



Mauritius: 100-hour walk for a 100 years of Scouting!

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With the aim of commemorating a 100 years of world Scouting, a team of Scouts from Mauritius, St Jean, Quatre Bornes conducted an expedition of 100 hours ? to symbolize the 100 years of the movement ? from 16 to 19 april 2007, covering the distance of Alexandra Falls, Bel Ombre and La Prairie.

The party assembled at 7.45 am at the Quatre Bornes bus station on Monday 16th April for the great adventure. In the company of their Troop Leader Alexandre, 4 girls and 9 boys (Anais, Judith, Valène, Gaele, Vincent, Jeanluc, Steven, Damien, Frédéric, Denver and Jean Patrice) boarded a bus, destination: Case Noyale where the Alexandra Falls-bound walk kicked-off. On the way, everyone had their role to play within the group and they were mutually supportive so as to make the journey less grueling. Despite difficulties: equipment heaviness and the long distance, they made it to their

first destination at about 3.00 pm. After erecting their tents, boys played soccer while girls chatted among themselves. The bath in the Alexandra waterfalls was well appreciated by boys while monkeys amazed Frédéric and Sébastien. At nightfall, they had a deep sleep. The following day, they took a path through the Bel Ombre forest, destination: a coastal village. The course was interesting since almost everybody had slips and slides thanks to the slippery mud. Upon arrival at Bel Ombre, after erecting the tents, boys from the village invited them for a soccer match on the beach. They later had a starry night. Wednesday morning, after breakfast, they strode towards La Prairie, via a small village called St Martin and another one known as Macondé, the sun blazing straight down. In La Prairie, they prepared a succulent breakfast and afterwards they took a well deserved siesta in order to unwind, in readiness for their last night. Thursday morning, the idea of going back home made all of them a bit sad, but satisfied for having completed their « good turn » for the Centenary. At the outset, their main objective was to complete the 100-hour walk, but in the end they also got improve their team work spirit and to know each other better, most importantly, they met their target.