



Scouting beyond physical disabilities: Joytown School

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Joytown Secondary School in Thika, Kenya is a different kind of School. It caters for students with physical impairments. Among its co-curricular activities, it boasts of a Scout group with 62 members. The School motto 'Najimudu' (Swahili) ? which translates as 'I do my best' - corresponds with the fundamental principles of Scouting. It is little wonder thus Scouting is thriving in the institution.

Joytown Scout Group started in 1984 with a group of 15 boys. In 1992 a Girl Guide group was also launched. Until 2005, the two groups were run separately. But in 2006, they merged and registered as Scouts.

In 2006 they participated in the launch of the Africa Scout Report at the Regional Office. They have participated in many other Scout events at the district, provincial and national level.

Among some of the projects Scouts are running, in a bid to contribute to environment conservation, they make briquettes (or coal cakes) from waste paper, dried leaves or sawdust. These briquettes are used as fuel.

Early this year the Africa Regional Office visited the school and donated Scout uniform.

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