Makanyane Volunteers

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Makanyane Volunteers are non profit organisation who dedicates their time and effort over certain weekends to the North West Parks and Tourism Board. We help the Pilanesberg National Park with general maintenance and up keep of their facilities. Duties include bush clearing, painting, fence maintenance and installation of water systems at the various picnic sites and hides.

Our mission is, to help the Northwest Park and Tourism board in its conservation of wild plants, animals and landscapes for the benefit of the people who have interest in the environments and wildlife and appreciate more the “wide open spaces”.

Work Parties are a way in which our Volunteers interact with the enviroment on a more personal basis.

Our Work Party weekends are held once a month in Pilanesberg. They are a fun way to spend a weekend out in the bushveld. We utilize your skills in woodworking, brick lying; cement mixing, painting and digging!

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors, loads of laughs, practical DIY work and who has an appreciation of nature would certainly want to come along!

Spending leisure time in the bushveld with people sharing your same interests in wildlife and an opportunity to make a meaningful contribution to conservation, you will also increase your knowledge of the bushveld.

Funds collected by M/V are used for tools, equipment and paint. Without these tools, we could not accomplish what we do in the park.

If you have the same interests in Wildlife as we do, join

WHAT TO BRING FOR THE WORK PARTY WEEKEND & PROCEDURES

* Camping equipment( tent, chairs, bedding, gaslights)
* Gloves
* Torch
* 1 bdl. of wood or 1 bag of charcoal
* Food & drinks
* 5 Ltr. Water for cooking and drinking

Any **GREEN top** (shirt, blouse, golf shirt, t-shirt) for working in is requires during the actual work on Saturday. You can bring any clothing you wish but we recommend old clothes

You are spending 2 nights in the park and basic camp- gear is required.

A communal campfire is made on Saturday night.

If we are staying in a camp in the park no fires other than the main campfire are allowed because of the threat of fire spreading into the bush.

Arrive Friday afternoon and relax.

Saturday morning the wake-up call is quiet early, especially in summer, and then you make your way to the work area.

Saturday afternoon ---relax, enjoy the game viewing and. The rest of the weekend is up to you to enjoy.

Make sure you back in camp by gate closing time

Sunday - if we are not staying in MANYANE and we are in another camp you required to have left the camp by 1 pm.

To get into the park you have to enter at “BOSELE BOOM”.

The staff will give you a sign-in form to sign and you will get a Gate-Pass (MAKANYANE VOLUNTEER CARD) with a number on it. Make sure you get the card with the number according to the sign-in form. It will be your pass to go in and out at all the gates of the park for the weekend.

Please return the card by 2 pm on Sunday to the “BOSELE BOOM” staff where you collected it on Friday.

The fee for the weekend will be R 100.00 per person.

When you bring a child with remember that that child is your responsibility.

We have venomous snakes ---please bring sturdy shoes.

It is also advisable to have a tetanus injection when you work in the bush.

Cut off day for bookings to Work parties is always the Wednesday before the Work Party weekend.

**Gate times at Pilanesberg National Park :**

Summer November February :05:30 – 19:00

March April :06:00 – 18:30

Winter May August :06:30 – 18:00

September October :06:00 – 18:30

Please ensure that you are back through the Bosele Boom (Gate) by close time.

For further information please call Ed or Jacquie on home 011 822-5198

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You can also e-mail us at [edlemke@mweb.co.za](mailto:edlemke@mweb.co.za)

Please visit our website to see our photo gallery and to read more about our activities or contact myself for more information.

[www.makanyane.org.za](http://www.makanyane.org.za)

To this end, we are appealing to any company who could and would like to help us with tools or funds to buy tools.

Our banking details are:

ABSA

Makanyane Volunteers

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Branch code 632005

Or 630642

Yours Faithfully

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