsite was in a flurry of activity. Sec 1 and 2s were evacuating. Sec 3s had just returned from their solo night. Spurred on by the fact that the camp was coming to an end, we completed our tasks with renewed vigour, cleaning up all the equipment and returning those that we had borrowed. The camp was drawing to a close.

Best Sec 1: Joash Cheng
Best Sec 2: Tommy Ang
Best Patrol: Wolf

It was a gruelling yet extremely fulfilling camp. Our hard work, sweat and tears have all been worth it. This camp will definitely be indelibly etched into our minds for a long time to come.

Kieran Phoon, ASPL



CCA Presentation Ceremony

The Chief Commissioner's Award Ceremony was held on 23 July at the SSA. The award is presented to the Singapore Scout Association's most exceptional and characteristic scouts in avowal of their superlative pursuance, devotion as well as service. It is the highest attainable Award for the scout section and is seen as paramount.

The criterion for the Award include: a painstaking 2-day-1-night 24-kilometres round-island hike, submission of an enumerated written report at the end of the hike on the 2nd day and lastly an interview with a panel from the Scout Association.

The Award emblemizes the pinnacle of accomplishment and bridges us for a lifelong service to God, the Republic of Singapore and our community.

It would have been a much more arduous journey for us if not for the support from our seniors and juniors and help from the leaders and teachers. We would not have been able to make it this far without all of you. Thank you for all those who helped us along the way!

In 2004, we had a total of 7 awardees. In 2015, that number jumped to 10 awardees. This year, we have a bumper crop of 16! It has not been an easy journey and we hope to inspire our juniors to continue striving for this award and bring the troop to greater heights.

BRIAN LEE SENG WEE;
CHIN CHEN KAI, JEFF;
DARREN CHUA JIA JUN;
GOH ZI MING;
HUANG RUI YANG, JEAN;
KIERON ONG YU CHEN;
LEE HONG JING;
LEW TEE HEAN, JUSTIN;
PIAA ONG PANG KUN;
RYAN LEE RAY YEN;
TAN DE-RENG;
TAN SIN CHEZ, JARON;
TIONG JACKSON;
WU JIANHAN;
XAVIER THNG JUN MING;
YEO YING HENG; ELLIS

Lee Hong Jing, Rhino Patrol

Toa Payoh National Day Observance Ceremony



On the 9th of August 2016, Catholic High School Scout Troop participated in the 51st National Day Observance Ceremony, organised by Toa Payoh East - Novena constituency. Leading our 16 man strong contingent was SPL Chong Chi Sum. We were accompanied by Mr Andrew Chua(GSL) and Mr Steven Quay(Teacher in-charge).

Gracing the occasion was Mr Saktiandi bin Supaat, MP for Bishan-Toa Payoh Group Representation Constituency. The ceremony began promptly at 9.15 am. The scouts were in formation on stage when it started and the national anthem was sung. SPL Chi Sum then led all of us including the residents, in reciting the national pledge. Next, the guest-of-honour gave a rousing speech. The observance finally closed with residents coming onto the stage for photo-taking and the scouts marching off the stage.

Before the start of the ceremony, we were all feeling the jitters as we saw the large crowd of residents awaiting in anticipation for the arrival of the VIP. However, once the ceremony got on its way, we were so caught up with it that we forgot about our anxieties. Every one of our Scouts felt a sense of pride to have represented our Scout Troop in taking part in this event.

Nicholas Gan, Pigeon Patrol

FRANK COOPER SANDS AWARD

Frank Cooper Sands, revered as the Founding Father of the Scout movement in Singapore, he established the first local troop, the First Sands Troop on 2 July 1910.

In over a hundred years, the Scouting movement in Singapore grown into a nationwide organisation with over 11,000 members representing 12 districts and four areas.

In 1995, the Singapore Scout Association (SSA) instituted the Frank Cooper Sands Award in his name to commemorate the legacy of our founding Scoutmaster and awards it to proficient Scout units across the nation. To be awarded a Gold Award is testament to the unit's excellence in administration, participation and training standards, among others.

The inaugural Frank Cooper Sands Award ceremony was held in 1996 at the Singapore Indoor Stadium. Catholic High Scout Group was one of the few units to be awarded Gold in that year. Our GSL, Mr Andrew Chua received the award on behalf of the troop from Mr Abdullah Tarmugi, the then Minister of Communication Development. Since then, Catholic High Scout Group achieved 20 consecutive Gold awards since its inception. As the SPL, I was honoured to be given the opportunity to lead the troop to receive its 15th Gold award.

Penning down this article five years after graduating from Catholic High, one cannot help but look back at his days as a Catholic High Scout. Winning awards and titles are joyful and momentous occasions, but they are never the driving force in our troop. Instead, it is the principles we adopt, the friendships we forge and the experiences we share that will live long in our memories when the photographs fade and the

trophies tarnish. While we pride ourselves on being able to attain this prestigious Gold award every year, we know for certainty that our real strength lies in our troop's ability to equip our Scouts with lifelong values and skills that will stay with them long after they have left the school.

