

# AKLOWAH

*(Village)*

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**B.A.S.I.C.S**

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# OVERVIEW

B.A.S.I.C.S INTERNATIONAL is a global community based intervention program, promoting literacy, economic empowerment, health, wellness and social inclusion.

Providing BASIC tools for self sustainability.

Since the year 2000, B.A.S.I.C.S International has impacted over 300,000 individuals through community outreach, provided nearly 3000 educational sponsorships of which 1200 were provided to the girl child. We have provided shelter to over 27 at risk girls and made it possible for 5 (and counting) university graduates. We have opened our doors to over 1000 volunteers that represent 21 countries and provided two fully funded Fellowships to U.S.A University graduates.

B.A.S.I.C.S International provides economic development, economic freedom through our social enterprise program; **#IAM HEDZOLE** (freedom) to women and families. Out of school (high school graduates or school dropouts) are provided skill training in sewing, quilting, screen printing and business management. Participants earn an income to be self sufficient through items they design and produce.

# AKLOWAH *(Village)*

AKLOWAH - meaning Village in 'Ga' (The local dialect spoken from the majority of children B.A.S.I.C.S directly supports) is a fresh-air sleepaway camp situated on eight acres of land that opens up a new world for urban youth. During long school breaks and holidays, the camp will become their home away from home.

It is an eco-friendly serene, refreshing and welcoming environment for up to 150 children at any one time and serving thousand yearly to have an experience of a lifetime - away from their overcrowded home community, that fails to offer sufficient recreational and development learning opportunities.

We believe kids who travel at a young age grow up to appreciate different places and cultures. The same is true for spending time in the outdoors in nature conservation programs: kids gain an understanding of ecology and green living they can carry into adulthood.

It will be Ghana's first and only true sleepaway (resident) camp, exposing children to nature, wholesome activities, new skills and opportunities for their wellbeing to flourish.



# IMPACT

For the past 20 years BASICS mission to provide educational support to boys and girls, with the mission to ensure children receive the best chance and opportunity to have a bright future.

Unfortunately, too often this dream is shattered, but family or peer pressure is placed on children when they are not in school.

Peer pressure leads to boys getting involved in drug use, criminal activities or lack of interest in school. Girls in Chorkor equally experience this peer pressure, but also received pressure from family, community and predators; and are victims of child labor, sexual exploitation and teenage pregnancy.

All of these equally play a major role in children dropping out school, and therefore shattering their dream and our mission to a brighter future.

CAMP AKLOWAH gives each child the opportunity and space to continue their dreams, aspirations and plans of being future leader of Ghana.

# AKLOWAH

*(Village)*

It takes a village to raise a child is an African proverb that means that an entire community of **people** must interact with **children** for those **children** to experience and grow in a safe and healthy environment.



# CARRYING THE BASICS TRADITION to the VILLAGE\_AKLOWAH



MUSIC LESSONS



MEDITATION



DANCE CLASSES



FILM MAKING



CHESS

B.A.S.I.C.S International endeavours and plans to not only support the local community of Chorkor but will now expand its outreach by employing locals from the region including, Counselors, Facilitators, camp leaders, security, cooks and groundskeepers.

The Camp buildings will include:

- Main House (8 bedroom ensuite)  
Open Plan Hall/ Kitchen
- Built Pitches
- Green Spaces
- Open Air Sheds
- Dormitories ( boys/ girls) w/ bath/ toilets with attached chaperone dorm
- Multi- Purpose Pavilion
- Kitchen and Store room
- Caretaker house ( 2 bedroom)

The AKLOWAH experience will continue, with excursions to;

- A nature trail
- Experiential garden
- Curated mini-arboretum with a variety of local plant life useful for food, health, spices with an education and history component
- Sporting grounds, including; a soccer pitch, basketball courts, skateboard ramps and a tennis court

AKLOWAH will be open to the public (off season) allowing an array of opportunities for B.A.S.I.C.S and AKLOWAH to stay self sufficient through offering;

- Glamping
- Private / Public school and university camp bookings
- Weddings, Conferences and Events

# AKLOWAH (*Village*) OFFERS participants

## **Built Pitches and sporting courts for organized and informal play:**

1. Soccer Pitch
2. Swimming Pool 25m
3. SkateBoard/ Roller Skating, Cycling
4. Basketball Court
5. Tennis Court
6. Exercise / Playground rides are on a sand plot.  
(featuring calisthenics, bars and pulls, resistance gear)

## **Green Spaces are dispersed around the grounds:**

7. Experiential Garden Area
8. Arboretum ( a variety of remarkably useful and interesting trees, shrubs and plant life are assembled for study and wonderment)
9. Nature Walk A wandering walking/jogging path
10. Environmental ( recycling , bio-gas, solar )
11. Astronomy: Scientifically studying the wonders of the Universe

