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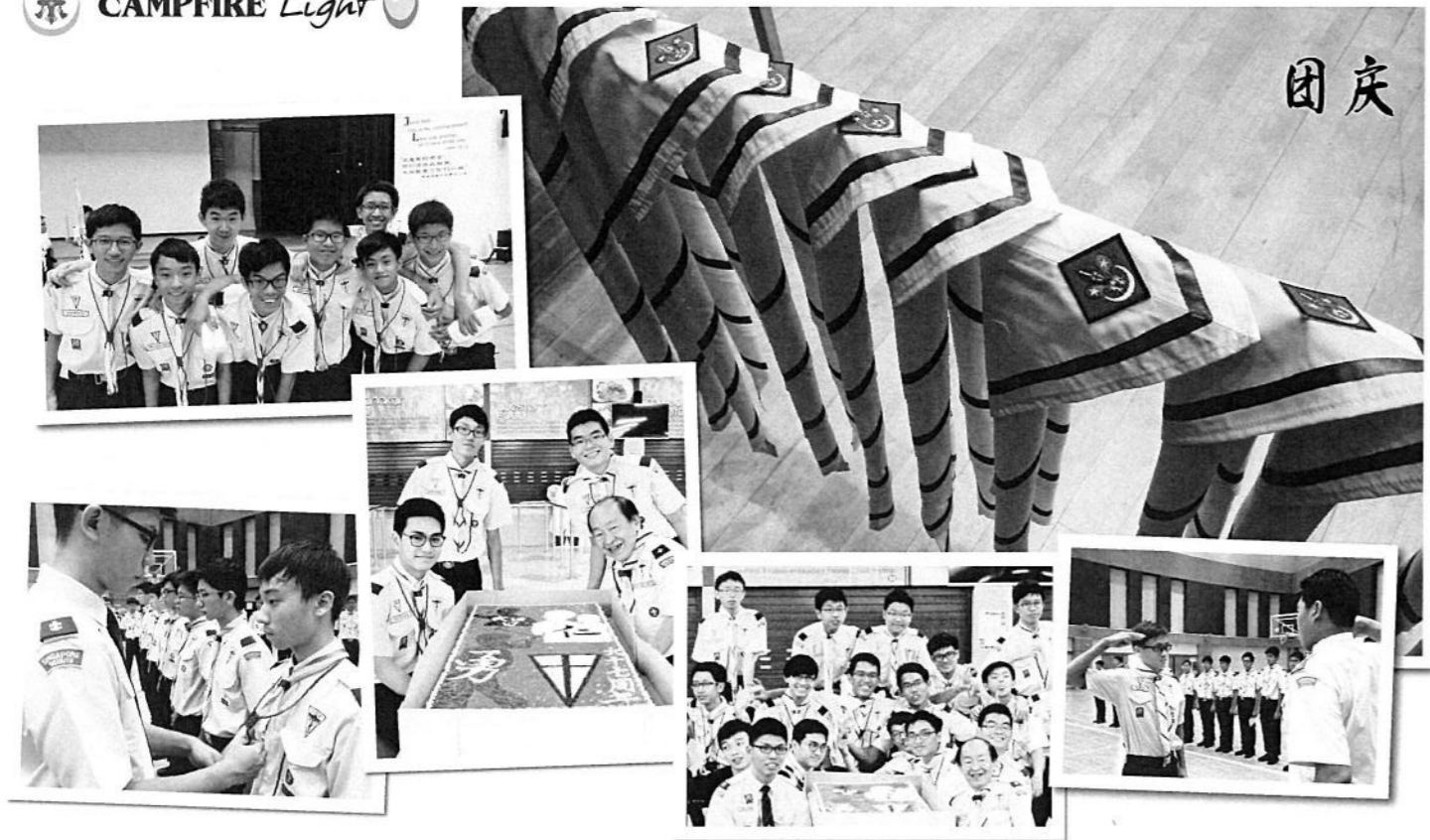
2015 marks our 67th anniversary, yet another milestone for our troop. This 55th issue will focus on the memories from our current scouts and old boys. Through their reflections, we hope you will be able to feel the passion and zeal they possess. It is our desire for you to remember what you have learned from these activities and put them to good use. Remember your life as a scout and continue to strive for excellence to be the best that you can be.

2015 is also a significant year for our nation as Singapore reaches its 50th year of independence since 1965. We are celebrating S650 with our very own Singapore International Jamboree. As you read the reflections on the jamboree, we hope that you can visualise the wonderful experiences and more importantly, pick up some of the essential learning points acquired during the jamboree. With the S650 celebrations coming to an end, we look forward to another 50 successful years till we reach S6100.



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The troop jihed in high spirits for the day's momentous occasion- tuan qing. For some of us, it meant the coming of age, symbolising the changes that we had gone through throughout the journey from becoming juniors to seniors. As for the others, it meant the beginning of a new chapter in our scouting lives by taking up various leadership positions in the troop, keeping our troop's standard flying high.

As a troop, we endeavoured to raise the five-storey qigan, that was traditionally built during every tuan qing. However, our efforts were in vain as we ran out of time in the process of erecting the qigan, leaving us to make do with a three-storey one. Nevertheless, the troop was still in high spirits, full with anticipation for the upcoming ceremony.

After the shengqi, we proceeded to the actual tuan qing ceremony. We ensured that our uniforms were prim and proper, wanting to look our absolute best for the solemn occasion. The entire troop quickly jihed in a mati formation in the hall. Our GSL, Andrew Chua, facilitated the entire ceremony.