If Frank Cooper Sands is alive today, he would be marvelled at the evolution of Scouting in Singapore. What started out as a tiny troop comprising of 30 white sons has now transformed into a prominent organisation with membership of over 11,000 youths.

May the Scouting spirit continue to burn bright for Catholic High Scout Group and for the rest of Singapore.

BENEDICT TEDJOPRANOTO
Rhino Patrol (2008 - 2010)



South Area Games Day

The inaugural South Area Sports Day was held at Queenstown Secondary School. The South Area Games Day is held in place of District Field Day. It was a morning for all scouting units to come together and have fun and make friends with each other. About a total of 7 Units took part in the Games Day. There were four games our unit participated in and they were, Frisbee, Soccer, Captain's Ball and Minute to Win It.

I was in Frisbee Team 1. We had a great time training and practising our Frisbee techniques in the days leading up to this competition. There was much excitement and trepidation; we were restlessly looking forward to a really fun time. Unfortunately, much to our dismay, it started raining before we could even start playing any sports. We had to wait for the rain to stop before we could play on the field. In the meantime, we practised in the indoor sports hall as we waited for the rain to stop. The rain eventually stopped, and the race for the finals began.

Our Frisbee matches were really intense! It was apparent that all the teams trained hard for the competition. To score, we had to throw the frisbee into the opponent's goal, hoping that a member would be in arm's reach to catch it.

Although we did not manage to get into the finals, we had a lot of fun and we also ended up winning quite some games. Overall, my South Area Games Day experience was excellent! We had a great deal of fun and I made many new friends with scouts from other schools. :)

Zachary Wong, Rhino Patrol



South Area SLC



My batch of 30 took part in the South Area Scout Leadership Camp organised by the Scout HQ. The Camp was held at Sarimbun and there were approximately 200 participants that took part in it.

To foster a sense of camaraderie among all the participants, we were grouped into various patrols with scouts from the other schools. It was an interesting experience; we were taught several skills and knowledge related to Scouting. These included the Scout method, types of leadership styles, how to handle equipments such as knives and parangs, first aid theory and orienteering.

The most interesting activity of all was night vigil and it involved patrol members carrying short spars and then one of their patrol members would then walk on top of these spars. The patrol member would then be questioned by the organisers regarding his leadership choices.

To end the camp of, a campfire was held on the very last night, with every patrol piecing together a skit, as well as having some scouts share their thoughts about the camp.

This camp promoted an atmosphere where we can speak up and learn, urging us to enquire when in doubt. We also bonded with the scouts from other schools as we spent 4 eventful days together. It was certainly an eye-opening camp and we have certainly flourished under the tutelage of the leaders.

Yin Kai Yu, Tiger Patrol

South Area Cooking Competition

The South Area Cooking Competition was held at Peirce Secondary School from 9am to 2pm. Teams were required to prepare two chicken dishes, one vegetable dish, one rice dish and one fruit to be presented to the judges at the end of 2 hours.

Catholic High was represented by 2 teams of 3. Before leaving the school, we loaded our equipment, ingredients and condiments onto the lorry. We stepped into their school canteen (the venue of the competition) with much excitement and enthusiasm. We had high hopes of achieving a great feat!

Nine scout units from the Area took part. As such, there were as many as 60 scouts taking part.

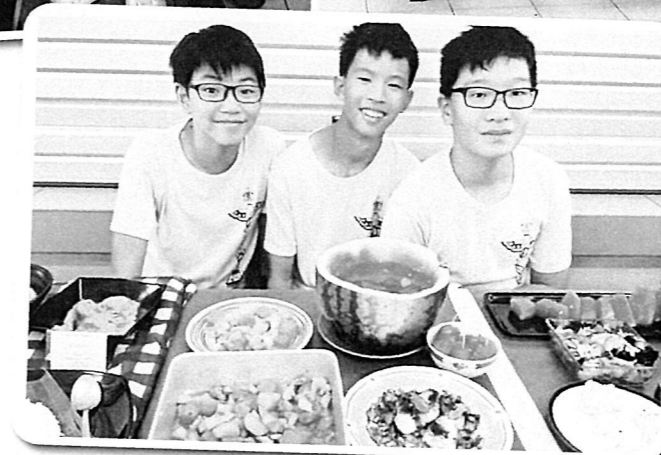
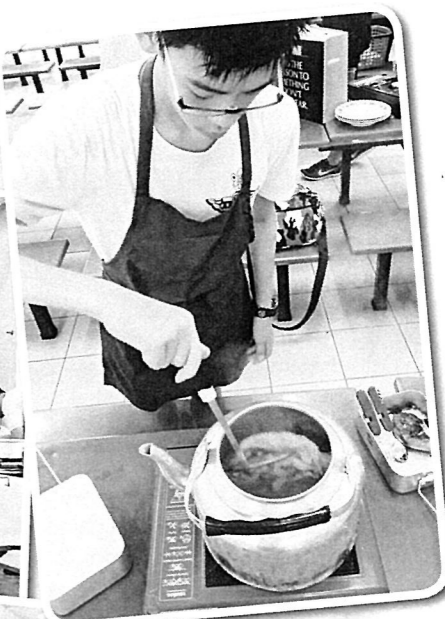
After a short briefing, the cook-off began! We prepared a chicken rice dish which included chicken soup, cabbage stew, teriyaki chicken, and pan-fried butter chicken. Our plan was to boil a kettle of water before adding chicken bones to make a broth. We would then fry the chicken until it browned, subsequently throwing in the vegetables into a hot, aromatic

mix. We would then cook rice using the broth and pandan leaves to add fragrance to it. We would finish off with a dessert, which was a refreshing watermelon sprite drink.

As the team leader of my team, I encouraged the sec 1s to remain alert and attend to the food while maintaining a sense of urgency. To our surprise, we were the first to present our dishes and dessert!

Though both teams were confident they could impress the judges, we did not manage to win an award in the prize presentation. Overall, both teams from Catholic High Scout Troop finished in 4th place. Nevertheless, our members learnt from this experience. We learnt to always check if the food is properly cooked; to plan more for the aesthetics component of our presentation; and to be alert and vigilant during the cooking process. This competition was definitely an eye opener. It taught us many new and invaluable lessons about stove cooking.

Tan Jen Kai, Pigeon Patrol



Combined Meeting



The Combined Meeting is an annual event where Scouts from Catholic High, Girl Guides from CHIJ St. Nicholas Girls' School and Singapore Chinese Girls' School meet up to bond and learn from each other through various activities.

This year it was held at the Sports Hub. The day began with the assignment of groups. Every team had around 4 Scouts and 8 Girl Guides and we had 12 groups in total. We got to familiarize with one another through icebreaker games such as Whacko, Time Bomb and Balloon Popping.

We then sat off to OCBC Arena where we took the opportunity to bond while having lunch together. By 12.00pm, we head off in our groups to various stations to complete the Amazing Race. Some stations tested our mental sums like Dog and Bone, and stations that required us to treasure hunt.

After a long but fun 3 and a half hours, all of us gathered outside the Sports Hub and did a cheer off. We were then given a challenge—to drop an egg from 2 storeys' high without it breaking. This was a daunting challenge as we were only given 1 trash bag, 1 roll of raffia string and newspaper. There were some creative ideas like blowing up the trash bag and suspending the egg in the centre of the trash bag with raffia strings. Most teams, however, made a parachute out of the trash bag and wrap the egg in raffia string and newspaper such. My team's egg turned into the size of an ostrich egg after wrapping it! Soon after it was time to drop the egg. Everybody was tense. As I dropped the egg with the parachute, the parachute failed to open. Luckily, it opened up just before hitting the floor and slowed it down. Our egg had survived!

After tabulating the scores, the top three groups received prizes. Although my team didn't win, we really enjoyed ourselves and got to know one another better.

Samuel Wong, Eagle Patrol



Sarimbun Challenge



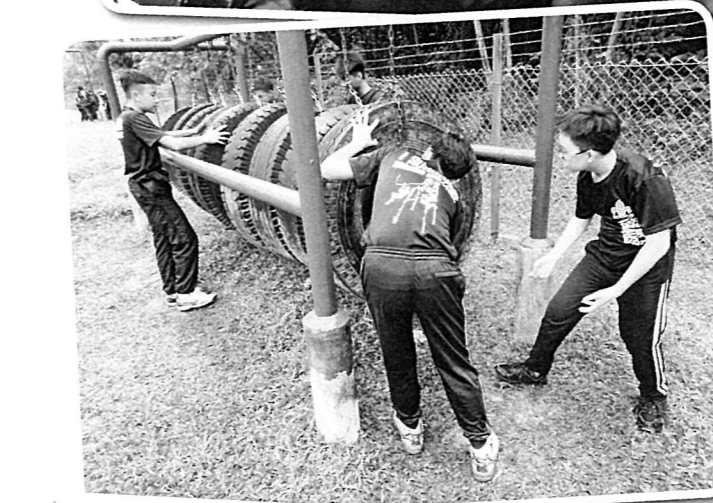
The day that we have been waiting for has finally arrived. We were all excited for the first ever Sarimbun Challenge, which was organised by SLDC (Sands Leadership Development Centre) and SSA (Singapore Scouts Association).

When we arrived, we had a safety briefing, together with 13 other units. Sarimbun Challenge is an event where scouts will put their strength and dexterity to the test in a series of 17 obstacles. It was nothing like what we expected and we were caught by surprise. Each school had to take turns to complete the 17 obstacles in the shortest time possible. We were then given time to practise. Some of the obstacles seemed impossible and we began to feel unsure of ourselves. We then decided to brainstorm ideas on how to get around them during lunch.

After lunch, we finally had to face the challenge. Our team stood at the starting line, ready for what was in store for them. When it was our turn, we sprinted to our first obstacle. The obstacles posed a great challenge for us. The obstacles required a lot of agility and we had to work together as a team in order to complete them. With much difficulty, we completed the course, clocking in a time of 113 minutes. We were very proud of ourselves for completing the obstacle course as it was not an easy one. Unfortunately, we did not manage to get the shortest time and the challenge shield went to the Jurong Screaming Eagles instead.

After the prize giving ceremony, we all returned to school, tired but knowing that we did our best that we could.

Willy Tang, Eagle Patrol



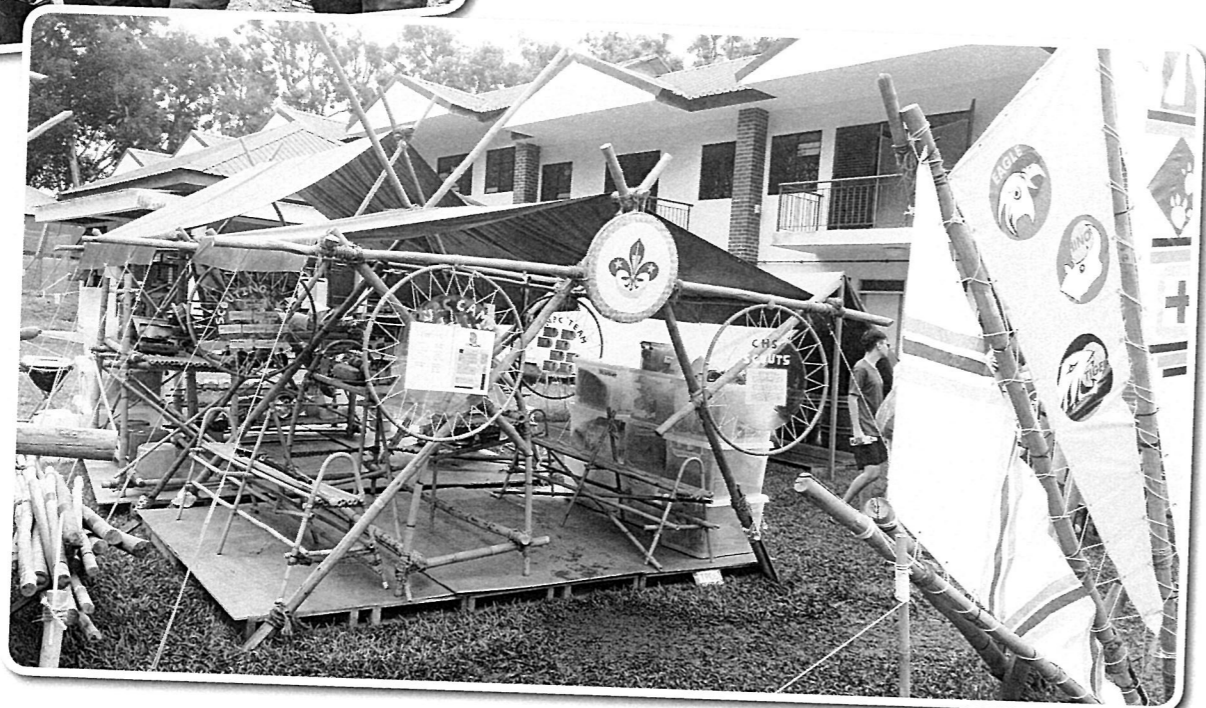
National Patrol Camp

NPC has been a memorable experience for my team and myself. We have come a long way and we have trained very hard for this competition. From the very first day we were first selected, to phase 1 then to phase 2, we have improved tremendously and have grown as a team. All of us were chosen to be in the team for a reason and we had to do our own part and have our own initiative to do stuff.

Our training started since the start of the year and since then many changes to our designs had been made, but my team never backed down and continued to press on. During the competition in sarimbun, we had 46 other schools around us and it was stressful at times when other school structures were up before ours. There were also those things we didn't wish to happen like, labels fading off and us tying at the wrong place. It was just these same minor things that slowed us down, but we were not discouraged and we always re-focused to complete the task well. Our team also took the time to make new friends from our sub camp and we never hesitated to help the other teams whenever we were free. Time to us was our biggest enemy as we always find ourselves short of time to do our stuff. We had to work efficiently and manage our time well so that we had enough time to have our meals and rest.

When the results were released on the last night of the camp, we were disappointed that we did not win. However we left no regrets behind as we did the very best we could. Although we did not win back the challenge shield this year, we have forged many good bonds and memories within the team and that, to me, is the most precious thing. We did not win the title of the best patrol in Singapore but we still attained our 9th consecutive Gold award. We will work even harder and two years from now, we will come back stronger and rise up to the challenge and win back the title of Best Patrol in Singapore!

Kieran Phoon, Rhino PL

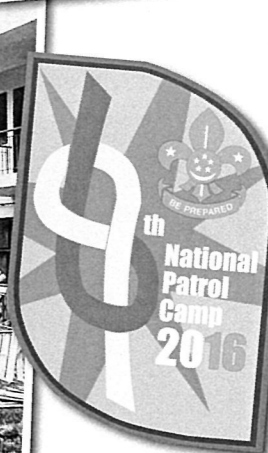


NPC is the most prestigious scouting competition in Singapore and a lot of behind-the-scenes preparation is put into it. Being part of the Reserve team of our NPC Delegation, I was very involved in ensuring the NPC team had everything it needed in the hopes that we will perform well at the actual competition.

