## SONDELA NEWS: GENERAL INFORMATION

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# Sondela

Nature Reserve & Spa

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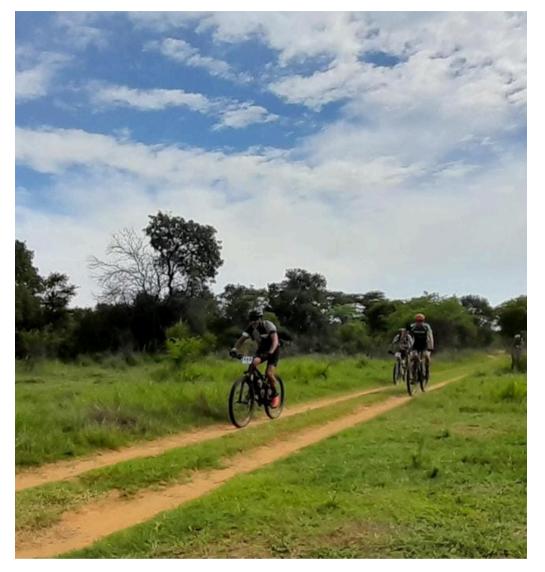
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#### HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The farm on which Sondela Nature Reserve now stands, is steeped in history and is well documented. Its closest town is Warmbaths (11km), a historical area known for its healing waters and which only became proclaimed as a town as late as 1921. Johann Rissik (1857 – 1925) was the original owner of the farm Zandfontein (alias Sandfontein), then a 10,000 Morg farm which later became known as Tweefontein, after the two natural fountains on the property.

Rissik was liberal minded and tolerant and was well-known for his integrity. He was well-educated and had a love for literature and classical music and his grasp of languages made him fluent in English, French, German, Afrikaans and Dutch. He purchased Zandfontein in 1887 and in 1890 added the adjacent farm Doornput which he purchased from J C Minnaar. In the memoirs A. Rissik, Letters to my Grandchildren 1969, mention is made of the herds of wild game, guinea fowl and variety of antelope to be found on the property, although Rissik brought in Impala from the then Sabie Nature Reserve (now Kruger National Park).

Thomas Baines, in his book The Gold Regions of South Eastern Africa, mentions the abundant water and wild animals to be found on the farm Zandfontein (or Sandfontein as he called it then). He speaks of spending the night in December 1871 close to a fountain on Zandfontein and documented that the noise from the frogs was so loud that they could barely sleep all night. This fountain was in fact one of the main watering holes for pioneers travelling north by ox-wagon and horseback and has in its entire history have never been dry.

During the Anglo-Boer war (1902) the British government gave Rissik building material and pipes in lieu of the use of his land during the war. The building material included sandstone from a quarry at Buiskop which also supplied the stone used in the construction of the Union Buildings in Pretoria. Rissik used this sandstone to build the farmhouse and out-buildings on Zandfontein while the pipes were laid from the natural fountain to the farmhouse to supply the dwelling with water. These original sandstone buildings can still be seen on Sondela today: the original car house is now Piccinini's Bistro and the

original Rissik guest house is now classrooms for Sondela Academy.

Rissik's obvious love of the land (he was the Surveyor General of the Republic of South Africa) was not limited to his ministerial position in the Louis Botha cabinet. In his private capacity he farmed ostriches on his farm and in 1908, with the assistance of J C Gilfillan, set up a large orange production on Zandfontein. From 1904 to 1924 the farm was rented to J C Gilfillan.

Johann Rissik passed away on 26th August 1925 at which time the farm and livestock were bequeathed to his wife, Miemie Rissik, who in turn bequeathed the property to her sons, Harry and Pieter, upon her death in 1947.

From the Rissik family, ownership of Tweefontein passed to Dr Piccinini, an Italian civil engineer who was one of the founding members of Concor Construction and who had maintained a vested interest in South Africa since 1948. After searching for an undeveloped farm not far from Johannesburg, Dr Piccinini took transfer of the two farms Tweefontein and Doornput in 1976. Dr Piccinini retained strong ties with South Africa until his death, at the age of 81 in 1996, and the property has remained in the family to this day.



#### SONDELA NEWS





Don't miss a thing at Sondela Nature Reserve and Spa! Join our WhatsApp News Channel to stay updated on our exclusive events, activities, insights, and all the fun unfolding!

#### SONDELA WHATSAPP NEWS CHANNEL



#### **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

Sondela Emergency Number: 082 854 4368 (Manager on Duty).