Firstly, the Sec 2s were invested as seniors, with their Patrol Leaders leading them to the front of the mati to receive their troop scarves, symbolising the transition to a senior in the troop.

Next, the subsequent appointment holders, namely, the Assistant Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders were announced.

Finally, it was time for the new SPL to be announced and everyone was in suspense. I was then appointed the SPL, to the applause of the troop. All of us held our new appointments with pride, as we understood that they were the hallmark of our achievements.

Finally we proceeded to the canteen for the cutting of cake to celebrate the troop's birthday.

Tan De Reng
SPL

Sec 1 Investiture



Today marked a very special occasion for us. The Sec 1 recruits were finally going to be invested and officially become part of Catholic High scout troop. We marched proudly behind our patrol leaders to the front of the 马蹄. With our left hand on the scout flag, we recited the scout law and promise after donning on the red national scarf. This marked the beginning of a challenging yet exciting journey, one which would develop us individually to become the best that we can be as a Catholic High scout. Our parents also attended the event and they felt proud as they witnessed this significant moment.

Zachary Wong
Rhino Patrol



Investiture Ceremony



I remember sitting in line, reciting the Scout Law and Promise many times, waiting nervously for my turn. My fellow recruits were also fairly nervous.

When we were in front of our senior cub scouts holding the scout flag, we had to recite the Scout Promise and the Scout Law. Then, we were asked: "Are you ready to be a scout?" All of us answered confidently with one voice: "Yes we are!" With that said, we officially became cub scouts.



After all 44 of us had completed the procedure, we headed to the canteen to have an after-Investiture party. Most of us brought food, and we were all very happy as we had become full-fledged cub scouts.

Ethan Teoh
White Six



Cub Leader Training Camp

Non-Residential

On 11 April, a Saturday morning, I arrived at Peirce Secondary School with anticipation and pride for the CSLTC 2015. I was attired smartly in my full scout uniform. There, I saw cub scouts from different schools but what was similar was the pride and excitement on everyone's face. We had our opening ceremony and flag break before playing a bingo ice-breaker game. This game helped to bond us together. Together with our respective patrols, we then painted our very own patrol flag!

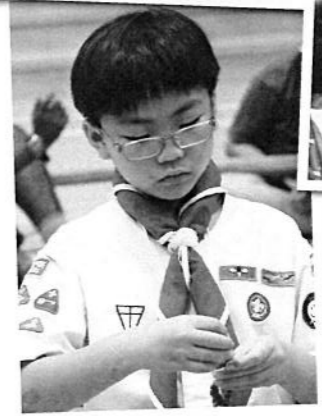
After lunch, we learnt how to tie various knots. We were also taught how to make a woggle! We learnt the "Grand Howl" before playing team-building and leadership games such as "Save the Egg", "Human Knots" and "Shrinking Islands".

Residential

The first day of the Residential Camp took place one week later. I was back at Peirce Secondary School for the second part of the leadership training camp. After the opening ceremony, our Bagheera brought us for tent pitching and basha building. After that, we had campfire songs and outdoor cooking where we ate instant noodles with sausages. Next, we watched the movie "Jungle Book" as it was raining. We then had a campfire and my unit performed "Home" and the Scouts Cheer. Soon, it was time for us to wash up and sleep. I was looking forward to the second day! We woke up early the next day. After falling in and doing warm-up exercises, we had our area clean-up. We wore our scout uniforms and everyone received a certificate and badge during the award ceremony. It was announced that the best camper was Jun Xi, from Catholic High!

Through the camp, we did the "Grand Howl" and learnt positive attributes of a scout, namely communication skills, teamwork, co-operation and perseverance. I also feel honoured to be selected for the camp and will do my best to uphold the Scout Promise.

Rey Chan
White Six



June Training Camp

Day 1

The air was tense with excitement and dread as we gathered in school, prepared for the commencement of the annual June training camp. The theme for this year's June Training Camp is "Silhouette".

After breakfast, we started closed inspection, which was a test of our sense of urgency, communication and attentiveness to detail. The bus arrived shortly thereafter and we were on our way to Pulau Ubin. Upon reaching Jelutong campsite, we were given 2 hours for campsite development, which included

building bashas and gadgets. Unfortunately, it started raining very heavily. We did not allow the rain to dampen our spirits and continued to give our all.

After campsite development, it was backwood cooking, where our fire lighting skills were put to the test. Despite the rain, we managed to start a fire and cooked our food. After dinner, the long awaited night games commenced. Patrols had to go to any one of the three stations to obtain points and avoid detection by ventures at the same time. These games helped us relax after a long day of tiring activities.

As the first day drew to a close, we slept knowing that we conquered day 1 and mentally prepared ourselves for the next few days.

Tiong Jackson (Pigeon) & Goh Zi Ming (Eagle)

Day 2

Having recharged ourselves, we soon awoke to a new day. We quickly set off towards Jelutong Campsite and were told to lay out our clothes to dry them. We then opened up our loaves of breads and had our breakfast. We were all famished and gobbled up our food quickly. Following that, the Ventures announced our next activity: Orienteering Games.

We were given certain checkpoints and were told to find hidden spots based around the checkpoints using compass bearings, distances and clues given to us. We then went off to roam the island of Pulau Ubin for the next few hours.



Throughout the orienteering games, we encountered many peculiar but fun checkpoints which required you to do an array of activities. The favourites were a three man handstand and a tree climbing challenge.

After two hours of exploring the nooks and crannies of Pulau Ubin on foot, we jighed back at Jelutong campsite for lunch. The enjoyable but exhausting activity has drawn to a close. We cooked our lunch on tommy cookers and carefully rationed our use of solid fuels. After filling our bellies, we proceeded onto the next activity, which was the Venture Obstacle Journey, otherwise known as VOJ.

