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- U6 Challenge
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- 63rd Anniversary Campfire
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CO-EDITOR'S MESSAGE

"A picture paints a thousand words."

Campfire Light had always brought back memories of fun, toil and camaraderie among the scouts as well as ignited the burning passion of many to return and share their knowledge and experience with those who had been newly inducted into the family. More so, it has also served as inspiration for those who aspire to take up the CCA and PSA through their seniors' recounts as they brought glory to the troop.

This year's issue of Campfire Light will serve to do the same. Different however, will be how it documents the pictures of every key event and activity that has happened throughout the year instead of lengthy articles. Hopefully, these pictures will bring about the same heartwarming and reminiscing feeling every Catholic High scout has when flipping through the pages of Campfire Light.

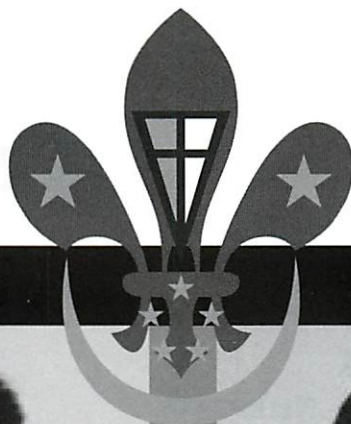
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Fang Yi Shen
Venture Scout Chairman

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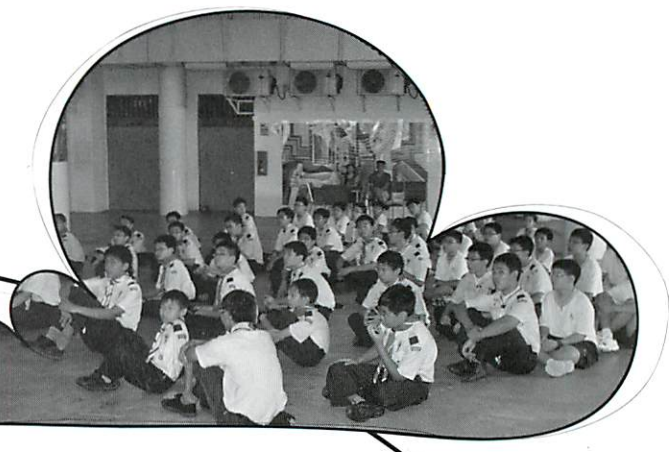


