

SONOP FUN DAY

15th December 2023

UJN had its children/ family day on 15 December at the Sonop caravan park in Benoni

UJN was joined by members of Ulysses JHB East and Far East

Michelle kindly recorded the events of the day

With 21 bikes, 4 limousines, 1 jumping castle and countless volunteers, hand in hand with Hanna Charity, the Sonop fun day was a successful and joyful day for all.

Starting out, the volunteers arrived early to set up gazebos, activity and food tables, and cooking areas. Special mention to Steve and Cherylee (for all the pre-prep work, and on-site organization), Jan's and Irena's kids, with Rainer's daughter (for assisting in all setup activities), Sharon, Trina, Michelle, Tony and another lady for cutting all the hot dog rolls and preparing the food.

The Sonop community started to arrive and set themselves up for the 'show' and the bikes and Limos started to arrive. The kids just loved the bike rides (thanks again to Sharon and Irena for teaching the kids how to put on their helmets and get onto the bikes) – and to all the bikers taking kids for the rides. Jan, Rainer and Adie were out on their bikes and the rides just kept on going. A special thank you to Andrew ("I just can't say no"), Willem, Hennie and Mike for continuing the rides even as everybody was packing up. Hennie had just come in and was getting ready to take a break, as one little girl got off, before you could say "Jack Robinson" another little girl was already on the back of his bike and he went out again. Irena's comment was "this is a successful day as no one got burnt with a bike exhaust!".

The kids just loved the cupcake decorating and this was a huge success. Some cupcakes were overdecorated with all the yummy goodies. One father was left standing with 2 cupcakes, 2 cooldrinks and trying to take photos as his kids went for a limousine ride! (no eating in the limo).

In the meantime, the limos were full on countless trips, providing a new and wonderful experience for kids, and adults alike, that may never have this opportunity in their lives again. Thanks Johnny!

The jumping castle was a huge success and continuously in use throughout the day. Again, thanks Johnny!

John also made some toys on his 3D printer and will be given to the children at the pre-school in the new year

At lunch time, (thanks to Des for cooking the viennas), with Len and Jimi at the start of the queue with serviettes and rolls, Sharon handing out viennas, everybody received their hotdogs and cooldrinks, with Irena saying, "now this is a good breakfast!").

And lastly, a Spa gift voucher sponsored by Len, was presented to Anne-Marie (the schoolteacher) as a gift from her wish-list. Thanks Len!

Thanks to everybody for participating and making it an enjoyable day for Sonop residents, Ulysses members and families alike. Everybody felt it was a tremendous success.



Joburg North, Joburg East and Far East with the staff of Sonop



Bikes gathering before the ride in



Limo's: Porsche and 2 Bentleys



Hummer Limo



Where it all happened



Andrew taking Ouma for a ride on a BMW – had been her dream



Mike with pax



Julian Helping a young lady with Tomato sauce



Happy passengers in a Limo



Time for liquid refreshment



Fun on the jumping castle





Pete and Len wrapping the rolls with Tony supervising in the background



Sharon serving the sausages



Happy passenger



Making his mask



Helpers from Far East



Cupcake toppings



Len and Jimi eagerly awaiting the onslaught



Mike with another happy pax



Budding cupcake artist



Des and Michele having a breather



President Jan with main organiser Anne - Marie