Please watch out for cyclists, joggers & hikers.

Please remember all animals are wild animals and can be dangerous.

The feeding of any animals is prohibited.

Only persons with a valid driver's licence may drive on our roads.

CLOSED ROADS: Please note that for your own safety, some roads may be closed due to rainfall.

Should your vehicle get stuck on a closed road, you will be charged a recovery fee of R500.

Please be advised that all accommodation units, as well as the above places are NO SMOKING areas in terms of the Tobacco Products Control Amendment Act No. 63 of 2008. Anyone not complying with this regulation will be fined R500.

PLEASE NOTE: NO COOLER BOXES ARE ALLOWED AT THE FARMYARD AREA.

Due to Commercial and Liquor Licence restrictions, we regret that guests are no longer allowed to bring their own food and drinks to the Farmyard area. Guests may, however, take their own food and drinks to their area of residence, i.e. Maroela Entertainment Area, Makhato Entertainment Area and the Caravan Park.

There will be no Cleaning Services on Public Holidays. Please make arrangements with Reception, should you require a cleaning service.

The use of all facilities is at your own risk.

This is a nature reserve. Please consider your fellow resort visitors and keep music to an acceptable level. No noise after 22:00.

Remember to have your green conservation slip stamped at Reception. No stamp... No exit!!! All children both BIG & SMALL remain the responsibility of their parents at all times.

REMEMBER: Outside visitors are not allowed entry to the Resort. Should you be expecting personal visitors during your stay, please make arrangements in advance with Reception so that the Manager on Duty can authorise entry. Right of admission is reserved.

Our activities are there for your enjoyment – come have some FUN and experience Sondela's wonderful hospitality.

Good food takes time... ENJOY EVERY BITE!!!!

Don't forget to capture all those special memories and share them with us by tagging us on social media.



- 1. Giraffes are the tallest mammals on Earth, with their long necks and legs allowing them to reach heights of up to 19 feet.
- 2. These graceful animals have a unique coat pattern, with no two giraffes having the same spots, similar to human fingerprints.
- 3. Giraffes have a powerful kick that they can use to defend themselves from predators, which can be fatal to lions.
- 4.Despite their long necks, giraffes have the same number of neck vertebrae as humans, which is seven.
- 5. Giraffes only need to drink water once every few days, as they get most of their hydration from the leaves they eat.

#### **TRADING HOURS**

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Outlet	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursday
Reception	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00
	- 21:00	- 16:00	- 16:00	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30
Spa	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00
	- 16:30	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30
Piccinini's	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30
Bistro	- 21:00	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30
Piccinini's	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30	07:30
Terrace	- 21:00	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30
Maroela	07:30	09:00	09:00	CLOSED	09:00	09:00	09:00
Kiosk	- 16:00	- 16:00	- 15:30		- 16:00	- 16:00	- 16:00
Shop	07:30	07:30	07:30	08:00	08:00	08:00	08:00
& Deli	- 21:00	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 19:00	- 16:30	- 16:30	- 16:30
Caravan Park Kiosk	07:30 - 19:00	09:00 - 19:00	09:00 - 13:00	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED

#### **GAME DRIVES**



GAME DRIVE INFORMATION:

ALL Sondela Indemnities apply.

Meet your guide at the game drive vehicle in the parking area next to the activity hut, 10 minutes before the drive is due to depart. If you are late, you will miss the tour and the payment is non-refundable.

No ride without the receipt.

You must remain inside the vehicle, unless otherwise informed by the guide

Kids younger than 13 years MUST be accompanied by an adult.

No driving whilst under the influence of any substances.

No smoking allowed

Payment is non-refundable

Thank you and enjoy the ride!

#### **GAME DRIVES**

_					Kids
Day	Time	Duration	Description	Adults	(2 -12 years)
	09:00	1 Hour	Morning Game drive	R 150.00	R 75.00
Monday – Friday	10:30	1 Hour	Morning Game drive	R 150.00	R 75.00
	15:00	1.5 Hour	Rare Game drive	R 230.00	R 115.00
	09:00	1 Hour	Morning Game drive	R 150.00	R 75.00
Saturday	10:30	1 Hour	Morning Game drive	R 150.00	R 75.00
	15:00	1.5 Hour	Rare Game drive	R 230.00	R 115.00
	16:30	1.5 Hour	Rare Game drive	R 230.00	R 115.00
	09:00	1 Hour	Morning Game Drive	R 150.00	R 75.00
Sunday	10:30	1 Hour	Rare Game drive	R 230.00	R 115.00
	15:00	1.5 Hour	Rare Game drive	R 230.00	R 115.00