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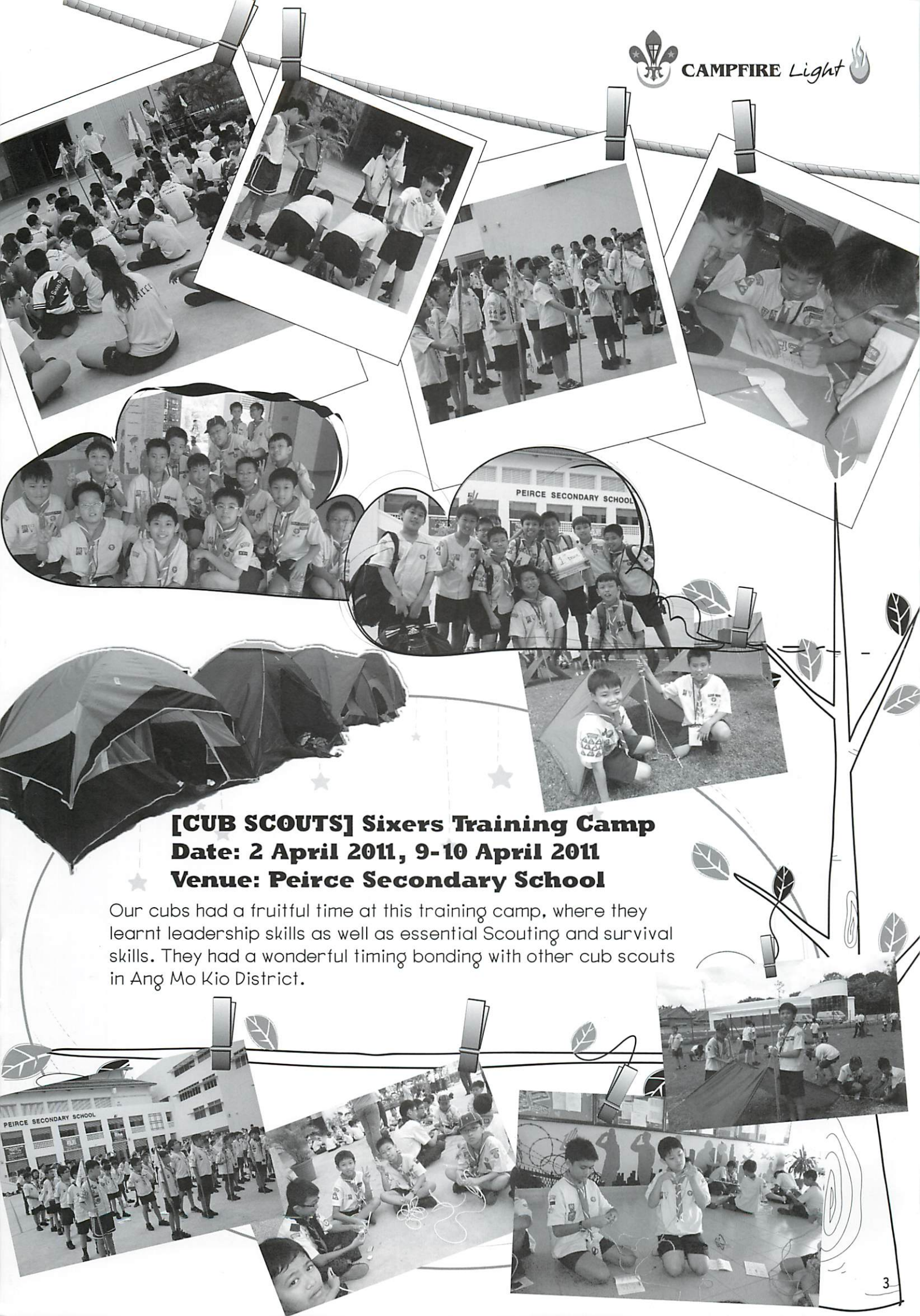
[SCOUTS] Troop Anniversary and Investiture 2011
Date: 29 January 2011
Venue: Catholic High School

This year's investiture saw the new batch of Sec 3 scouts being promoted and taking up leadership positions within the troop. The Sec 2s also received their troop scarves and some were appointed APLs of their patrol. The troop's 63rd birthday was then celebrated with the cutting of a massive cake. The plaques for last year's CCA and PSA awardees were also given out.



- SPL- Eng Xue Yan
- ASPL- Tiong Kai Siong
- PSA awardees 2010- Lim Kwan Hong
Ong Kong Ying
- CCA awardees 2010- Leonard Lim
Lee Xue Ying





[CUB SCOUTS] Sixers Training Camp
Date: 2 April 2011, 9-10 April 2011
Venue: Peirce Secondary School

Our cubs had a fruitful time at this training camp, where they learnt leadership skills as well as essential Scouting and survival skills. They had a wonderful timing bonding with other cub scouts in Ang Mo Kio District.

Frank Cooper Sands Award Ceremony

Date: 21 May 2011

Venue: Scout HQ MPH

The award presentation ceremony saw Catholic High receiving the Gold Award for Cub Scouts, Scouts and Venture Scouts sections. In addition, the Scouts and Venture Scouts received the FCSA Honours Pennant, awarded to units which have consecutively won the Gold award for five times. The Scout Troop has won the Gold award ever since its inception in 1996.





[CUB SCOUTS] UG Challenge
Date: 31 May - 1 June 2011
Venue: River Valley Primary School

Eight representatives from our unit had a great time competing with their counterparts from various uniformed groups. It was a great opportunity for them to mingle with both the boys and girls at national level.