At the last leg of our preparations, the troop was working in full swing. Everything from gateway banners to props for the skit, every patrol undertook important aspects of the preparations. It was not very easy going for them either. Without any prior training or experience, the learning curve was steep. We had to meet extremely high expectations, for example, Cobra patrol had to change banner designs a total of 3 times. Every time they finish the job, the Gateway design would have changed and they had to re-do. Tiger patrol also had to revise and re-do the skit and script many times, having never had any drama or scripting experience before.

Many Secondary 4 scouts had also volunteered to come back and contribute to the preparations. As they had participated in the previous NPC, they were more experienced and were aware of the standards that we had to meet. Ryan Lim and Zheng Feng were also ICs and SPLs respectively of packing. Without their logistical support, the team would not have been able to finish everything in time. The troop met many of our goals and saved the team a tremendous amount of preparation time. In a way, NPC is much more than our team of 8. It is also about the cumulative troop wide effort that will get us where we want to be. In the words of Walt Disney, "Whatever we accomplish belongs to the entire group, a tribute to our combined efforts". This long and arduous journey has certainly demonstrated the combined spirit and energy of the entire troop.

Lucas Loh, Cobra Patrol



Outward Bound School Leadership and Service Award



Outward Bound Singapore (OBS) Leadership and Service Award (LSA) is a prestigious training award given to aspirational youths with outstanding leadership and active community service track records. After going through stringent selection and interview, Laura Cheng and Javan Lim will be a part of the 33 awardees to attend the OBS 21-day Classic Challenge Course on 1-21 December 2016. They will follow up with a service project with their OBS watch to complete the LSA.

The challenge was an arduous journey, albeit to a lesser extent than what we underwent as scouts. We embarked on various expeditions which tested our stamina and mantle. However our greatest takeaway will always be the strong friendships that we have fostered.

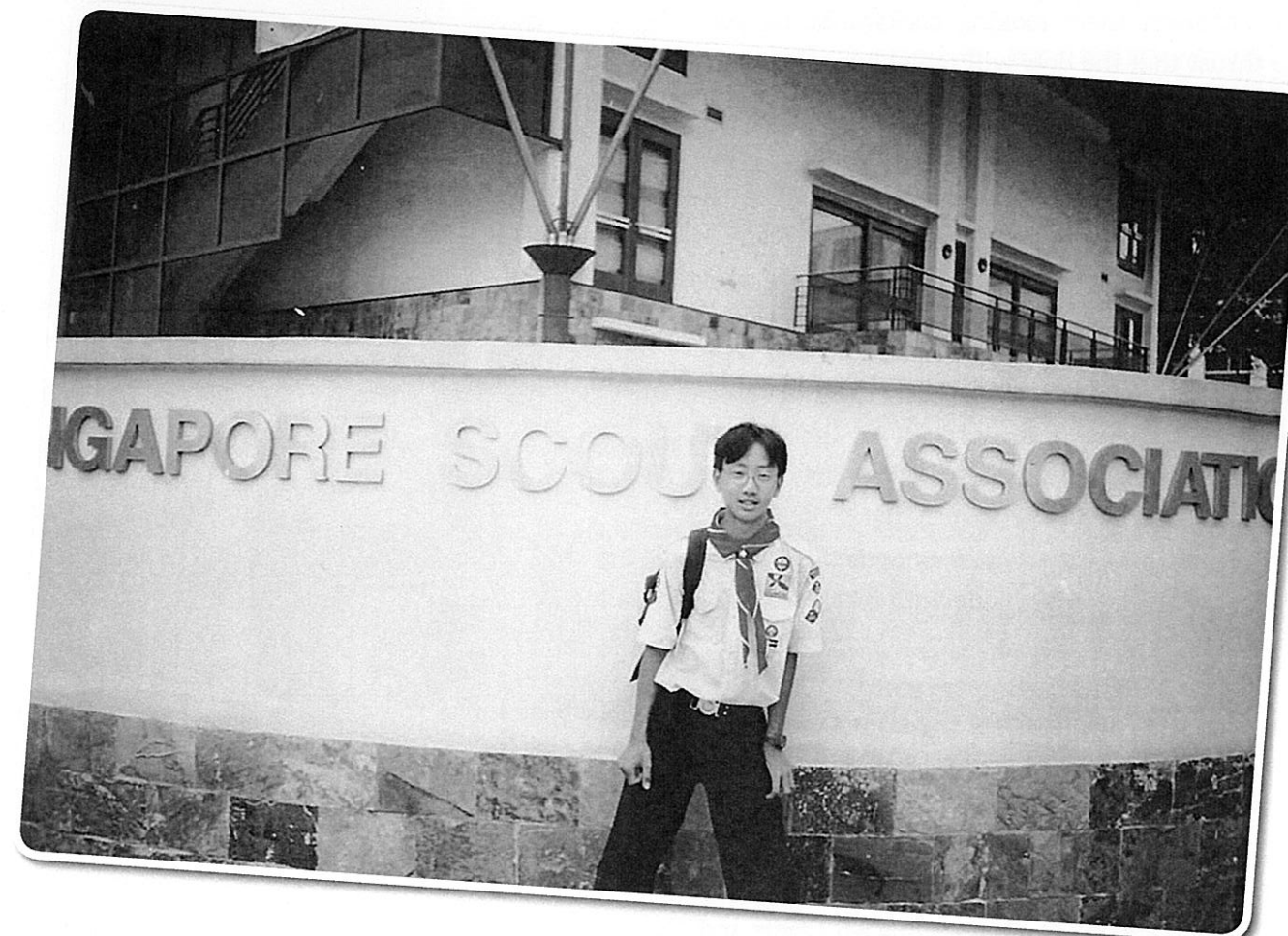
On the 22nd of December, the closing ceremony was held at Ubin OBS campsite. Our GSL was there to witness the handover of the Certificate of Completion of the OBS course to the 2 awardees.

