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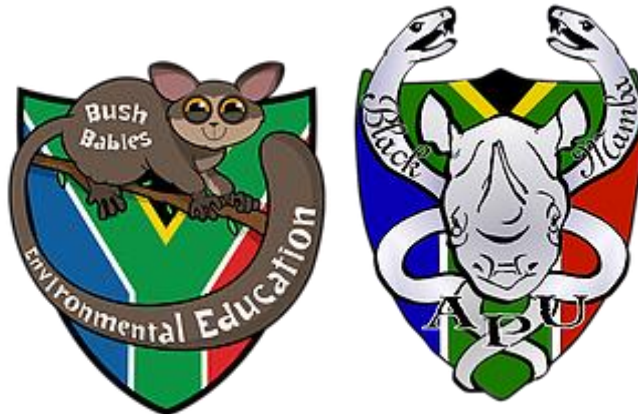


Rotarian Action Group
for Endangered Species

PROPOSED PROJECT

THE BLACK MAMBAS

1. Bush Babies Environmental Education Program



The Lesser bushbaby (*Galago moholi*) symbolises and defines the external environmental education awareness program, where learners are regarded as babies learning about the bush or environment.

The Bushbabies Program is interlinked into the curriculum of local schools which builds on the children's interests and should explore the subject matter in a multi-disciplinary manner; therefore we should enhance a child's skills and build on their present ideas about conservation through a program that provides for a multitude of opportunities for the child's growth and development.

The objectives of this program are to bring knowledge to life, raise awareness of their surrounding environment, give a better understanding of conservation, lead to sustainable use of resources and install environmental problem-solving skills and ultimately installing an ethical ethos in our future generations.

The Bush Babies Environmental Education Program is an environmental awareness program that is conducted at primary schools in the communities surrounding **Greater Kruger National Park**. With four currently active schools

and a total of 264 learners, we are aiming to create an environmentally literate community. The program is divided into 4 category themes;

- Basic ecology (grass, trees, soils, environment, water etc.)
- Friends of the rhino (mammals, reptiles, birds, insects etc.)
- Tour my world
- Protectors of the rhinos (Black Mamba APU)

The schools are visited on a weekly basis and a different aspect based on the theme of the day is discussed to familiarise the learners with their natural environment and emphasising the importance to conserve the environment for future generations. With the tour my world theme, Trans frontier Africa volunteers from around the world are taken to the classroom where they teach the Bush Babies about their home countries including facts such as the climate, animals and special features.

The protectors of the rhino theme entails the visit and teachings from our Black Mamba Anti-Poaching Unit ladies who teach the learners about poaching and how it affects them. Also addressing how they are working to protect these species. The Black Mambas are not only anti-poaching rangers but mothers who know how to nurture a child to understanding the basics of life thus helping them understand the importance of looking after our environment.





2. Future plans for the Black Mamba: Bush Babies Environmental Education Program

- **Creating an Environmental Education Classroom**

This classroom will enable learners to fall in love with nature due to the use of colour in the classroom showing wild animals, trees as well as a map of the world to enable the learners to see the distance in which the Transfrontier Africa volunteers travel to get to the South Africa.

- **Planting a Vegetable Garden at the School**

The vegetable garden will teach learners to be responsible. If the learners can look after vegetables they will be wise enough to know that, for example; when collecting firewood we do not need to break down the whole tree by chopping down few branches and enabling more trees to grow, as they will be the only operators and responsible for their vegetables.

- **Bush Babies Committee**

Created by learners that will be responsible for organising meetings, camps and cleaning campaigns which will involve their fellow class members and the youth of the community.

- **Natures Guardians**

They will have the role of being the school prefects who will be responsible to maintain the natural state of the school, educating other learners that they should not litter thus addressing the impacts of litter on the environment.

- **Environmental Camps**

Camps will help the learners understand what we as conservators are conserving and exposing the learners to what they have learnt in the classroom. Enabling them to be responsible and environmentally literate communities that are given the platform to grow and mature in nature.

- **Dress me to Learn**

This is an initiative that will be giving back to the learners whom are from disadvantaged families and cannot afford to get new school uniform; from the donations obtained a set amount will be given to a supplier which will be strictly used for uniform items.

3. SPONSOR A BLACK MAMBA

Your sponsorship package contains:

- A picture of the Black mamba team member you have sponsored*
- A profile on the lady you have sponsored*
- A factsheet on the Black mambas*
- A factsheet on Helping Rhinos*
- Subscription to the Helping Rhinos news letter
- Knowledge that are contributing to the protection of rhinos in their natural habitat

*All items will be sent as a soft copy via email

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STANDARD SPONSORSHIP

- £60 per year or £5 per month
- (Aprox. US\$95 / R1,200 / KES9,400)

Your sponsorship will help to **provide food and water** for the Black Mambas teams.

ADVANCED SPONSORSHIP

- £120 per year or £10 per month
- (Aprox. US\$190 / R2,500 / KES18,500)

As Standard tier plus **essential operational equipment** such as uniform, water bottles and radios for the Black Mambas team.

PREMIUM SPONSORSHIP

- £360 per year or £30 per month
- (Aprox. US\$555 / R7,500 / KES56,500)

As Advanced tier plus help **provide security** to ensure the safety of the Black Mambas team.

There are lots of ways RAGES through Rotary and Rotaract clubs or districts can help raise funds – here are just some examples and ideas:

- Major Concert!
- Organise a golf day for members, friends, family and work colleagues.
- Music group hold a singing night for local pupils.
- Take part in a sponsored event. We don't have to climb Kilimanjaro (done that on three African mountains), but we can participate in a bike ride or a run – even a marathon.
- Suggest to local schools that they could have a rhino theme day. There are lots of activities that help with learning and also allow the children to raise some funds – all while they have fun doing it.