## **Multi Purpose Pavillon (to accommodate 150)**

12. Dining, Assembly Hall, Dance Studio, Movie and Theatre room

## **13. 5 - 7 Open Air Covered Learning spaces (accommodate 20pp)**

- Vocational Training. (sewing, textile design , quilting, screen printing, carpentry)
- STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math)
- Chess
- Photography and Filmmaking
- Life Skills / Soft Skills:
- Music Studio

## **14. Dormitories (to accommodate 160)**

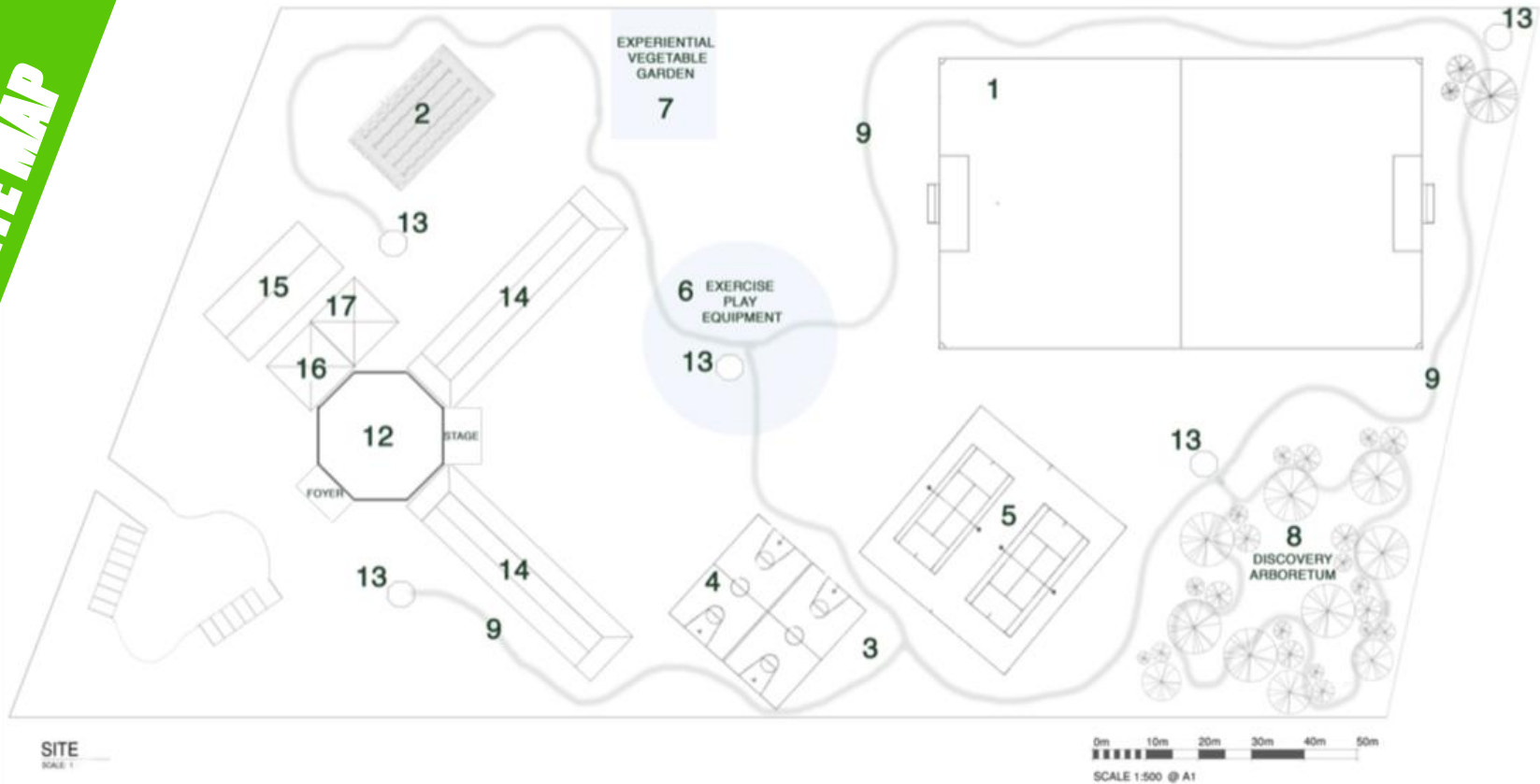
## **15. Executive Quarters (8 bedrooms Ensuite)**