The OBS LSA is part of new requirement for the President's Scout Award, an alternative to OBS LSA for candidates is the Venture Challenger Course.

Javan Lim, Venture Chairman



My Scouting Days



"我以我的名誉为保证，竭尽我所能。。。"。 Reciting the scout promise in Mandarin while being punished brings vivid memories of tradition and bilingualism amidst the fun and adventure in Catholic High Scout Group.

As a Sec 1 my then APL, Leonhard Wee, opened my eyes to a world of perseverance, brotherhood, responsibility and leadership. The four years of cadet scout life seemed like a walk in the park, picking up badges. My patrol leader Edmund Khong took care of us very well, and although he guided us with a firm grip, he often infused jokes and games into his weekly PT sessions. The Patrol Leader has the remarkable task of setting the character of the Patrol, which sets it apart from the other seven patrols. It is also something which the members took lots of pride in. Weekly raising of the scout flag pole and flag emphasised the importance of tradition and respect.

During that camp, we were also tasked to overcome daily obstacles as a patrol, and it was in that filthy, fatigued and stressed state that, for the first time, I saw the true colours of friends

and started building bonds. I had the privilege of participating in the NSPC, NPC, and a Tower Building Competition. During the training leading up to those competitions, training often continued for long hours and one valued the sweetness of water during water breaks, something that we take for granted every day. As a venture scout, Siauwei Long was instrumental in training me in archery. The constant hollering and whipping by the arrow taught me that training environments were often harsh but necessarily so. The process is usually not fun, but in retrospect, the outcome made the experience memorable. After all my years as a scout, that journey has inspired me to continue to pursue new experiences and adventures and to always be prepared.

Every year, I still catch up with my past scouting buddies. Although we have moved on to different paths in life, we still see the personality and character of that young scout that we once used to work with, all those years ago.

Vincent Wei, Eagle Patrol (1996 - 1999)

Connecting the Dots

"You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards. So you have to thrust that the dots will somehow connect in your future" -Steve Jobs.

It's worth a thought that when my Scouting journey started in 1988, I chose a 'dot' not knowing what was to come..

Tracing back the dots to a time not too long ago, when Pokemon was still alien; when the MRT was new and breakdowns were unheard of; times were much simpler then. As I connected the dots of my past, it struck me. "In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play." - these past experiences embodied the Scout Hymn. The scout hymn is a song with lyrics that will echo through the ages.

The dots in my memories of my school days were not that of my classroom lessons; rather it was the shenanigans that I remember most vividly. The time spent exploring the drains around Bishan, "stealing" benches from the canteen, following and spying on our ventures in a game of 追踪, scaling Mt Ophir and running around the track for no real reason. Those were the things we never truly treasured at that point in time. They were, however, inspiring moments which have shaped my character.

"Grant as I promise, courage new for me." appropriately describes the day when I decided to go on a biking expedition trip to Deasru on a "normal" bicycle. It was one of the most amazing journeys I ever had. It's a case of "if you don't try, you'll never know"; and by trying we have succeeded.

"To be the best, the best that I can be" was what I strived for during my Scouting days. The disappointment we experienced when we could not accomplish our goals in the National Camp craft and Pioneering Competition in 1992 spurred us all to strive for excellence. We then went on stronger than before,



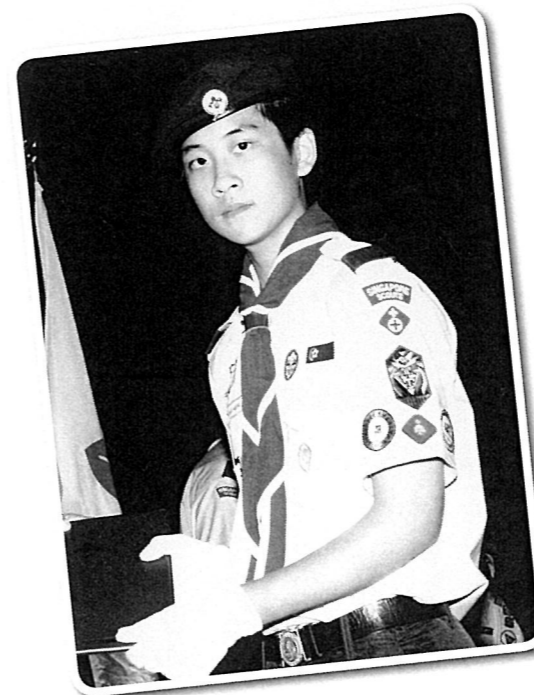
blazing through the competition in our subsequent years.

