

Winterskool 2017



Just as one swallow does not make a summer, it also doesn't take one man to present a Junior Winter Hunting School. Special thanks to Wilma Fritz, Chris Bothma, Gawie de Wit, David Knight en Johan Erasmus.

Thanks to De Beers, we could make use of the Lapa at Benfontein. We transformed the area to the ideal venue for the Winterschool.

Johan Erasmus was the chef and we were treated to mouth-watering venison dishes. Initially, the food did not appeal to everyone. It seemed to us that something was wrong. The kids did not eat like normal teenagers. Boy were we wrong. The moment that the biltong and snacks from home was finished, that was the moment the appetite returned and stayed there until the end. A special thanks to all the sponsors of wood, groceries and meat. Your contributions helped a lot.

Hierdie was die eerste Winterskool wat ons aangepak het sedert Hennie Erasmus se afsterwe. Ons het maar redelik baie gestres oor 'n paar dinge, maar soos die week ontvou het, het ons agtergekom dat die ding redelik vlot verloop het en dat stres nie nodig was nie.

Ons het by die basiese Winterskool plan gehou met 'n paar nuwe toevoegings wat in retrospek, goed gewerk het. Die touwerk en knope, aangebied deur David Knight, het groot aftrek gekry by die jong jagters asook al die organiseerders gekry. Dit verduidelik waarom nie foto's daarvan is nie. Geen mens kan knoop en foto's neem gelyk nie!

Die ander nuwe item was die eier kook. Die spanne moes vuurmaak sonder die gewone middele en moes 'n eier kook. Alles in 30 minute. Die aand is die eiers dan geëet deur die onderskeie spanne.

As usual, the Saturday was the day for hunting. All the Ooms came and was smack bang on time. They were well trained by the hunt master, Johan Olivier. We listened to the radio as David, Doug, Johan and James executed one plan upon another to try and outsmart the animals so that every

hunter would get his/her animal. It reminded me of the afternoons that I was doing my homework and took a break at 15H00 to listen to the stories on Springbok Radio. It was almost as if we were in the veld with them... Well done guys!

That afternoon we all washed up and changed to our grand shirts for the photo's while for the parents started to arrive. The top student and top shot was Ian Grobler from Mpumalanga. Jolize de Jager achieved the highest test result. The Sean Klemp Memorial Trophy (Joie de Vivre – The Joy of Life) was awarded to Hanno Janse van Vuuren from Mosselbay. We had a great function that Saturday evening and once again had a delicious venison potjie that Johan prepared for the occasion.

Baie dankie vir elke lid wat gehelp het om die Winterskool te bemark hierdie jaar en sodoende die voortbestaan van hierdie top geleentheid op ons kalender verseker het. Volgende jaar is daar weer 'n Winterskool . Begin nou al jong jagters werf!

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