#### KLEILAT

Day	Time	Duration	Price per Person
Saturday – Sunday	13:30	1 Hour	R 25.00

#### **CARAVAN PARK GAME DRIVES**

Day	Time	Duration	Price
	09:00	1 Hour	Voucher
Saturday – Sunday	12:00	1 Hour	Voucher



KINDLY BE INFORMED THAT RESERVATIONS FOR CARAVAN PARK GAME DRIVES SHOULD BE MADE USING A VOUCHER AT THE PREMIER LAPA LOCATED AT THE CARAVAN PARK. THE GAME DRIVE INVOLVES A TRACTOR.

#### WILDLIFE CENTRE

"UNTIL ONE HAS LOVED AN ANIMAL, A PART OF ONE'S SOUL REMAINS UNAWAKENED." -ANATOLE FRANCE

#### WILDLIFE CENTRE TOUR INFORMATION:

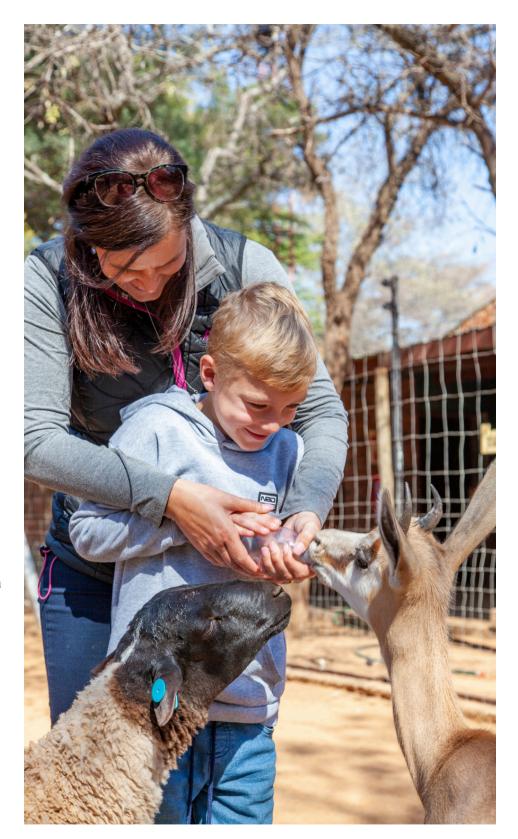
ALL Sondela Indemnities apply Meet your tour guide 10 minutes before the tour is due to start. If you are late, you will miss the tour and the payment is non-refundable. No entry without the receipt. Kids younger than 13 years

MUST be accompanied by an adult.

Age restrictions apply to the Interactions

Please wear long trousers and closed comfortable shoes when you do the interactions. Clothes with loose hanging strings might attract the playfulness of the animals. No entry whilst under the influence of any substances. No alcohol allowed at the Wildlife Centre. No smoking allowed Payment is non-refundable

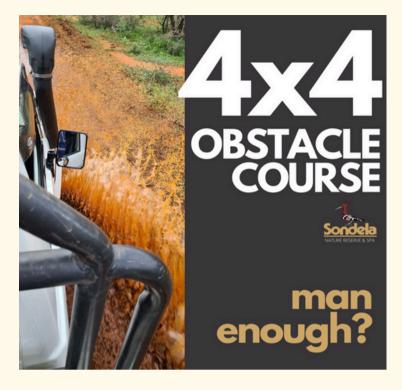
Thank you and enjoy the ride!



#### WILDLIFE CENTRE

Day	Time	Duration	Description	Adult	Kids (2 -12 years)
	10:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour	R 65.00	R 35.00
Saturday – Thursday	11:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour	R 65.00	R 35.00
	13:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour	R 65.00	R 35.00
	14:00	30 min	Speciality Tour	R 100.00	R 80.00
	15:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour	R 65.00	R 35.00
Saturday – Thursday	19:00	1 Hour	Night Tour	R 65.00	R 35.00