We ventured into the depths of Pulau Ubin once again in search for the various huts we were told to go to, patrol by patrol. Our knowledge and application of first aid were put to the test throughout this activity

After the day's long activities, we trudged back to the campsite, weary but satisfied. The sky had already turned dark by the time we had cooked and finished our dinner. However, we were relieved, as this indicated only one thing, that night games were next!

We were briefed on rules of the game and quickly went off searching for light sticks hidden around the island. We could also ambush Ventures in exchange for light sticks of higher value. The night games ended as quickly as it had started and we returned to our campsite. After a quick powder bath and a change of clothes, we went to sleep, all excited for what is to come tomorrow.

Ryan Lee (Cobra) & Ellis Yeo (Rhino)



Day 3

We awoke to Day 3 of Ubin, knowing that half of the camp has passed. We were thus in high spirits and knowing that events like scavenger hunt and campfire will be held today made us even more eager to do our best. The day started off with a huge storm while we were about to have breakfast, forcing us to seek immediate shelter in our bashas where we enjoyed our meal as a patrol.

After some time, the rain finally stopped and everyone started preparing for the next activity. PLs were called out and briefed about one of the most exciting events of Ubin, Scavenger



Hunt. After getting our list of items, we swiftly set out in high spirits. We were determined to find as many items as possible. We asked for fishing hooks from people, took photos with female strangers and even picked up rotten durians along the road. To our dismay, it started to rain heavily, forcing us into nearby shelters.

After a fulfilling lunch, it was time for the most symbolic moment of every Ubin camp, Sheng Qi. The troop quickly changed into our full uniform in the public toilet. After punishments from the leaders for being unprepared for Sheng Qi, we finally completed the ceremony and were eager to take photos as a troop, patrol and batch. At the end of photo taking, we were immediately given five minutes to complete an open inspection. Everyone started working as fast as they could. Throughout the camp, we have undoubtedly grown more bonded and stronger, as Sec 1s started showing better sense of urgency and Sec 2s started stepping up to lead the juniors.



After dinner, it was finally time for the long-awaited campfire, where each patrol put up an exciting skit based on the theme of Silhouette. Soon after the skits was the most anticipated event, Miss Ubin. After rounds of cat walking, it was decided that the best Miss Ubin of 2015 was Hong Jing from Rhino Patrol. As the campfire ended, Mr Andrew Chua, our GSL, shared a few words with us while recounting one of his many childhood stories. At the end of campfire was a night walk to Mt Puaka, the highest point in Pulau Ubin. We reflected on what we did during the past 3 days. We realized that whether or not we had any regrets for this camp, Ubin 2015 was almost over, and we could only aim to give it our all in the future.

After the walk and a short PLC to end the day, the Sec 3s went for Solo Night, with the hope and goal of coming out as one united batch, one united body and one united entity. Even though we had a few slips here and there, we never gave up. It was our morale and determination that kept us going despite all the challenges we came across. This camp has pushed us to our very limit while providing us with many unique experiences that allowed us to grow as a person and become a better scout.

Jeff Chin (Wolf) & Darren Chua (Tiger)

Day 4

The troop was exhausted but relieved, as the Sec 3s had returned from their Solo Night, while the rest of the troop had evacuated from the campsite in the middle of the night. The day started with an inspection to ensure that everybody's equipment had been returned to the respective owners.

After the long ride both on the boat and on the bus, we finally arrived back in school. With the final goal of completing the camp so near, the troop worked with newfound energy and speed, washing and packing away what was brought out for the camp. Equipment that was left out to dry was then quickly packed back into storage, with the troop then breaking for lunch.

Finally, the moment that each patrol had been waiting for with bated breath - Best Patrol 2015. The troop gathered at the dungeon to receive the final results for best patrol most outstanding scout of each level throughout the camp. With a drumroll announcing the victors, Pigeon patrol was announced to be in first place, followed by Rhino patrol and Wolf patrol. Zachary from Rhino patrol and Yu Chuan from Wolf patrol were nominated as best Sec 1s, with Keiran from Rhino patrol as best Sec 2 and Ellis Yeo from Rhino patrol as best Sec 3.

Having heard the results, patrols leapt for joy at their accomplishments, with some proud at their unexpected results and others simply satisfied that they had put in their very best. Pigeon led the "Yaskar" cheer, followed by a resounding troop cheer. Spirits were high as this had marked the end of the camp. It was no doubt a memorable camp, where its memories would be forever etched into our minds.

**Tan De Reng
SPL**



Bronze Arrow Attainment Camp

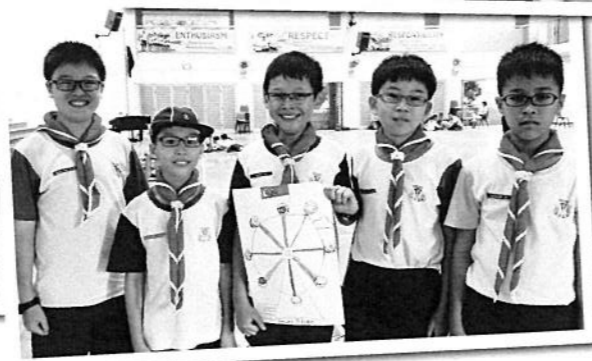


From this year's Bronze Arrow Attainment Camp, I learnt many important skills that a cub scout should know. When I arrived at Jing Shan Primary School, I was assigned to my first patrol, King Cobra. I also learnt some basic first-aid skills like removing splinters and what to keep in a first-aid pouch. After resting for a while, we formed groups of five to draw posters about Singapore. After dinner, the air scouts taught us how to fold 2 types of aeroplanes: a stunt plane and a gliding plane which we eventually used for our activities later.