## **16. Commercial Kitchen / Storeroom**

## **17. Caretaker Quarters (2 bedroom)**

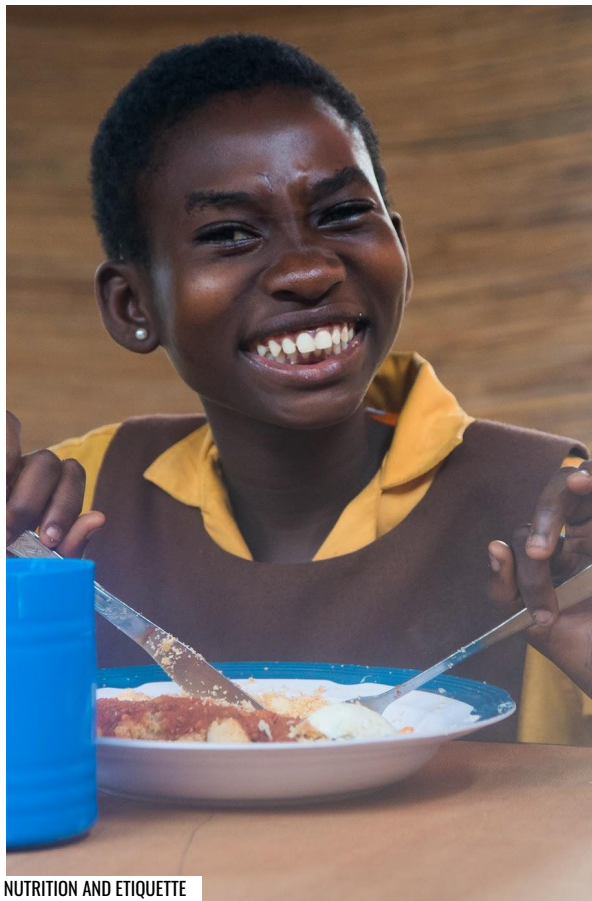


# PROPOSED SITE MAP





CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



NUTRITION AND ETIQUETTE



HAIR CARE COURSES



THEATRE STUDIES



SKATEBOARDING



E-LEARNING



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



SCREEN PRINTING



LIBRARY



SEWING

# THE REGION

AKLOWAH is located in the Shai Osudoku a district in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, less than a 2 hour drive from Accra.

Located 95 km out of Accra, Shai Osudoku is a small town bounded by beautiful mountains and known for sugar plantation and rice farms.

Situated on beautiful nestled farmland just 15 km from the Shai Hill Game Resource Reserve; where visitors can enjoy wildlife of 31 species of mammals and over 150 bird species.

The surrounding community of Shai Osudoku has outcrops of hills. AKLOWAH is just 45 km (30 min) from Akosombo Dam giving all visitors access to the Volta River, Ghana's greatest waterfall and the nations highest point Mount Afadjato.



# TIMELINE



Funds Raised



Build Commences



Build Completed



Furnishings, Grounds,  
Garden's and  
surroundings is  
complete



Soft Opening



Full Opening



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

# ACCOMODATION

The foundation and backbone of AKLOWAH, bringing to life the necessary structures to allow children to visit and flourish whilst staying at the camp. The camp home facilities will be named after you and your organization.