#### **BOOK YOUR ADVENTURE** NOW!

4 X 4 OBSTACLE COURSE RULES: ALL SONDELA INDEMNITIES APPLY. MEET YOUR GUIDE IN THE PARKING AREA IN FRONT OF THE ACTIVITY HUT. 10 MINUTES BEFORE THE COURSE IS DUE TO START, IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL MISS THE COURSE AND THE PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. USE YOUR OWN VEHICLE. COLLECT YOUR COMPLETION CERTIFICATE AND GIFT AT THE ACTIVITY HUT BEFORE YOUR DEPARTURE. THIS IS A GUIDED COURSE. WHERE THE INSTRUCTOR MUST BE PRESENT. THE DRIVER MUST HAVE A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE. NO RIDE WITHOUT THE RECEIPT. NO DRIVING WHILST UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY SUBSTANCES. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED. NO SMOKING ALLOWED. PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. THANK YOU!



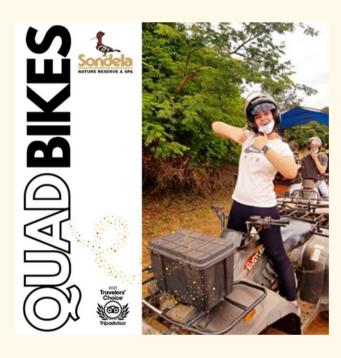
#### **4 X 4 OBSTACLE COURSE**

Day	Time	Duration	Price
Monday -	11:00	1 Hour	R 230.00 per vehicle
Sunday	14:00	1 Hour	R 230.00 per vehicle

CLOSED ROADS:

DEAR GUEST – PLEASE NOTE THAT RAINFALL MAY RESULT IN SOME ROADS BEING CLOSED, FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY SHOULD YOUR VEHICLE GET STUCK ON A CLOSED ROAD, YOU WILL BE CHARGED A RECOVERY FEE OF R 500.00

#### **QUAD BIKES**



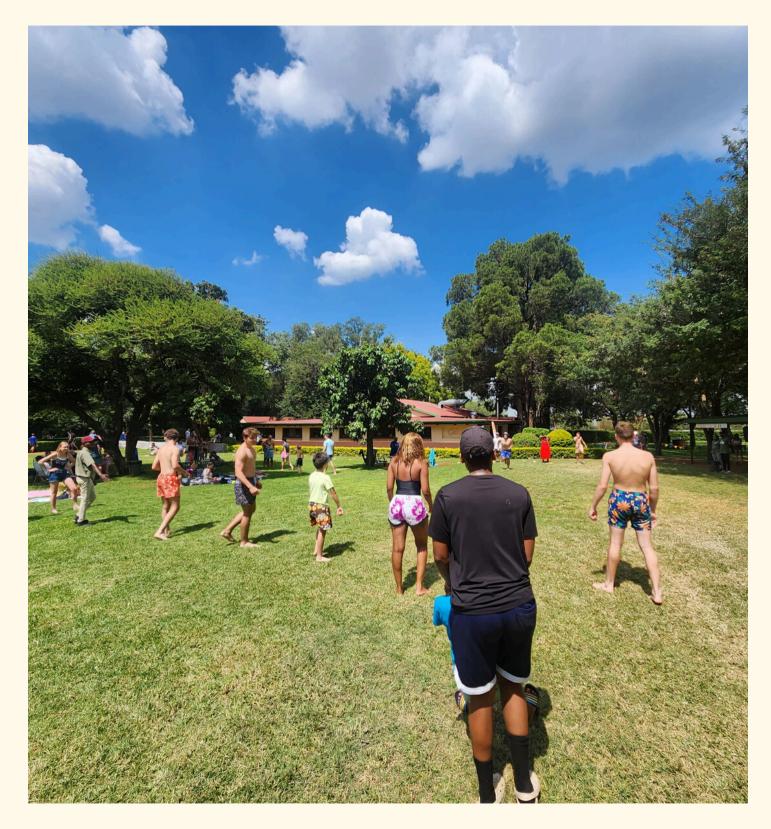
ALL SONDELA INDEMNITIES APPLY. MEET YOUR TOUR GUIDE 10 MINUTES BEFORE DEPARTURE. IF YOU ARE LATE, YOU WILL MISS THE DRIVE AND THE PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. NO RIDE WITHOUT THE RECEIPT. RIDERS BETWEEN THE AGE OF 16 YEARS AND OLDER ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO RIDE A QUAD BIKE OF 260CC. NO HELMET NO RIDE!! NO GOGGLES NO RIDE!! DO NOT OVERTAKE THE GUIDE AND KEEP TO THE SPEED LIMIT OF 30KM/H WEAR LONG TROUSERS AND CLOSED COMFORTABLE SHOES WHEN YOU ARE GOING ON THIS RIDE. THIS IS A GAME DRIVE ON A QUAD BIKE. NO STUNTS, TRICKS OR 360 DEGREE TURNS. NO DRIVING WHILST UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY SUBSTANCES. NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED ON THE RIDE. L NO SMOKING ALLOWED PAYMENT IS NON-REFUNDABLE. THANK YOU AND ENJOY THE RIDE!