On the second day, we assembled and cooked instant noodles for breakfast. After clearing up, we went for our hike. Later on, we helped to clean up the canteen and finally came the long awaited Bronze Arrow Camp Award Ceremony.

Besides getting my bronze arrow badge, I was also the best performer in my patrol. The camp was really a fruitful one as I have learnt many useful skills that I could apply in the future.

Jonah Boo
Yellow Six



CCA Presentation Ceremony



The Chief Commissioner's Award is the most prestigious award that can be attained by a secondary school scout. Attaining this award is undoubtedly the best thing that I could hope for in my four years of scouting with Catholic High Scout Troop.

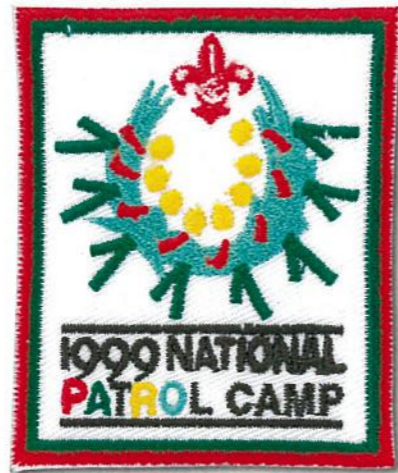
It all began with the Chief Commissioner's Award Hike that was held in April. It was a tough but very meaningful experience as it allowed me to learn endurance, perseverance and especially, leadership, as I was constantly guiding my juniors during the hike. This was followed by interviews with both the District Commissioner and Area Commissioner, including one with a whole panel of Scout Adult Leaders. The interviews were there to test us on our scouting values and to evaluate our overall ability to attain this award.

Once we received our Chief Commissioner's Award badge, the other candidates and I started to plan for the presentation ceremony in July. Alas, after weeks of rehearsals and preparation, it was time for the ceremony. The ten awardees of the Chief Commissioner's Award made Catholic High Scout Troop proud as we marched on stage to receive the award. I am overjoyed and am confident to say that the four years of training in Catholic High Scout Group had truly paid off.

Javan Lim
Rhino Patrol



NATIONAL PATROL CAMP



The National Patrol Camp is possibly the most prestigious competition that pits the best of Singapore's scout troops against each other to determine the nation's best patrol. Organised by the Singapore Scout Association once every two or three years, each troop fields a carefully selected patrol of 8 scouts to outdo other troops in all manner of Scoutcraft. Over a five to eight day period, this patrol first constructs a campsite, and is then assessed on various proficiencies ranging from pioneering to backwoodsman cooking to first aid.

Traditionally, Catholic High Scout Troop has done exceptionally well in this competition, clinching the Best Patrol four times out of the eight times it has been organised since the first National Patrol Camp in 1997. Having been part of a winning patrol (2005), and having coached a winning patrol (2008), I can testify that the NPC is one of the most gruelling but yet one of the most rewarding experiences. The bond that you will form within the team lasts a lifetime, regardless of whether you ultimately win. And if you do win, as we did, the sweet taste of victory and the pride that we had for the troop made all the months of training and preparation worth it.

Series	Year	Best Patrol
1 st	1997	Catholic High Scouts
2 nd	1999	Catholic High Scouts
3 rd	2001	Holy Innocents' Hornet
4 th	2003	Victoria Arrow
5 th	2005	Catholic High Scouts
6 th	2008	Catholic High Scouts
7 th	2011	Victoria Arrow
8 th	2013	Zhenghua Fox

Joshua Goh
NPC 2005



(CUBS) District Field Day

On 15 August 2015, Balfre, Jun Xi, Rey and I participated in the annual District Field Day. This year, it was held at Peirce Secondary School, and I took part in the basha event.

At the long jump pit, we quickly opened up the ground sheets and took out the tent pegs, as well as a ball of twine. I felt apprehensive as we only had a few practice sessions.

At last, the whistle blew. After we hammered the bamboo poles into the ground, Balfre tied a long piece of twine to a tent peg while I secured it to a bamboo pole. The string was then brought over to the other bamboo pole, secured tightly and finally tied to another tent peg. Rey and I then pegged the long piece of string down, with the help of Balfre and Jun Xi.

After draping the second ground sheet over the twine, we each took a shorter length of twine and tied one end to a corner of the ground sheet while the other end was secured to a tent peg. Lastly, we all pulled at a 45-degree angle and at the count of three, pegged them into the ground. Rey trimmed the excess twine and we had finished!

Though another team had completed their basha before us, we still had the satisfaction of completion and success. Eventually, we achieved second place!

I felt that participating in District Field Day was a good learning experience. We had shown great teamwork and coordination during the basha building, and encouraged each other to keep going on.

Bin Jing Zhi Daniel
Red Six

(SCOUTS) District Field Day



The troop was really excited for this year's District Field Day as we all strived to win glory for the troop once again. We had trained hard for our respective events. I was in one of the two sour grapes teams. However, due to a minor slipup, Pierce scouts got the upper hand of us. Even though we lost first place, we managed to clinch both second and third positions. We did not let this dampen our spirits and managed to emerge victorious in the 3, 2, 1, Cannonball and CASEVAC!

Thanks to everyone's valiant efforts, 公教 gained back the challenge shield which we had lost in 2014. I had mixed feelings that day, disappointed as to working so hard yet not being to perform as well in my event, yet ecstatic that the whole troop had consolidated our efforts in becoming the overall champions this year!