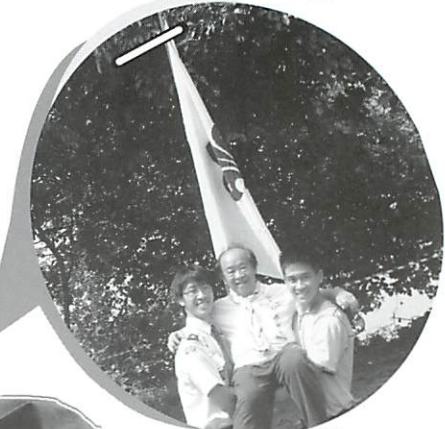
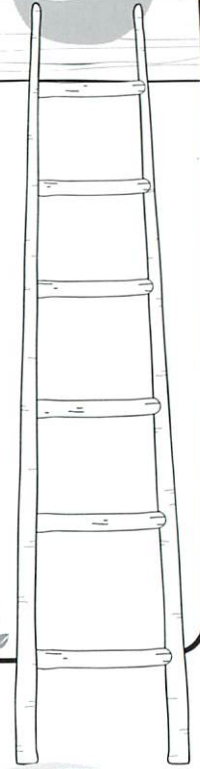


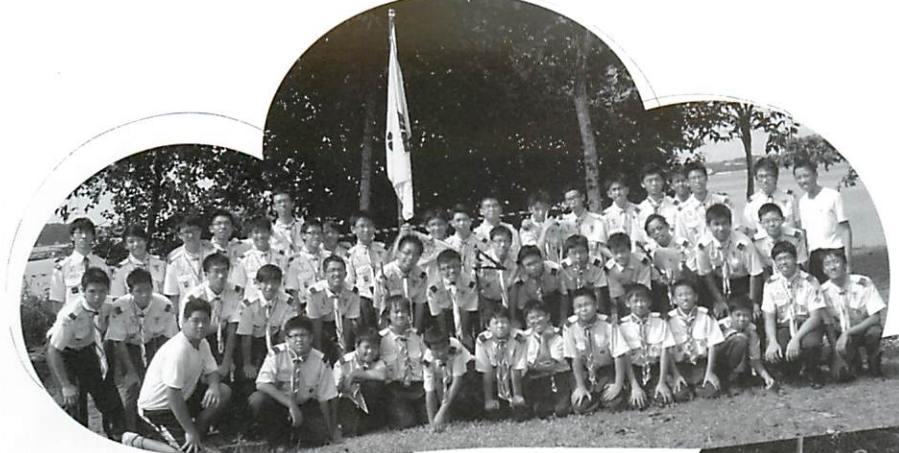
[SCOUTS] June Training Camp

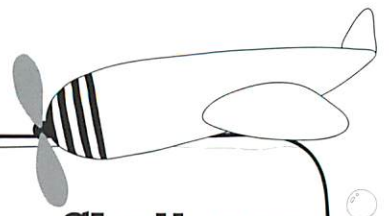
Date: 10-13 June 2011

Venue: Hike to Changi, Pulau Ubin

This year's June Training Camp comprises of a hike from school to Changi Ferry Point Terminal, followed by a two day stay over at Pulau Ubin. Through the 4 days spent together, lessons on tenacity, discipline and character were learnt and the bonds of friendship were strengthened.