Day	Time	Duration	Description	Single Price	Double Price
	08:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00
	09:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00
Monday – Sunday	10:30	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00
	12:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00
	13:30	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00
	15:00	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00
	16:30	1 Hour	Guided Tour on Quad Bike	R 320.00	R 440.00

Experience the thrill of guided quad bike rides for an hour, available for both solo and double riders. Explore the beauty of nature while enjoying this exciting adventure. Feel the adrenaline rush as you navigate through the terrain on a quad bike, making unforgettable memories along the way.



#### FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT



Forget about your age and simply embrace the joy and excitement!

#### FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY



Time	Age Group	Activity
06:00	All	Independent Mountain Bike Ride
08:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Kraal Activities: Cattle Milking and view our Dwarf Goats and Donkeys
09:00	All	Let's go Dancing: Macarena, Cha Cha Slide, and Jerusalema Challenge
10:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Musical Chairs
10:30	Teens 13 - 17	Volleyball Challenge
10:30	Adults 18 +	Tug of War
11:00	All	Mini Cricket Challenge
12:00	All	Egg Toss Challenge
12:30	All	Water Balloon Throwing
13:30	All	Action Klei Lat Fun Time
14:00	All	Bingo @ the Farmyard
15:30	All	Treasure Hunt



#### FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT SUNDAY

Time	Age Group	Activity
06:00	All	Independent Mountain Bike Ride
08:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Kraal Activities: Cattle Milking and view our Dwarf Goats and Donkeys
09:30	All	Let's go Dancing: Macarena, Cha Cha Slide, and Jerusalema Challenge
10:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Musical Chairs Challenge
10:00	Teens 13 - 17	Volleyball Challenge
10:00	Adults 18 +	Volleyball Challenge
10:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Hula Hoop Challenge
10:30	Teens 13 - 17	Hula Hoop Competition
10:30	Adults 18 +	Pin Bola Challenge
11:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Sack Race
11:00	Teens 13 - 17	Sack Race
11:00	Adults 18 +	Balloon Popping
12:00	All	Water Balloon Throwing
12:30	All	Egg Toss Challenge
13:30	All	Action Klei Lat Fun Time
14:00	All	Bingo @ the Farmyard
15:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Treasure Hunt
15:30	Teens 13 - 17	Bok Drol Spit/Spoeg
15:30	Adults 18 +	Bok Drol Spit/Spoeg

#### FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT



	06:00	All	Independent Mountain Bike Ride	
	08:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Kraal Activities	
	09:30	All	Let's go Dancing	
	10:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Sack Race Challenge	
	10:30	Teens 13 - 17	Bokdrol Spoeg	
Monday	10:30	Adults 18 +	Bokdrol Spoeg	
	11:00	All	Water Balloon Toss	
	13:00	All	Chill Time	
	13:30	All	Action Klei Lat Fun Time	
	14:00	All	Bingo @ the Farmyard	
	15:30	All	Treasure Hunt	

#### FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT



	06:00	All	Independent Mountain Bike Ride
	08:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Kraal Activities
	09:30	All	Let's go Dancing
	10:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Hula Hoop Challenge
	10:30	Teens 13 - 17	Noodle Javelin Challenge
Tuesday	10:30	Adults 18 +	Golf Chipping Challenge
	11:00	All	Mini Hockey Challenge
	12:00	All	Water Balloon Throwing
	12:30	All	Egg Toss Challenge
	13:30	All	Action Klei Lat Fun Time
	14:00	All	Bingo @ the Farmyard
	15:30	All	Frisbee Golf Challenge

#### SONDELA ACADEMY

ENABLES YOUNG, ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXPERIENCED STUDENTS TO ENTER THE HOSPITALITY, CONSERVATION, EVENTS AND CHEF INDUSTRY AS LEADING MANAGERS.