Lucas Ng
Wolf Patrol



(CUBS) Mini Pioneering Competition

This is my second time taking part in the mini pioneering competition. I hope Ray-en's and my hard work would pay off as we stayed back weekly after school to train for the competition.

Both of us were excited about the competition. We only had two and a half hours to make the table, and so we had to work fast while ensuring that our knots were neat and tight.

Ray-en was in charge of measurements and I was in charge of cutting the sticks. Soon, we started building and our table started to take shape.

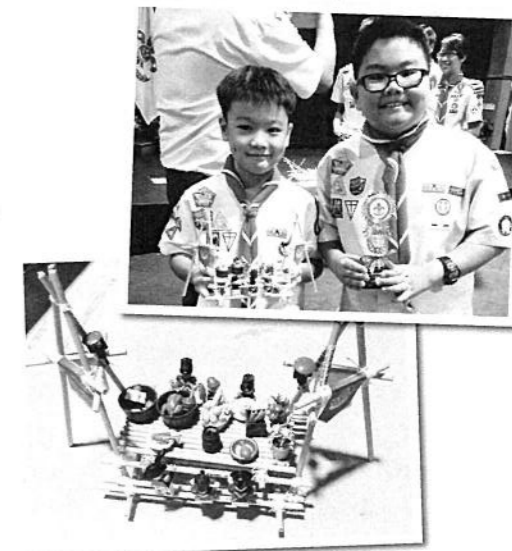
Time flew... With only ten minutes left, we decorated our table and did all the final touches.

CONGRATULATIONS! The competition had ended. The judges walked around looking through everyone's works.

Soon, it was time for the Prize Giving Ceremony. We were very happy to come in first place! Our hard work throughout the past few weeks had finally paid off.

We were glad to have taken a lot of pride in our work and have eventually brought glory to our troop.

Stauw Yu Hern
Blue Six



(SCOUTS) Mini Pioneering Competition



The annual Mini Pioneering competition is one of the many opportunities for us to compete and bring glory to our troop. We sent three teams comprising Jianhan, Yu Chuan, Hong Jing, Ryan Lee, Keiran Poon and myself to compete this year. We were tasked to build a miniaturised structure of a bridge with the structural capability to hold the weight of 5 soft drink cans in 2 hours using the limited materials provided. We spent much time planning the structure and improving on it on many occasions. We had to be precise in our measurements and conscientious in our time management. We even prepared decorations such as flags and banners for aesthetic purposes.

On the big day, we did our best building our respective structures and then waited keenly for the results. Unfortunately, one of my group's knots slipped during the judging and we did not manage to clinch any prize. However, the other two groups did us proud and managed to clinch both first and second place. Win or lose, we all learnt that both the planning and execution are equally important in any competition. It was a good experience for us and we will come back next year better and stronger.

Chong Chi Sum
Wolf Patrol

Akela Award Presentation Ceremony

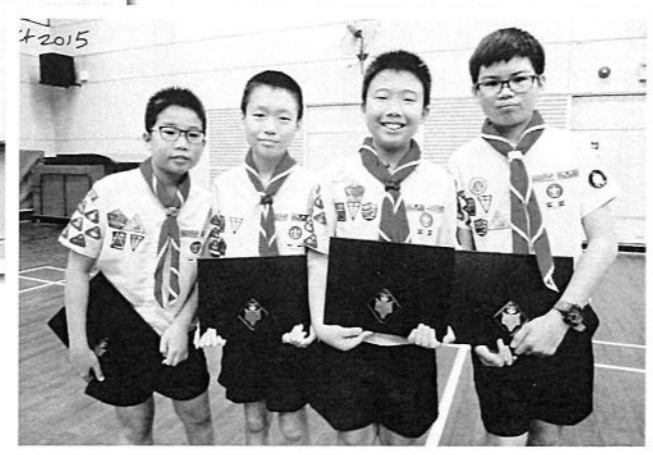
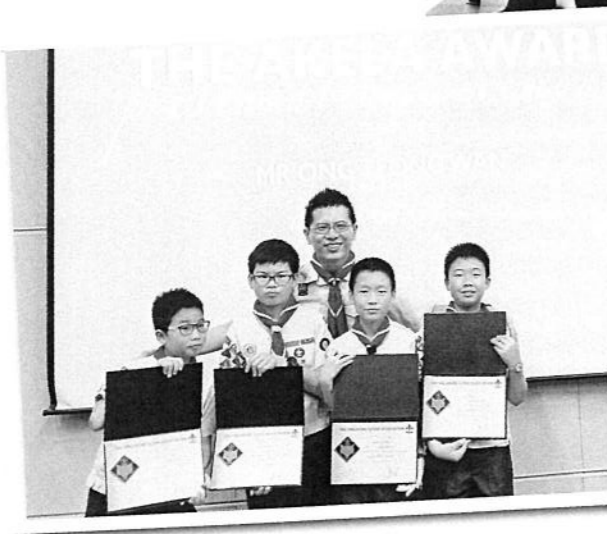
The day for my Akela Award Assessment at the Scout Headquarters finally came. I was a little worried as the written test questions were not those that I had expected.

After the assessment, I told myself that the outcome was no longer important. At least I had tried my very best to pursue the award.

Hooray! The good news was that Chi Weng, Ignatius, Brennan and myself had passed the assessment! We were all beaming with pride when we received our respective awards and shook hands with Mr. Ho Chee Heng, Assistant Chief Commissioner (East Area) and Mr. Ong Teong Wan, the Hon. Secretary of The Singapore Scout Association.

From this experience, I learnt that we should try our best with strong determination and discipline in whatever we do. I will treasure this meaningful journey of Cub Scouting dearly.

Guo Bing Xuan
Blue Six



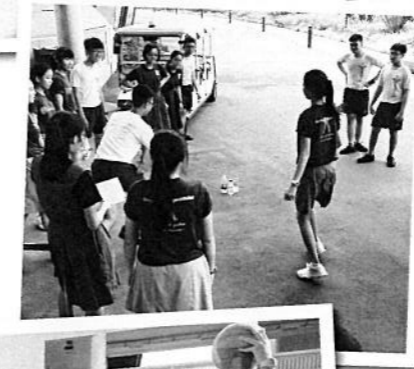
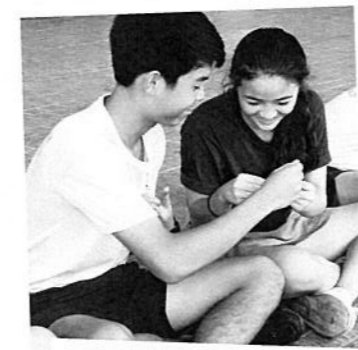
Interunit Meeting

The annual combined meeting with St Nicholas Guides and Singapore Chinese Guides was held on 7th November in Catholic High School. After splitting into our groups named after Disney characters, we started with ice breakers and bonding games like captain's ball. We began the day as strangers but soon started to know more about each other. After breaking the ice, we embarked on an amazing race around Marina Bay.

There were a total of 7 stations, which required cooperation, communication and a good sense of camaraderie from all groups. The most memorable station was definitely our last station. 4 cameras were set up and we had to compete with another group to capture as many of our group members in the photos while trying to keep as many members of the other group out. There was also a mystery challenge, which required us to use the materials given to us to build a structure with a working door that could house the tallest person in the group.

In the span of this fun-filled day, many new friendships were forged. It undoubtedly deepened our scouting experience. I am definitely looking forward to our next combined meeting!

Jason Lee
Cobra Patrol



SG50 International Jamboree

The SG 50 Jamboree was held from 17 to 22 November. 18 countries turned up for this event to celebrate Singapore's 50 years of nation building. I was one of the five participants from Catholic High Scouts. It was a great opportunity to interact with scouts from other countries and to learn about their heritage and culture. The theme of the jamboree was "Creating Our Journey, Home, Friendship, Adventure & Dreams".

The event I enjoyed most was the Encounter Activity which lasted 2 days. It focused on different areas such as technology, maritime, aviation and adventure. I went to Acres Organisation which focuses on animal concerns research and education. We learnt about conserving wildlife and how urban society is mistreating these animals through agricultural, industrial and commercial activities. Other fun activities under the Encounter experience involved participating in NEWater's water ambassador programme, riding an electric unicycle and building a flying glider made of wood and Styrofoam.

The following activity, "Scouting in the Community", brought us to a HDB area to do wall painting. We beautified the residential area and brought joy to the community. I realised that by helping and serving others, you are helping yourself become a better person.

All in all, this jamboree was a wonderful experience. It allowed me to make countless friends from other countries. Now, I also have a better understanding of World Scouting. As Lord Baden Powell said "There is in the movement that happy good comradeship which cannot fail to bring about what we pray for-Goodwill and Peace in the world".

Siauw Yu Chuan
Wolf Patrol



Year-End Camp

This two-day one-night camp has taught us the importance of teamwork (My team: BEAR GRYLLES) and how we can apply it to our daily lives. We also learnt many skills, namely knots, cooking, pitching a flagstaff and basha.

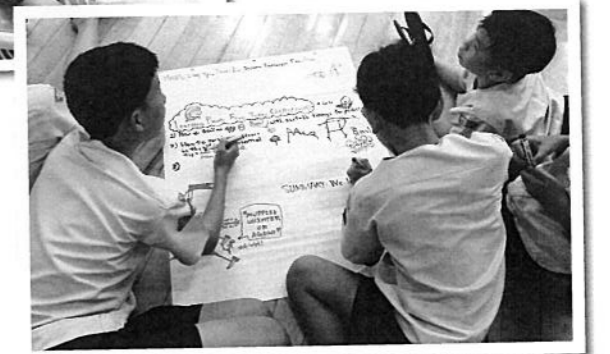
At night, the teachers were ingenious in the creation of the campfire. To test our strategical skills and to get our hearts pumping, they created a physical game called "jailbreak", which we really enjoyed.

During the hike at MacRitchie Reservoir, despite the hot weather and an imminent storm, we pushed on to the very end. The scenery was beautiful with the cool morning breeze. At the end of the camp, it was announced that the best performer was Jerome Foo from Red Six!

Sitting here writing my reflection and recollecting the wonderful times, I really appreciate my teachers-in-charge for taking time off to organise this camp and participating in it together with us, enabling us to step out of our comfort zones.

My main learning point from this camp is that being promoted is secondary, what matters more is that you have tried your best, strived to make the best out of a situation, and have fun at the same time.

Travis Tan
Orange Six



PSA Presentation Ceremony

The journey started 6 years ago in 2010 when I was a mere secondary one looking for a CCA to join. Perhaps it was by chance that I had chosen Scouts as my first choice but little did I expect myself to be where I am right now, a President's Scout Award holder. Scouting was tough, but I have never regretted the choice I made back when I was a secondary one. It pushed me to my limits many times as every activity forced me to push harder and to endure longer. I was fortunate enough to be given the opportunity to develop leadership qualities by leading a group of juniors through their time in scouting.

Pursuing the PSA:

The route to obtaining my PSA was a long and tough 2-year journey, with many challenges and obstacles along the way. One of which was the need to manage my time throughout the entire period, having to manage my school work and my PSA all at the same time. Thankfully, I was able to pull through due to the guidance I had received from my teachers, my leaders and last but not least my batch mates who have supported and provided me with whatever help I needed throughout the entire period.

How PSA had impacted me:

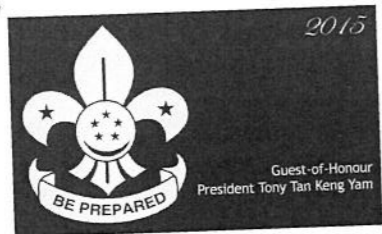
Throughout my PSA journey, I developed not only in skills but in character. I have learned a lot about planning and executing a project of national significance. The knowledge I acquired helps me to plan for future activities and projects for my juniors. My ASPIRE adventure had been an eye opener as I have interacted with other scouts and learnt new skills about Scouting. It has also pushed me to my mental limits and forced me to dig deep when my morale was low, allowing me to discover my strengths and weaknesses.

PSA Badge Ceremony and Award:

On 17 November, I was presented my PSA badge at the World Jamboree held in Singapore at Sarimbun Scout Camp during an ATAS gathering. It was an honour to be able to receive my PSA badge in front of so many top achievers that have gathered together to witness the ceremony.

On 2 December, I received my PSA certificate from the President of Singapore, Dr Tony Tan, at the Istana. This marks the end of a 2-year long journey of hard work I have put in. Having achieved the PSA, was really a dream come true.

Mark Wong Soon
PSA 2015



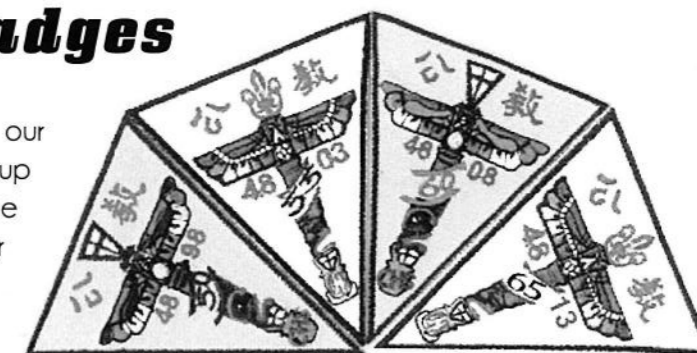
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Catholic High Scout Group 5-Year Anniversary Badges

The 5-Year Anniversary Badge was first introduced by our CSL, Andrew Chua in 1998 when Catholic High Scout Group celebrated our 50th Anniversary. The badges are in the same shape as our troop badge and is meant for our Scouts to wear it above their left pocket on their uniform.



Each badge would last for 5 years. Currently, we already have 4 of the badges which were for our 50th, 55th, 60th and 65th Anniversary celebrations. The next badge would be the 70th Anniversary Badge which will be released in 2018. The dates on the current badges are 1948-2002 (50th Anniversary Edition), 2003-2007 (55th Anniversary Edition), 2008-2012 (60th Anniversary Edition) and 2013-2017 (65th Anniversary Edition).

The current 4 badges form half an octagon. When a total of 8 badges have been released, we would have completed a full octagon. The 8th badge which will complete the octagon is targeted to be released in 2033. By the end of the 5 year for the 8th Edition, a total of 40 years would have passed since the first badge was released in 1998.

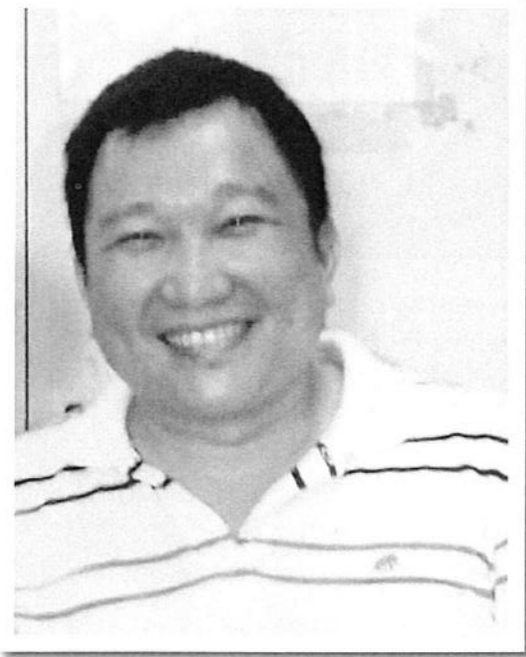
Our Heartiest Congrats to

Russell Lin
on tying the knot with
Victoria Neo

Just married



Remembering my Scouting Days



I joined Catholic High Scout Group in 1983, as a young Cadet Scout under Mr Andrew Chua. I continued my Scouting journey as a Scout in the Group, from Queen Street to Bishan.

As impressionable scouts from 1987, our seniors were some of the memorable 'idols' that everyone looked up to - they were superb in both scouting skills and their studies. We were nomadic in terms of the school campus, but the changes in location brought out the best in all of us. And each batch tried its best to hold the tuan qing spirit together.

We did not have a field like we had at Queen Street, so we did urban pioneering, raising flagpoles on concrete, raising it against the wall next to the road, and even towers on concrete. The tuan bu then, a small room occupying a space in between our school building and a church. We were exposed to seniors as leaders and mentors, solving problems

using wit, initiative and dare, under adventurous conditions that had that whiff of danger to excite us. It was building of personal capacity and true teamwork: Each patrol could be relied on to cross acid rivers, stalk and collect information on 'enemies' (we called it Zui Zong, held in Bras Basah and Fort Canning area) and construct tall towers to increase vision over (imaginary) treetops.