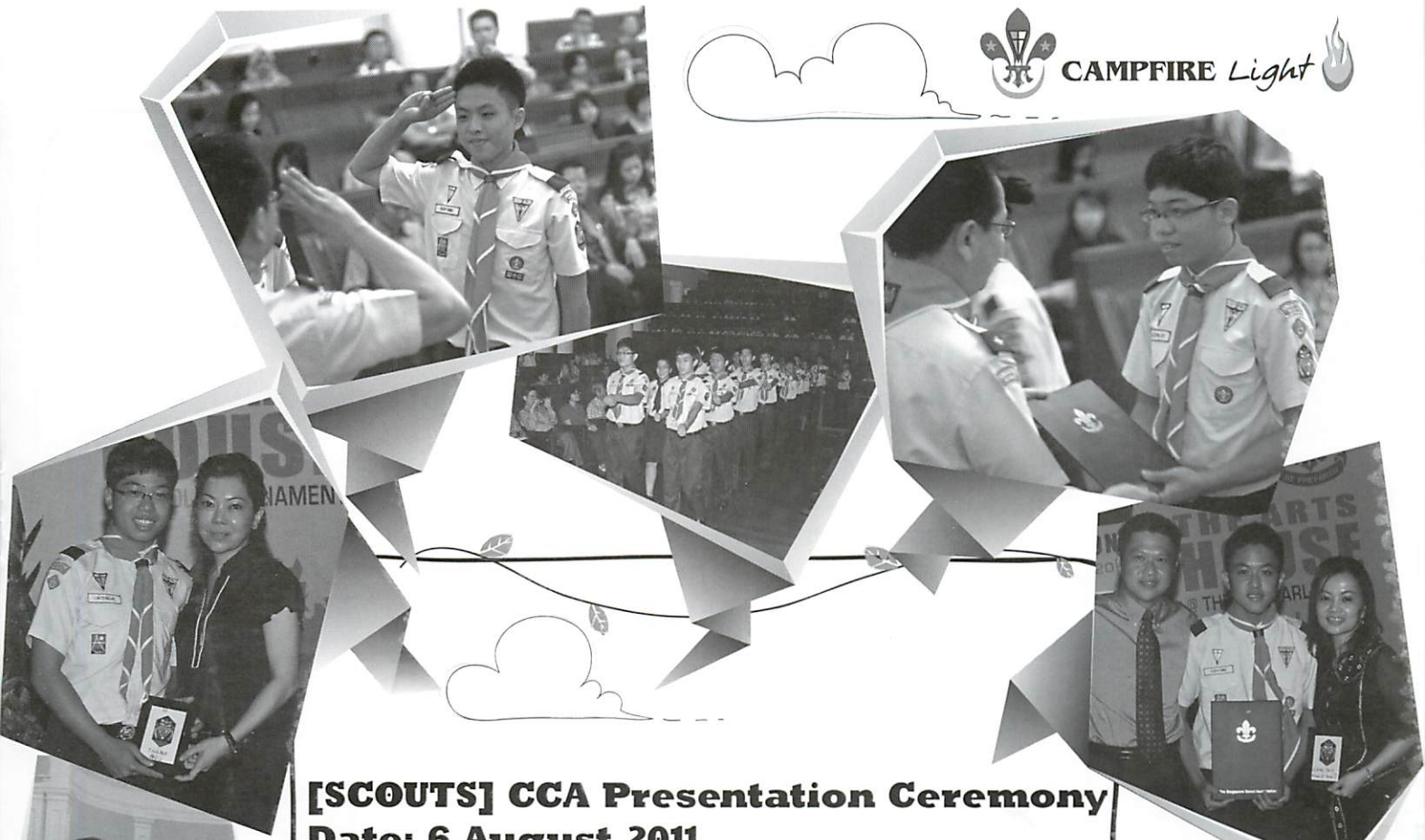


[SCOUTS] National Exploration Challenge Date: 30 July 2011

Venue: Marina Barrage

The National Exploration Challenge tested the scouts on their orienteering and Scout Lore knowledge. We sent in 5 teams and one team, comprising of Thaddus, Hao Wei, Kim Jin, Kenneth and Zheng Yi came in second place, just narrowly behind Raffles O2 Scout Group.





[SCOUTS] CCA Presentation Ceremony
Date: 6 August 2011
Venue: Old Parliament House

Two scouts from Catholic High were presented with the Chief Commissioner's Award. Pictures were taken to mark this day. Hopefully, the juniors will be inspired to attain this prestigious award and bring glory to the troop.