2024 OPEN DAYS

ACADEMY

6, 13 & 20 January 17 February 9, 16 & 23 March 20 April 11 May 22 June 20 July 17 August 14 September 12 October 9 & 30 November 7 & 14 December

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Dear Guest Sondela Academy has been in existence since 2007 and prides itself on developing skilled and qualified young Managers who are already succeeding in the workplace by the time they graduate.

The result is a successful vocational qualification obtained through an integrated approach between theory, practical and workplace exposure.

We wish to thank you as our guests who are well travelled and have a lot of experience for your much valued interaction and input in our training program which assists our learners in our "real life" environment as opposed to a simulated environment. We treasure your contributions and time with us while our Learners have the opportunity to learn how to do things, but also how NOT to do them.

We look forward to seeing you next time! Please do not hesitate to contact us on (+27) 14 736 8860 or info@sondelaacademy.net for more information.















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#### FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT



Wednesday	06:00	All	Independent Mountain Bike Ride	
	08:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Kraal Activities	
	09:30	All	Let's go Dancing	
	10:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Noodle Hockey Challenge	
	10:30	Teens 13 - 17	Pin Bola Challenge	
	10:30	Adults 18 +	Pick-up Sticks Challenge	
	11:00	All	Riverbank Challenge	
	12:00	All	Water Balloon Toss	
	13:00	All	Action Klei Lat Fun Time	
	15:00	All	Bingo @ the Farmyard	
	15:30	All	Treasure Hunt Time	



Youth Day Celebration Activities at Sondela Nature Reserve



Thursday	06:00	All	Independent Mountain Bike Ride
	08:30	Kiddies 3 - 12	Kraal Activities
	09:30	All	Let's go Dancing
	10:00	Kiddies 3 - 12	Frisbee Golf Challenge
	10:30	Teens & Adults	Volleyball Challenge
	11:00	All	Hula Hoop Challenge
	12:00	All	Water Balloon Throwing
	12:30	All	Egg Toss Challenge
	13:30	All	Action Klei Lat Fun Time
	14:00	All	Bingo @ the Farmyard
	15:30	All	Mini Hockey Challenge

FARMYARD ENTERTAINMENT

#### SONDELA PROPERTY DEVELOPMENTS

Why Choose Sondela Nature Reserve & Spa?

All Our Property Options Are Located Within The Sondela Nature Reserve & Spa, A 4,500 Hectare Wildlife Sanctuary That Offers A Variety Of Activities And Attractions For All Ages. You Can Enjoy A Variety Of Facilities And Leisure Activities That Cater To Your Needs And Preferences. You Can Relax At The Spa, Swim In The Pool, Dine At The Restaurant Or Bar, Go On Game Drives, Cycling, Hiking And Bird Watching, And See Animals Such As Njala, Impala, Zebra, Giraffe, Warthogs And Much More. In Fact, The A nimals Are So Tame That From Time To Time They Will Visit You, Right At Your Door!

#### Over 50 Lifestyle Estate

A secure and tranquil community of spacious homes with access to exclusive facilities and services. Ideal for retirees who want to enjoy a relaxed and comfortable lifestyle in a natural setting.



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#### JUNIOR RANGERS

24/08/2024	Go on an exciting nature hunt	3-6 Years	9:00-10:00
	Assist the clinic animals with their bed	7-12 Years	10:30-11:30
	Feed all the free roaming animals in the WLC	13-18 Years	14:00-16:30
25/08/2024	Become an Insect explorer	3-6 Years	9:00-10:00
	Create your own nature bookmark	7-12 Years	10:30-11:30
	Assist in problem plant management	13-18 Years	14:00-16:30







#### EXTRA KIDDIES ACTIVITIES



#### JUST FOR FUN

Buy your ticket on the Farmyard from 08:00 – 17:00! R 10.00 Tickets Carnival Ride Rock Climbing Wall Zip line Go Carts R 50.00 Tickets Bungee Bounce Sondela Express @ R10.00 Ticket

PLEASE NOTE ATHAT ALL OF THESE ACTIVITIES ARE AVAILABLE ONLY ON WEEKENDS!

#### **KIDDIES VILLAGE**

Sand Art Candy Floss Kiddies Pizza Paint your own ornament



## Sondela Shareblock New Luxury Development







## TAMBOTI For Gale CHALET

#### Fully furnished Chalets

HIGH RENTAL RETURN approximately 7% return and capital growth

### <u>More Info!</u>

Use resort facilities

<u>View Facilities NOW!</u>







