

# SOAPkidz



SOAPkidz creates a better Africa by positively impacting on the lives of vulnerable children and the environments in which they live.

Our purpose; "We empower the vulnerable children of Africa by connecting them to nature where they experience love and personal growth".

SOAPkidz is the brainchild and passion of Karen Hauptfleisch and is an example of what ordinary, responsible citizens, with good intentions and a little sponsorship can do to make the world a better place for vulnerable children.

SOAPkidz enriches the lives and shapes the values of both the kids and the volunteers who run the

programmes. SOAPkidz provides a safe space, in the outdoors, within which kids and leaders of kids are enabled to learn and develop positive values and attitudes.

Through outdoor activity events such as orienteering, hiking, mountain climbing, alien plant eradication, cycling and tree planting our kids and volunteers learn about sustainability and environmental dynamics in alignment with key environmental organisations, using their nature and conservation venues.

These events are structured to make the children feel special and to learn about, respect for themselves, others and nature. They also learn about their needs, teamwork, trust, kindness, sensitivity, courage and the importance of having a sense of humour. Thus we empower the children to look after themselves, take responsibility, make good decisions and confidently find their place in our society.

Since being founded in April 2005, until March 2009, SOAPkidz has reached more than 7,000 children and more than 1,500 volunteers during more than 70 learning events. During this time SOAPkidz has also started forests, cleaned waterways year after year and picked up countless bags of litter.

SOAPkidz selects children from disadvantaged backgrounds, paying special attention to those that are vulnerable, and introduces them all to the environment in a thoughtful and structured way.

These children come from children's homes, places of safety, orphanages, previously disadvantaged schools and range in age from 5 to 17 years.

The children are introduced to nature through various learning events. These include, amongst others;

## Adventure Camps

- These camps are mainly targeted at teenagers from children's homes.
- By taking these children out of their comfort zones they learn more about themselves and how to interact with others.
- Environmental activities are always incorporated into the camps.

## Environmental Clean-Up Days

- Whilst having fun the children take part in and learn about alien plant eradication, tree planting, water testing and picking up and re-using litter.

## Orienteering events

- The children are divided into teams and taught basic navigation skills as they race against time to complete the course that is always set in beautiful surroundings.
- There is always an extra prize for the team that collects the most litter whilst doing the orienteering.

## Hikes

- On hikes the children learn valuable skills like cooking in the wild, identifying animal tracks, navigation and stargazing.





#### Corporate Affiliates

- The IQ Business Group
- Oranje Drukkery
- Pick and Pay Hyper, Faerie Glen

#### Non-Corporate Affiliates

- Centre for Innovative Leadership
- Nature Conservation
- Centurion Canoe Club
- Rand Athletic Club Orienteering (RACO)
- Mountain Club of South Africa
- Pretoria Sailing Club
- to care foundation

#### How can you become part of SOAPkidz?

##### Volunteer!

SOAPkidz always requires volunteers for events. Events are the perfect opportunity for those who want to be involved to "get their hands dirty".

##### Donate money!

For scholarships, administration costs, event shortfalls, transport for children and volunteers. