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Timbavati Foundation Newsletter May 2013



Welcome to our May 2013 Ecoletter

Welcome to the new Timbavati Foundation Newsletter! At the foundation, we are focused on moving forward and improving all aspects of our organisation so that we can continue to grow our support for our local community and the various projects we are involved with.

As such, we have redesigned our newsletter layout so that you can better access our news, hear about what we are doing and find out how you too can get involved.

Enjoy!

Charles De Villiers
Timbavati Foundation Chairman

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TOP STORY

Winning School's trip to the Kruger National Park

The Timbavati Foundation offers the opportunity for a group of 8 learners, together with a dedicated teacher, to visit the Bush School for 3 nights to receive experiential training. A total of 29 Secondary Schools and 10 Primary Schools are involved in this project.

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Yellow Elephant School Project, Acornhoek



Two women, who did not know each other, from two different cultures, had the same wish: to reach out to teenage orphans in the rural areas. Luckily, the women met coincidentally. This happened five years ago, when Magda Buining and Mesia Ndhlovu started a pilot scheme with 14 orphans during the school holidays.

Their main goal was to provide extra education for the orphans in a wide range of subjects with a focus on future employment. Now, more than ever, they are focusing on providing an English education programme to enable the community to find jobs and improve their lives.

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Winning Student's poem - To Students at the Bush School

In the midst of difficulty lies opportunity People miss out on opportunities because Opportunities often seem like hard work.

Never listen to people who have negative Thoughts and don't be discouraged by others If you want to do something for yourself or Community, such negative people usually Don't even have the courage to pursue their Own dreams.

Reward yourself because opportunity breeds Success.

We all have dreams but not all of us get the Chance to achieve our goals. When you plan Your future, do not expect somebody else to Make your dreams come true. Do something About it now, because you do not know what Tomorrow will bring.

Dineo C Chiloane

Students to SA College for Tourism



Two of our Bush School students were selected to attend a 1 year training course at the SA College for Tourism in Graaff-Reinet. The Timbavati Foundation identifies a select group of students that attended the Bush School during the year for interviews, and selects two suitable candidates for the 2013 year.

It was with great excitement that our two students boarded the bus on the 20th of January 2013. They will be returning in November this year. Both our students were unemployed and did not have any funding for further studies so this presents an exceptional opportunity for them.

The college bursary covers their accommodation, meals, learning material, class fees, hand outs, training uniform and scheduled excursions for the academic year. The SACT offers a training program consisting of skills development courses in tourism, hospitality & sport education and training authority (THETA).

These courses are:

- Assistant Chef
- Assistant Housekeeper
- Receptionist
- Table Assistant

The SA College of Tourism is the brainchild of the late Dr Anton Rupert, renowned financier and philanthropist, founder of the World-Wide Fund for Nature (SA) and of the Peace Park Foundation. The college is situated on Magazine Hill on 4 hectares of land overlooking Graaff-Reinet and bordering the Camdeboo National Park.

The Appointment of Environmental Monitors



Marshine Makutu, Bongani Mgwena and Vukosi Ndlovu

Marshine Makutu and Vukosi Ndlovu attended the Bush School and received bursaries at the Southern African Wildlife College to further their studies in environmental education. The Timbavati Foundation would like to congratulate both of them.

The Environmental Monitors

Our strategy is to guide the activities of Environmental Monitors (EMs) employed under the DEA "Environmental Monitors" programme, in collaboration with SANParks. The goal is for EM to collect data for a core set of variables at each location where they are based.

Data collectors will then capture this data in a centralised database, allowing for analysis of trends for a wide range of environmental variables, for a variety of land use types throughout the Kruger-To-Canyons Biosphere Region. We wish them good luck with the new challenges they will be facing.

Disbursements made for the year 2012

Phelwana Clinic Hoedspruit Training Trust	R 30 000,00
African Global Network (Healing Hearts)	R 19 800,00
Sokisi Enviro Building School Project	R 84 675,32
Netted garden Projects x 4	R 21 000,00
SAWC Bursaries	R 30 000,00
Other	R 17 490,66
TOTAL	R 202 965,98

Future involvement of Tanda Tula

As part of their social responsibility, Tanda Tula will be promoting and arranging special trips to the Bush School and the Timbavati Museum, with all proceeds going to the Timbavati Foundation.

Such visits would take place between game drives and when the learners are in location. Visit www.tandatula.com for more information.

In other news



One of the chalets at the Timbavati Bush School sadly burnt down on the 1st of March due to lightning.

A few thoughts from the staff of the Bush School

It is with great sadness that we write this piece for our newsletter. We focus on teaching our students about Rhino poaching, which has resulted in a strong awareness amongst them. The reality however is that such inhumane killings are mostly orchestrated by professionals from other countries.

We first teach the students about the importance of tourism for our country and that this creates jobs. We then discuss the result of poaching, for example Rhino, and what impact this has on our economy. A key message is that tourist numbers will ultimately decline and job losses will increase. The end result of course is an increase in unemployment which may lead to an increase in crime. It is a vicious circle.

We also try to make them aware of their local communities. We urge them to report people to the police if they suddenly appear to have a lot of money.

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