"Open my eyes to see things as I should, that I may do my daily turn of good" inspired me to appreciate everything that I have in life; and in turn, contribute back to society afterward.

"So as I journey on my chosen way". As we journey down the road of life, we learn to be prepared and apply the principles of scouting in everything that we do. Once a Scout, Always a Scout. Once a Catholic High Scout, Always a Catholic High Scout. "O Catholic High Scouts, we rule the crowd, there is no doubt, we're going to shout out loud!"

Leon Tan
Eagle Patrol (1992)
Wolf Patrol (1993~1994)

童军生活的记忆



噹噹噹！星期五晚上九点钟，公教中学操场上传来一阵阵铁击铁的声音，一座高高的木塔在场中央立着。这是那些年常见的。

光阴似箭，一转眼，十年已过。但，我在公教童军队的记忆还牢牢地留着。当年，十三岁的我被童军在操场上立的木塔给吸引了。我欲望着站在塔上，望着远处。我想象那该是多刺激的一我没错。

公教童军队可名不虚传 - 其他团队都认识到我们的实力。但是，达到那种程度可不是一件简单的事。无论是在炎炎烈日下或在倾盆大雨中，训练依然进行。在艰难的训练以及学长们严格的训导下，我们渐渐地成长了。

训练虽然辛苦，也有美好的记忆。在圣淘沙岛上露营，在乌敏岛上观赏日出，在营火边和朋友高声歌唱，看到朋友不小心被火烧掉了眉毛。。。这些是我们都不会遗忘的。我相信多年的公教童军们都会同意。

对于读着的学弟们：
- 每当同学嘲笑童军建了多高的木塔或旗杆又拆下来，问他们一句：你做不到吗？
- 每当你想要放弃时，看向在你身旁的朋友们。为了他们，因为有他们在你身旁一起熬过，你会愿意坚持着。
- 好还珍惜你们在公教童军队里塑造的友谊和记忆。它们是无法被替代的，也是无法遗忘的。

Tham Sai Meng, Rhino Patrol (2003-2006)

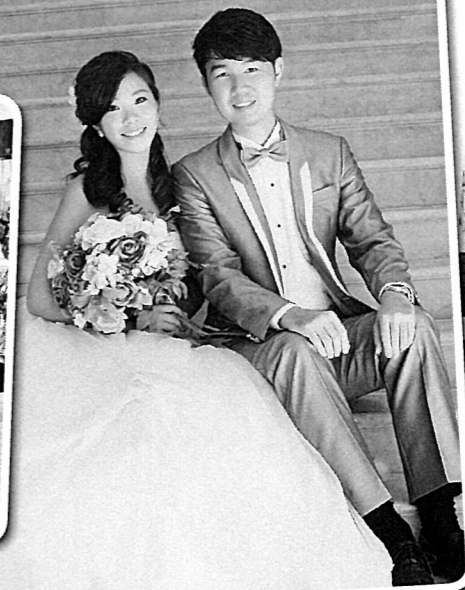
HEARTIEST CONGRATULATION, TO OUR SCOUT LEADER

Sonia How

on her
marriage
to

Kelvin Ang

2nd April 2016



Anchored in Values and Purpose

公教童军训练宗旨

公教童军团今日的工业与成就绝对不是偶然的。一切的努力、谋策与冲劲都建立在团部的

深谋远虑 日行一善 智仁勇

的基础上。

为何要“深谋远虑”？

我深信童军活动(训练)应该随时代的进步与进化而改进。改进策划时必须深算，多谋，视远和渊虑。

童军训练应该注重以下的几个观点：

1. 关注现代资讯科技的发展以题信世界童军交流意见的传媒。这样一来也可以随政府于公元2000年把新加坡发展成一个科技工业园的目标迈进。
2. 注重现代科技的进化对于人类的身心发展。从而彻了解人心，我们才可以感化人心，巩固意志，把童军的训练领域推上另一个高峰。

