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# Scout troops leave a mark in Mahikeng

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MORE than 80 scout troops from the United Kingdom, Swaziland and North West recently gathered for the annual South African Scouts Expedition (Sase) that ended with the launch of a rover crew at the North West University (NWU) Mafikeng campus.

Sase seeks to promote scouting and teach life skills to help youth develop both their moral compass as upcoming citizens in their respective communities and educate them on the importance of respecting one's environment.

University communications officer Pheny Mokgothu said spending a day with the scouts gave young people an understanding on the meaning of discipline.

"Loyalty, discipline and a sense of selflessness found in community outreach programmes are some of the attributes at the heart of a true scout.

"The NWU rover crew gained a lot as they joined the scouts in helping to

uplift communities."

Tiro Matshane, leader of the NWU rover crew, said they shared a lot with their international visitors on their knowledge of indigenous custom and took the visiting scouts to historical monuments in Mahikeng.

The scouts also met campus rector Prof Mashudu Maselesele and other high-profile people in Mahikeng, like Barolong Bo Ratshidi paramount chief Jeffrey Montshioa.

Addressing the scouts, Chief Montshioa said: "We are happy to see you in our town and let me tell you that scouts played a role during the Anglo-Boer War which resulted in the British victory and the famous siege of Mahikeng. In a way, the development helped in the preservation of the Barolong Bo Ratshidi nation's culture."

He added that scouting taught young people to follow the positive values of society.

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**DEVELOPING MORAL COMPASS:** Some of the scouts with North West University rector Prof Mashudu Maselesele, front left.