CCA awardees 2011- Lim Teng Jie
 Cody Ong

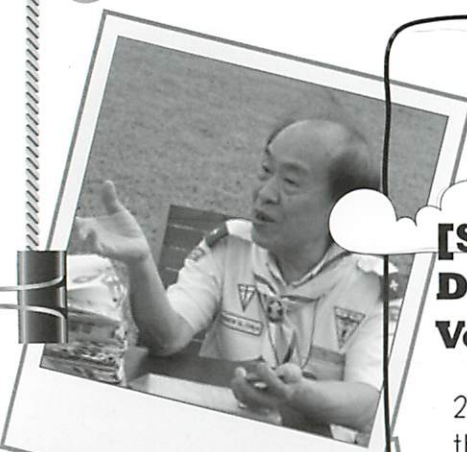


[SCOUTS] 63rd Anniversary Campfire

Date: 3 September 2011

Venue: Catholic High School

20 schools were invited to our 63rd anniversary campfire this year. The singing of campfire songs around the campfire, as well as games and performances by other troops left a lasting memory in our hearts, even after the campfire had ended.







[SCOUTS] Patrol Leaders Training Camp

Date: 6-8 September 2011

Venue: Catholic High School

4 schools from Ang Mo Kio District took part in the PLTC organized by Catholic High Scout Group. The camp allowed the scouts to learn new lessons on leadership and also forge new friendships with those from other troops. Brandon Koh was awarded 'Outstanding Camper' along with two others from Pierce Secondary.

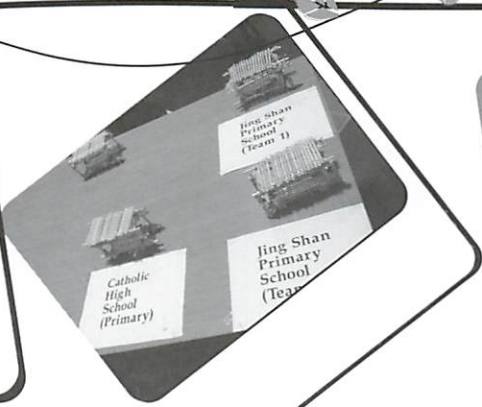


[SCOUTS] Mini Pioneering Competition

Date: 10 September 2011

Venue: Scout HQ MPH

Catholic High sent in two teams. Team 1, comprising of Tan Shiau, Benjamin Kwa and Lim Wen Feng clinched the first prize, making us the champions in this district event. Bishan Park Secondary and Pierce Secondary followed in second and third place respectively.

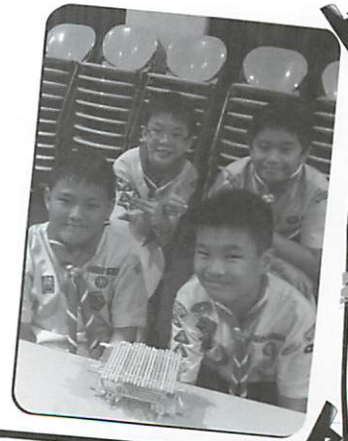


[CUB SCOUTS] Mini Pioneering Competition

Date: 10 September 2011

Venue: Scout HQ MPH

Four of our cubs, Tan De Rong, Chew Jin Xuan, Frederic Tan and Brendan Liew did our unit proud by clinching the first prize, making it a clean sweep by our unit in Ang Mo Kio District. Kudos to these 4 cubs...!