All the 2106 Scouts (Stamford 06, as we still used the system as cadet scouts) were true explorers. It was an amazing time and an amazing experience that I am sure, very few will ever forget throughout their lives. To all of Catholic Scouts past and present, a big thank you!!!

Deric Low
Rhino Patrol (1987-1990)

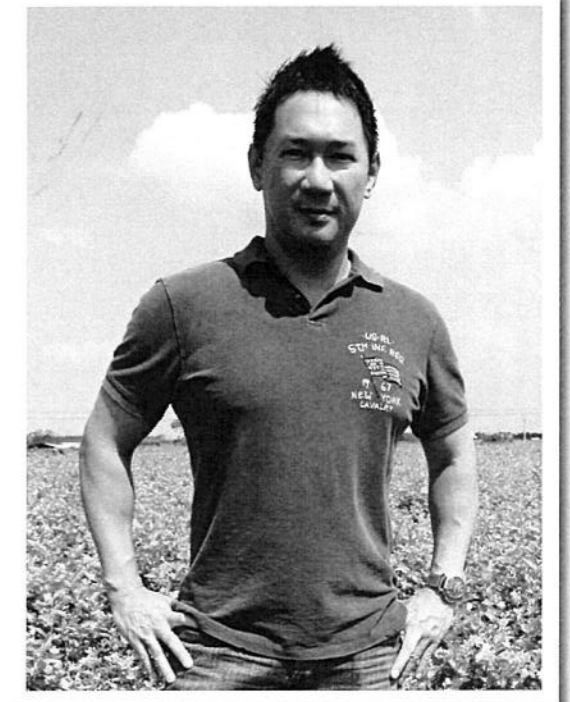
Scouting for Life

A foreign associate once asked me what made me the man I am today. My reply was: Many factors really: - education, national service, my family and being an entrepreneur. However, I have always felt that my scouting days has strongly shaped who I am, how I act and treat others.

The Scout Motto is "Be Prepared" which means you are always in state of readiness in Mind and Body to do your Duties - I strive to adopt this mantra in my daily life situations. Being prepared in Mind means knowing the right things to do at the right moment - Values like honesty and loyalty mean a lot to me. Being Prepared in Body means I keep myself active so that I can keep my promises and do the right things. This gives me peace of mind at work and in my family life.

I remember my scouting days fondly as the times where I had to chop bamboo for the fire, kill chickens, lead some lost boys at the old Chua Chu Kang cemetery and run errands during Job Week. Those were the days where I experienced being a leader, a follower and a true friend. Even after 30 years have passed, my fellow Scouting buddies are still my closest friends. Scouting is Brotherhood - when boys become men. Catholic High Scouts rise, now it's your time!

Chang Lang Lin Anthony
Tiger Patrol (1985-1988)



我的一班童军兄弟

我能够参加公教童军团，当时算是一种缘份，现在回想起来，却是上天给我的其中一个恩惠。

1970年升上中一时，由于必须选择参加一种制服团体，不知道是谁的建议，结果我们班上有将近一半同学（即20人左右）加入公教童军，使得当时的2106团部人数迅速膨胀，造成不小震撼。

就举我被抽签分派进入的Cobra Patrol为例子，除了队长罗友兴和几名较资深队员外，其余将近10人都是新血，但是在往后的日子里，我们还是学习到许多技能，同时在团体生活中，彼此也建立了深厚的友情。

至今我们每年两次的同学聚会，大家的话题都自然会回忆起当年的许多童军趣事，尤其是年底的大露营，更是让人历历在目，缅怀不已。

同时我们这一班同学，也确实非同凡响，因为在两年后在6名小队长里，我们班的兄弟就占有5人，分别是Eagle Patrol的林玉勤、Cobra Patrol的陈伟平、Rhino Patrol的冯崇适、Wolf Patrol的翁国樟和Tiger Patrol的陈建国。大家在互相竞争中，除了丰富生活体验，也让成长多姿多彩，对往后的人生发展影响颇远。

可惜自公教毕业后，我们只有陈庆和留下来继续为团部服务，最后他还获颁总统童军徽章，其余同学都因不同原因，选择相继离去，甚为遗憾。

高宇星 Ko Yee Sing
Cobra Patrol (1970-1973)



GOOD JUDGEMENT

Baden Powell's view



Each of us knows someone who often does the right thing at the right time. Your patrol leader might be that kind of person. He comes up with fresh ideas at meetings. He gives you a hand with Scout skills when you need a little help, and leaves you alone when you want to do them yourself. He always seems to be looking out for the safety and well-being of others, both in the patrol and beyond the troop. Some people would say he is using common sense. Others might call it wisdom. What they are really talking about is good judgement.

Good judgement is the ability to make wise decisions even under difficult conditions. You don't need great knowledge in order to use good judgement. You just have to do your best with what you already know.

"Good judgement," says an old Scoutmaster, "comes

from having lived through lots of bad judgement." Your patrol leader didn't become wise without making a lot of little errors. But he doesn't let them discourage him. Instead, he learns all he can from each failure and then moves on. He knows that he can often learn more from his mistakes than from his greatest successes.

If you look at the end of a log, you will see a series of rings expanding out from the center. Every ring represents a period of growth. Together, they made the tree strong and helped it withstand the worst storms.

Your experiences, both good and bad, are like those rings. Each adds a little bit to your wisdom and to the strength of your judgement. Good judgement can't be taught, but through the gathering of many experiences, it can be learned.