



# SOAPkidz

## ANNUAL REPORT

### MARCH 2009 - FEBRUARY 2010



**Rock climbing in Mhlabatini**

“Because it’s pure magic when kids and nature meet”

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**Our Vision:** SOAPkidz believes that the future of Africa lies in our children and so aims to create a better Africa by positively impacting on the lives of vulnerable children and the fragile environments they live in.

**Our Purpose:** “We empower the vulnerable children of Africa by connecting them to nature where they learn to experience love and personal growth.”

**Detail:**

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**Banking Details:**

- Account holder : SOAPKIDZ
- Bank : Standard bank
- Branch : Hatfield (01 15 45)



**Deweeding in Kranskloof**



**African Child Day**

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### Committee:

- Chairperson : Phillip van der Merwe
- Vice Chairperson : Glennita Anastasia Ford
- Secretary : Minette Whelan
- Treasurer : Karen Hauptfleisch
- Additional Members : Theo Coetzee  
: Cynthia Pillay  
: Tamzin Gennisen  
: Sharron Marie Reynolds



**Mpho Geocaching**

### Meetings and Reports:

- The AGM was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2009.
- Monthly meetings were held with a minimum of 80% attendance by the committee members.
- Event reports were sent to the volunteers and main donors after every event.

### Media:

- Several articles about SOAPkidz appeared in the media; PositionIT, Vector, Sarie, Rietmark, Eastern Newspaper, Rekord as well as the Eastern Newspaper. SOAPkidz also featured on National TV on Let's Play Supersport as well as Kwela (Kyknet).

### Types of Events:

The children are introduced to nature through various kinds of events, which included:

- **Adventure Camps:** These camps are mainly targeted at teenagers from children's homes. By taking these children out of their normal environment and comfort zones they learn more about themselves and how they interact with others. Environmental activities are always incorporated into the camps.
- **Environmental Educational Days:** These days include various types of activities e.g alien plant eradication, tree planting, water testing, picking up litter, re-using litter
- **Orienteering events:** SOAPKidz usually partners with RACO orienteering events. The children are divided into different teams and taught basic navigation skills and there is always an extra prize for the team that collects the most rubbish while doing the orienteering.
- **Nature Hikes:** On these hikes the children learn valuable skills such as: cooking in the wild, identifying animal tracks, navigation and stargazing.

### Educational Aspect:

Through these events, the children learn about issues such as: sustainable living, preservation of the environment, finding their place in society, First Aid, HIV/AIDS etc.

**Operations:** During the past financial year, SOAPkidz has taken 2660 children from disadvantaged backgrounds and introduced them to the environment on 20 different occasions. These children come

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from various places such as children's homes, places of safety, Aids orphanages and previously disadvantaged schools and ranged in age from 4 to 18 years old.

**Pictures of Events:**



**At the top of Faerie Glen Nature Reserve**



**Veggie gardens at Epworth Children's home**



**SOAPkidz at the Zoo**



**Teachers training workshop**



**Doornpoort Orienteering Team**



**Pompom deweeding team**

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## List of events:

- 1 2009/03/7 & 8 Hiking/Deweeding at Kranskloof (Magaliesberg)
- 2 2009/03/15 Environmental Fun day at Epworth Children's home
- 3 2009/03/28 & 29 Geocaching at Faerie Glen Nature Reserve
- 4 2009/04/17 & 18 Survival Camp and Orienteering at Stirrup Glyn
- 5 2009/04/18 Moonprints Concert at Steak & Ale
- 6 2009/05/09 Game Drive at Rietvlei Nature Reserve
- 7 2009/05/20 & 21 Rock Climbing at Mhlabatini (Magaliesberg)
- 8 2009/06/16 African Child Day
- 9 2009/07/11 The Mexican devil at the Dome Pools (Magaliesberg)
- 10 2009/08/30 Orienteering at Doornpoort Nature Reserve
- 11 2009/09/05 SOAPkidz at the Green Market, Pretoria
- 12 2009/09/19 SOAPkidz environmental education 10 km hike, Pretoria
- 13 2009/10/31 Teachers training workshops at Carousel
- 14 2009/11/07 Teachers training workshops at Carousel
- 15 2009/11/07 & 08 Hiking at Cederberg Kloof (Magaliesberg)
- 16 2009/11/28 Hiking at Faerie Glen Nature Reserve, Pretoria
- 17 2009/01/23 Alien plant deweeding at Rhino Park
- 18 2010/02/06 Geocaching at Faerie Glen Nature Reserve, Pretoria
- 19 2010/02/14 Jazz at MASCA with SOAPkidz
- 20 2010/02/20 SOAPkidz at the Pretoria Zoo



**River Crossings**

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## Message to the SOAPKidz volunteers from the founder:

Dear Volunteers

The past year saw many new challenges, faces and events. Once again, I cannot thank the 550 volunteers enough who shared their time, love and passion with the 2660 children whose lives you touched.

As most of you are aware, we are working hard to place SOAPkidz on a sustainable level and several strategy sessions in this regard were held. During the past year structures and processes were put in place to ensure that we maximise our impact on the children's lives and on the environment. With our renewed vision and purpose we look forward to making an even bigger contribution during the coming year. SOAPkidz is well placed with its wonderful volunteers, access to vulnerable children and the use of a number of "natural" facilities. We look forward to welcoming you to all the action and drama that we have planned for 2010/2011. Besides our usual eco orienteering events, volunteer weekends, weekends in the mountains and day hikes, we have the following major events lined up

- 15 April - Barnyard Menlyn Fundraiser
- 15 May - Hiking at Faerie Glen Nature Reserve, Pretoria
- 19/20 June - Hiking at the Dome Pools (Magaliesberg) with the MCSA (Mountain Club of South Africa)
- 3 July - SOAPkidz at the Green Market, Pretoria
- 14 August - Hiking at the Pretoria Botanical Garden
- 11 September - Our environmental education day in Mamelodi, Pretoria
- 9/10 October - Overnight at the Pretoria Zoo
- 30/31 October - Hiking at Kranskloof (Magaliesberg)
- 13 November - Environmental Education Day in Trefoil Park, Johannesburg
- 4 December - Green Gift day at the Botanical Gardens, Pretoria
- 11 December - Green Gift Day, Pretoria

Once again, thank you for giving your time and love.

Karen Hauptfleisch  
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**Karen and the Mexican Devil**

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- Oranje Drukkery
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- Pauline Stacey
- Rotary Club of Pretoria East
- SAPPI Fine Paper
- Wanderers Golf Club

## Our Sponsors in kind:

- Centre for Innovative Learning
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- IQ Business Group
- MCSA Magaliesberg
- Pick 'n Pay Hyper Faerie Glen
- TUT Adventure Tourism Students



**Hope School Team**

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The following organizations have kindly allowed SOAPkidz to use their facilities at no cost:

- Pretoria Zoo
- Mountain club of South Africa

### Message to the Sponsors

We are really fortunate to have such wonderful sponsors who have over the last year given of their time, money and facilities. SOAPkidz is an NGO that strives to keep its overheads low so that all funds donated go directly to the benefit of the children. SOAPkidz does not have offices, vehicles and paid staff. Karen Hauptfleisch the Founder and Director operates the organization from her home. Volunteers make use of their own vehicles, cell phones and do not get paid for their time.

Thank you for your support in 2009/10 and we look forward to our continued association in 2010/11.

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