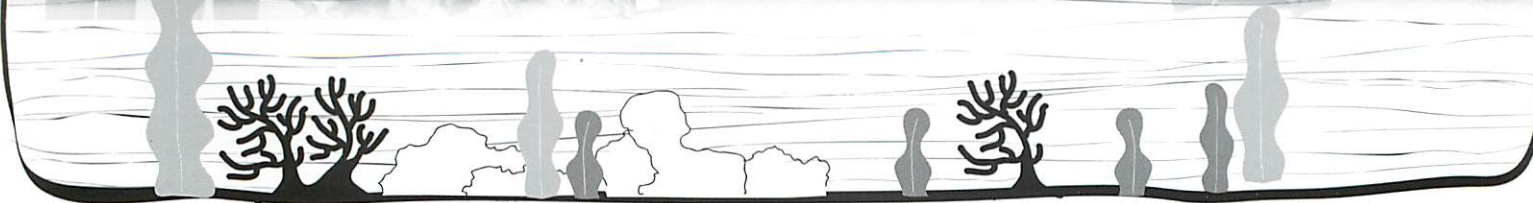


[SCOUTS] District Field Day

Date: 29 October 2011

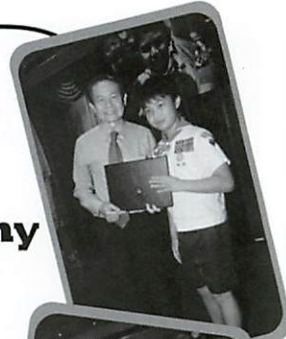
Venue: Pierce Secondary School

The 4 scout troops in the District participated in the 5 events. Our boys came in first in all 5 events, walking away with the Challenge Shield. The judges were the South Area Commissioner and leaders from all 4 participating units.



[CUB SCOUTS] Akela Award Ceremony
Date: 29 October 2011
Venue: Scout HQ MPH

Our cub scouts had 4 recipients for the Akela award, with 2 receiving it with Honours, namely Augustus Law and Mitchell Yap. 124 cubs from all over Singapore were presented with the award by the Area Commissioners present and Professor Leo Tan.





[SCOUTS] National Patrol Camp
Date: 24-28 November 2011
Venue: Sarimbun Camp

NPC 2011 was held at end November this year. After months of training, our team fought hard as defending champions, but lost the challenge shield to Victoria Arrow Scouts. But, we shall be back for the next NPC stronger than before and win back the challenge shield.



[VENTURE SCOUTS] PSA Presentation Ceremony

DATE: 9 December 2011

VENUE: The Istana



The President's Scout Award is the most prestigious award for the Venture Scout Section. A total of 18 guides and 10 scouts received the President's Guide Award and President's Scout Award respectively this year. The award was presented in the Istana by the President and Chief Scout, Dr Tony Tan.



PSA awardee 2011- Chua Seng Yew



The Catholic High Scouting days were undoubtedly one of the most interesting and memorable periods of my life. Many peers would certainly agree with me. When we meet, we would still often recall the numerous fun-filled, exhilarating, sometimes excruciating but often hilarious moments and challenges that we had been through together.

What comes to mind when the few of us think of our scouting days has to be the Ubin Camp in March; the annual 'tekan' camp which makes or breaks an individual. Getting stripped down to basic necessities, and being put through many gruelling challenges in those three to four days really revealed and polished up one's character. Camping meals were by themselves quite an experience. I remember that we use to eat bread that was really squashed up after being stuffed into the rucksack, and outdoor cooking was always a funny affair with leaves and other extra 'ingredients' somehow winding up in the food.

The many useful survivor skills like starting a fire with just wood, grass and 3 matches, tying various knots and having handy first aid knowledge will always stay with me. So too would the many lessons, values and good habits such as always being well-prepared, taking pride and being the best in whatever I did. The whole scouting journey forged strong friendships and instilled confidence, initiative, leadership and a 'Die die Can Do' attitude in all of us.

Ironically, when looking back, it was the toughest moments that you recall and laugh about the most. It was also these trying times that you cherished the most because you knew that you had rose up to the challenge, conquered it and emerged a strong person than before. All these experiences made our lives rich and eventful, and made us the better person that we are today.

These experiences were a real privilege and a treasure that many others will never have the opportunity to share in. For those in the scout group today, you should know this and cherish your time now. You should do your best to learn as much as possible and face all challenges with a positive attitude, knowing that you will only come out a tougher and more capable person. Try to view every challenge or tekan session (I know it's not easy) as a chance to train yourself; to develop your stamina and endurance, to cultivate your patience and tolerance, and to strengthen your determination and tenacity.