为何“日行一善”？

生为社会的一份子，在训练过程中我们必须达到“体能劲如仁意，但求无愧我心”。在教导童军要时时刻刻灌输取之于社会，用之于社会的价值观。

最终，目的是要培养出一群

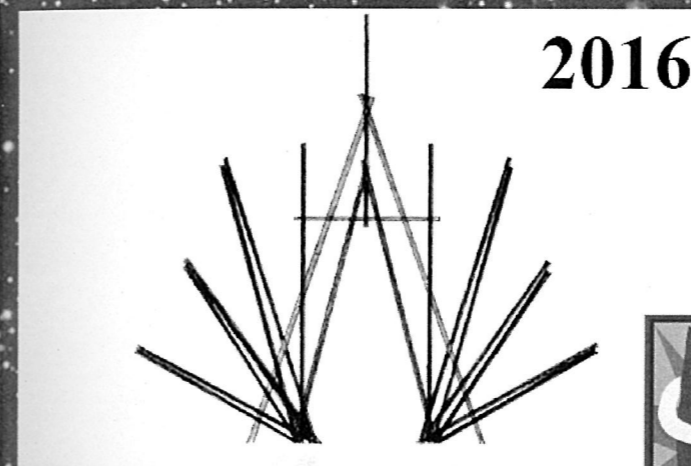
智者不惑 仁者不忧 勇者不惧

的童军，无时无刻为社会服务，发扬校风，守护我团……

萧伟龙
VSL 1998

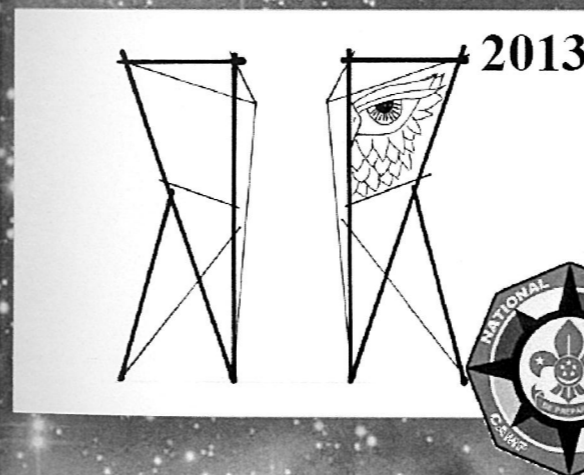
Gateway

The gateway is the star of the campsite. Its beauty and elegance aims to captivate the crowd and the complexity of a 3D structure augments the excitement. Its design must bring out its purpose and encapsulates the spirit of the patrol/troop. And we do so by retrofitting the wooden skeleton with color-themed banners and decorations. Gateways should also have a wide base and a low centre of gravity for better stability.

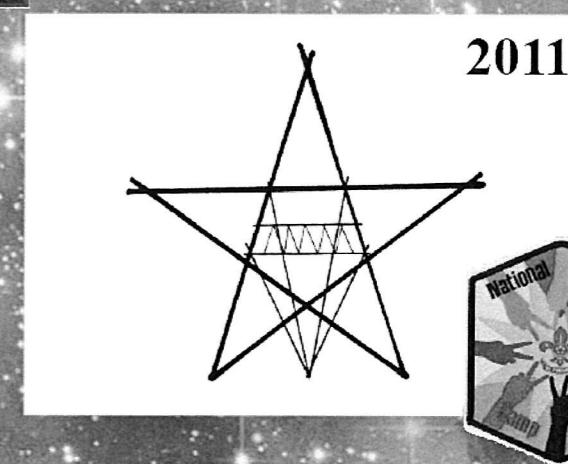


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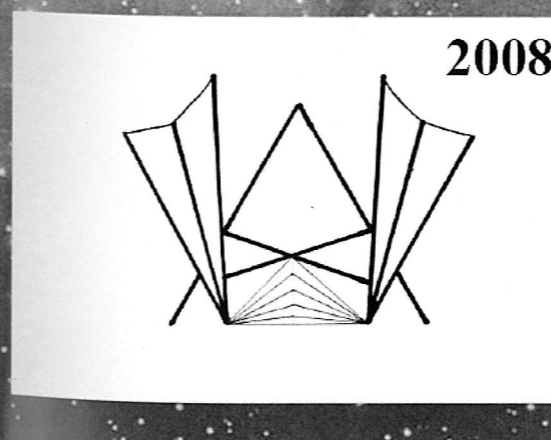
The history of Catholic High Scout Troop dates back to 1948. The troop colours: white, yellow and blue, represents our motto 智, 仁, 勇。Our sui generis totems portrays our achievements. The red stripes symbolizes the brotherhood amongst 8 patrols, pigeon, eagle, cobra, rhino, wolf, tiger, dolphin and shark. These are depicted on the 2016 NPC gateway – the embodiment of our crowning glories.



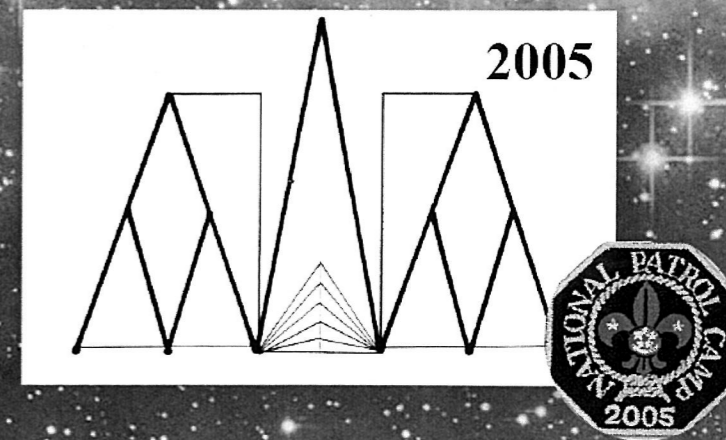
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2011



2008



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