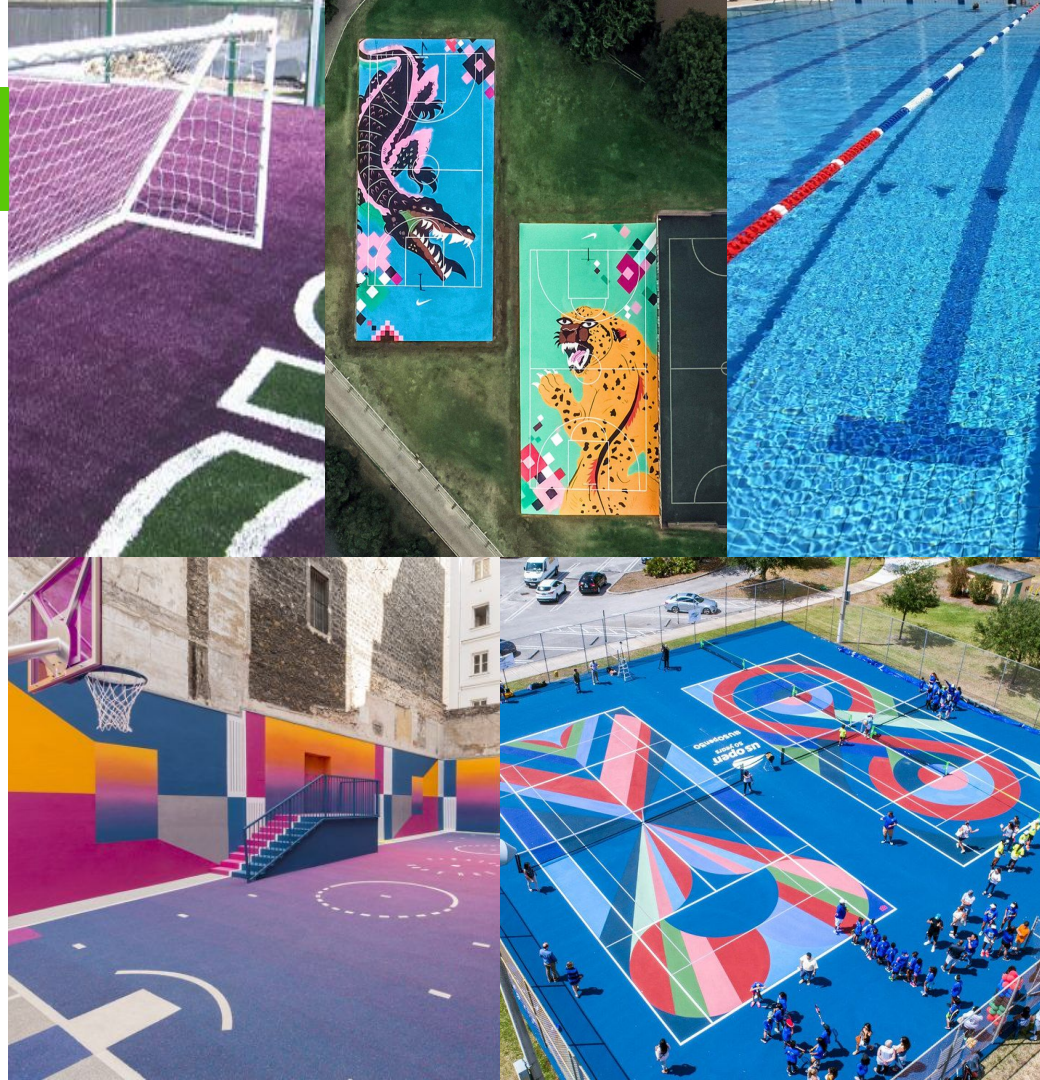
- Boy Dormitory
- Girl Dormitory
- Staff Quarters
- Main House
- Theatre
- Computer and recreational classrooms



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Building all sporting facilities, ensuring physical wellbeing is at the forefront of every visitors stay at AKLOWAH.

- Soccer Pitch
- Basketball Courts
- Tennis Courts
- Swimming Pool
- Skate Ramp





# HORTICULTURE, AGRICULTURE & NUTRITION

This Paddock to Plate initiative is the emphasis of sustainability. All fresh produce on any visitors plate, will come from our very own paddock.

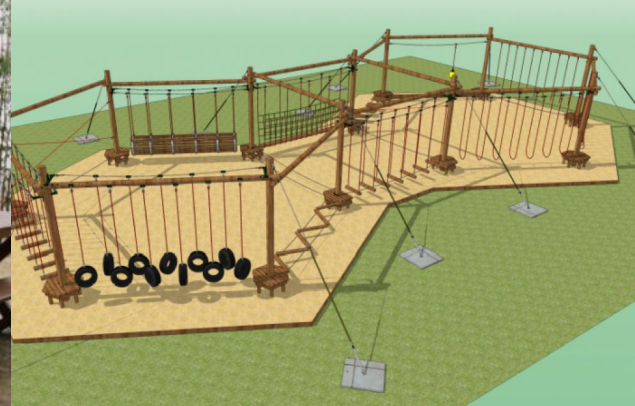
- Fresh produce gardens
- Livestock and sheds
- State of the art commercial kitchen
- Kitchen equipment



# THE GROUNDS

Most children at BASICS have been brought up and lived their whole lives in a seaside town (Chorkor) just outside of Accra. Bringing them to AKLOWAH to explore, discover and embrace local flora and fauna in and around the grounds will open up a new world allowing their imaginations to expand.

- Arboretum
- Landscaping
- Camp Fire pit
- Water ponds
- Obstacle course
- Outdoor shared eating space



# NECESSITIES

A camp like AKLOWAH is not sustainable without the ability of keeping the lights on and everyone moving.

Bronze donations contribute to;

- Solar Power installation
- Septic Tank installation
- Exercise equipment
- Outdoor Toilets blocks
- Outdoor Shower blocks
- Bore Holes x 8





**WHAT'S NEXT**

# WHO CAN GET INVOLVED?

B.A.S.I.C.S International has always prided itself in offering organisations and business' the opportunity to enhance society and the environment through;

## **C.S.R (Corporate Social Responsibility)**

- Private Organizations
- Public Listed Organizations

## **Philanthropic Organizations:**

- Sororities and Fraternities
- Public and Private charities
- Schools and Universities

## **Faith Based Organizations**

### **Individuals**

- Families
- Co- workers

### **Endowment**

- Make a donation in memory of a loved one

**CONTACT US**

If you have questions or would like additional information please contact your B.A.S.I.C.S International lead.

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**THANK YOU**