It is my wish that the Catholic High Scout Group will continue to be an enduring success so that many more can continue to experience its rich tradition and benefit from being part of it. May our scout group always remain strong, and our culture, virtues and values continue to thrive and flourish.

Ker Jyn
Eagle Patrol 1993-96



多个月前接到蔡三陵团长的来电，要我为这一期的《营火》提供一篇回忆录。起笔之际，我的思绪不得不回到1974到1979这六年间在2106公教中学童军团里与所有兄弟们度过的美好时光。老实说，回想起当时每一次的集合与个别的活动，都是不同的经历与体验，根本无法一一道来，只能略略与大家分享，其余有苦有乐的片段就让那年代的团友把时光倒流再回味一番吧！

这团部是由一群先辈亲手搭建起来的，别小看那幢小木屋，它可是五脏俱全！里头藏了几乎所有童军活动所需的配备，如斧头、锄头、汽灯、暴风灯、火水炉、巴冷刀、工具箱、绳箱及小队箱等等，可说是应有尽有！小木屋里的横梁与柱子上也挂了童军创办人贝登堡的肖像、童军铭言与誓约，值得一提的是木屋里头还有大伙最爱爬上去偷闲的“小二楼”！除此之外还有竖立于团部院内雕刻精致的图腾、木棍架和独具一格的六个小队角。

我和一群小六生在1973年底被“征召”；1974年开学后经过一连串的面试、迎新等活动后正式加入了童军团的老虎小队（TIGER PATROL）。与我同时被选进“虎O”的还有吴多谦、刘裕吉、马文权、林仲邦和卓可捷，队长是杨家铿。其他同届生则分别加入了PIGEON、EAGLE、CORRA、RHINO和WOLF小队。我在1976年也无端端的当上了TIGER的队长。

童军生活多姿多彩，从中我们学到了许多课本以外的知识，例如：绳结、急救、烹饪、步操、爬山涉水、领导才能以及如何安全和有效的运用各种工具和配备等等，当然更少不了大伙期待的VOJ、远足、露营、打野战和营火会，还有一年一度意义非凡的童军工作周。但最重要的还是培养了我们终生受益的自律、自信、不屈不挠和合作无间的团队精神。

露营期间我们三餐不缺，但质量不保，原因是材料由总营供应，各营的“佳肴”就得看命运咯！每一天的活动应该是从早晨的检查营地开始，之后则是紧凑的训练和竞技与趣味游戏，直到夜里熄灯，一天的疲劳轰炸才告“暂时”结束，接下来是轮流守夜。在那荒山野岭，夜黑风高的夜里要单独为自己的营地看守一个时辰，倒霉的话又碰上三急，如果没有几分胆识，要挨过那两小时简直是度时如年！

我们除了接受体能上的训练也不缺精神粮食，总营每天都会印刷营地报“号外”让我们阅读。这份报刊是在营地里撰稿编写的，必须将文章写在蓝色的蜡纸上，再以黑墨印刷出版，既费时又费力。一周的露营就在一场激烈的打野战和最后一夜欢歌笑语的营火会后落幕。那是一个极具意义又难忘的露营，难能可贵的是整个露营的运筹帷幄都是由一批非常热心、尽责的年轻团长、助理团长与教练们策划的。

在初院的两年里，我还是继续留在团部成为先进军并担任起助理团长的工作，除了例常活动外，为促进各团间的友谊，我们还成功举办了史丹佛区篮球和足球比赛。

六年的童军生涯，可说是我学生时代最爽、最快乐的日子。经历过太多太多回味无穷的人与事，兄弟们也建立了深厚的友谊。身为童军的我尽最大的努力完成了任务，也得到了荣誉，但不得不承认，最让我遗憾的是见证了曾经让七十年代几届童军兄弟留下无限回忆的滑铁卢街2106公教童军团走进历史！

