



**DAKTARI**  
BUSH SCHOOL & WILDLIFE ORPHANAGE  
saving our environment through education

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# DAKTARI Bush School & Wildlife Orphanage

*The mission of DAKTARI is to educate and inspire the local children to value their environment and stimulate community development through the medium of a wildlife orphanage.*

*We are based in the Limpopo Province of South Africa near the famous Kruger National Park. DAKTARI believes that conservation based educational programs are a key pro-active method to ensure the survival of all wildlife species and the preservation of natural habitats and the environment.*

*Through this we aim to:*

- *Create awareness regarding the protection of the environment and combat environmental degradation*
- *Highlight the importance of wildlife and combat wildlife crime*
- *Inspire the next generation of decision-makers to care for their natural heritage*
- *Create awareness about career and employment opportunities within the conservation and tourism industry, thus breaking the cycle of poverty*
- *Provide a lifelong home for injured animals that cannot be rehabilitated and temporary care for animals that can be released.*
- *Engage with communities to keep the environment healthy.*

*This is achieved in a variety of ways:*

## *The Environmental Education Program aims to:*

- *Provide supplementary on site environmental and life skills education to 320 Grade 8 learners per year, all coming from marginalized communities within the catchment areas known as the Oaks, Turkey and Finale.*
- *Welcome 8 children per week to the DAKTARI campsite. During the week-long stay the children participate in numerous activities aimed at increasing their knowledge of the environment.*
- *The curriculum includes (but is not limited to) lessons on the environment, wildlife crime, animal knowledge and tracks, public speaking, leadership skills and career guidance.*
- *Provide children with the passion, knowledge and confidence to protect animals and habitats around them.*
- *Keep class sizes small giving individual attention to each child.*
- *Provide career guidance to the children in respect of possible employment opportunities within conservation industry*
- *Monitor impact by means of an award ceremony at the end of the week where the children present their learning and achievements to an audience of peers, tutors and staff of DAKTARI*



## Timeable & Lessons

MONDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee
7:30	Dog Walk
7:45	Animal care
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	Intro/Tours/Rules
10:45	Survey - Part 1
11:30	Politeness
12:30	Lunch (LIONS)
13:00	Free time/Swimming
14:00	Leadership Skills
14:30	Animals tracks & Signs
15:30	Refreshments
16:00	The importance of vultures
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:30	Public Speaking Skills
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:30	Pictionary
20:30	Bed Time

TUESDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:30	Dog Walk
7:45	Animal care
8:00	Breakfast
9:00	Career guidance
10:00	Game Reserve Visit
12:30	Lunch (LEOPARDS)
14:00	<b>Eco Club</b>
14:00	Animal Knowledge
15:00	Refreshments
15:30	Wildlife crime
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:30	Drawing my future (Art Lesson)
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:30	Night Safari
20:00	Fun games
20:45	Sound of nature
21:00	Bedtime

WEDNESDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:30	Dog Walk
7:45	Animal care
8:30	Breakfast
9:00	The Environment
11:00	Plastics & Environment
11:30	Knowledge hunt
12:30	Lunch (LIONS)
15:00	Refreshments
15:15	Sport time
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:30	Social Talk - Substance Abuse
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:15	Wildlife documentary (Movie Night)
21:00	Bed Time

THURSDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:30	Dog Walk
7:30	Animal care
8:30	Breakfast
9:30	Bush Walk
11:30	Career guidance follow-up
12:30	Lunch (LEOPARDS)
13:00	Free time/Swimming Lesson
14:00	<b>Eco-club</b>
14:00	Making SA a Better Place
15:00	Refreshments
15:30	Students presentation
16:30	Animal care
17:00	Shower Duty
17:00	Fire Builder
17:30	Social Talk - Safe Sex
18:30	Dinner / Clean up
19:30	Bonfire
21:00	Bed Time

FRIDAY	
Time	Activity
7:00	Tea/Coffee and Room inspection
7:10	Dog Walk
7:30	Breakfast
8:00	Animal care
9:00	Survey - Part 2
9:45	Waste Collection/Camp Clean
10:00	Book Coloring & Volunteer Meeting
10:30	Presentation rehearsal
11:00	Award ceremony
11:30	Students depart
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Big Clean
16:30	Animal care

SATURDAY	
	Animal care at 7AM
	Breakfast at 8AM
	Leaving for Town at 8:30AM

SUNDAY	
	<i>YOUR DAY OFF</i>
	Brunch at 10AM
	Pancakes at 1PM



## The Wildlife Orphanage:

- Provides a safe and comfortable home for orphan and injured animals.
- Homes almost 40 animals consisting of 15 different species.
- Enriches animals by means of daily nurturing, providing nutritious meals as required per species and general welfare and healthcare of each animal
- Allows for local communities and children to develop compassion and care for our precious wildlife and natural habitats.
- Educating the communities on how to understand and prevent human/wildlife conflict
- Encourages communities to contact DAKTARI when they find animals either neglected, injured or in need of care and fostering.



## The Community Outreach program:

### Eco-Club

- Runs in 6 x 4 weeks cycles where 30 students per cycle attend lessons after school twice per week
- Eco-Club reinforces the concepts taught at DAKTARI and fosters the students' interest in protecting their natural habitats
- Lessons are engaging and interactive and include: wildlife crime (anti-poaching), waste management, eco-systems, biodiversity loss (environmental preservation). In addition, we teach basic life skills coaching such as time management, organizational skills and basic social and people skills.
- Lessons include healthy debates amongst the children, delivery of presentations and encouraging the children to be confident enough to inspire peers and elders alike to preserve their natural resources.
- An awards ceremony with parent's teachers and municipal councillors is held at the end of each cycle. This is done to honor and acknowledge the achievements of the children.
- 120 children are attending our Eco club per year, from 2 different schools.

## Outreach Campaigning

- *Raises awareness about environmental issues in 6 additional schools*
- *3 lessons are delivered to approximately 200 children per year: Wildlife crime, waste management, Making SA and the world a better place*
- *Reaches a wider audience of students from the surrounding villages where poaching and environmental degradation is still a big issue.*

## Youth Development / Yes4Youth Program

- *Aims to increase the opportunity to gain meaningful permanent employment for the youth*
- *Provides 8 unemployed youth with 12 months of remunerated work experience at DAKTARI*
- *Focuses on time management, customer relations, organizational skills, basic business etiquette and social and life skill development*
- *The valuable work experiences enhance the interns Curriculum Vitae*
- *DAKTARI supports the interns upon completion by means of letters of reference*



*Outreach campaign*