藉此，我要向所有团长，助理团长，曾经一起度过美好时光的团友及陪我考完总统童军章的兄弟们表示衷心感谢！当然，还要向这几十年来不仅为我团也为新加坡童军活动作出无私奉献与服务的蔡三陵总团长致敬！并祝愿公教中学童军团与时俱进，继续将我团的优良传统发扬光大！

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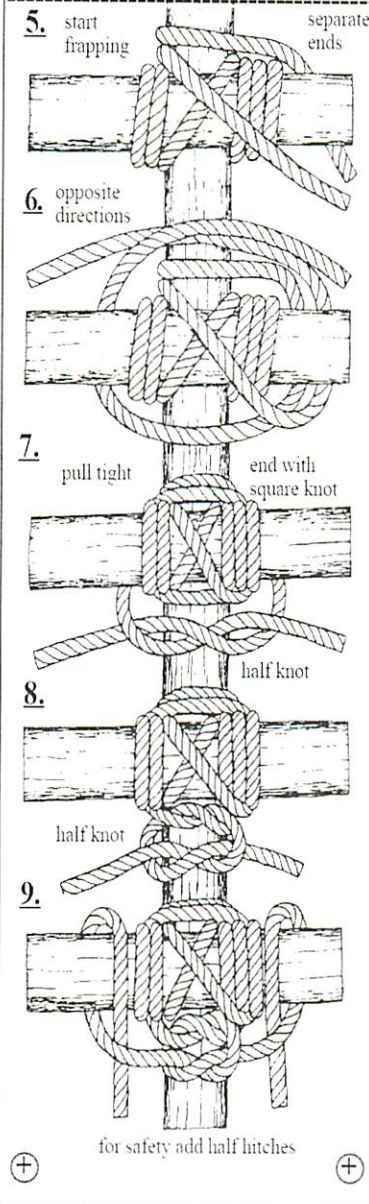
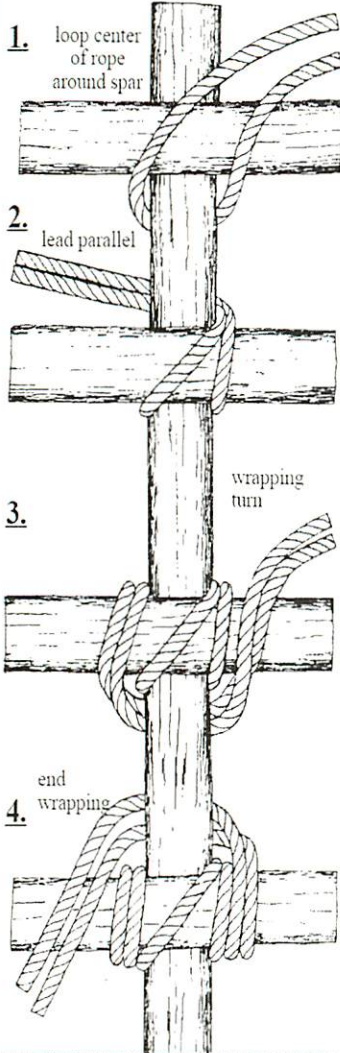
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FOO YONG JIN TIGER PATROL 1974-1977





JAPANESE SQUARE LASHING



Japanese Square Lashing

The Japanese Square Lashing's usage is the same as the basic square lashing. The main difference is in the way the lashing is started. First of all, the lashing is started by looping the center of the rope around the vertical beam so that it loops under the horizontal beam. Then, start the wrapping turns by going over the horizontal beam, behind the vertical, over the other side of the horizontal and again behind the vertical on the bottom part to complete one wrap. Do make sure that the wraps are 90 to the beams. After wrapping, start frapping by separating the strands so that one strand is above the horizontal beam and the other strand is below the horizontal beam. Frapping is done in opposite directions. Make at least two complete frapping turns and pull each turn tight as it is made. Finish the lashing with a reef knot behind the vertical beam by making a loop around the vertical with each end of the rope after frapping.

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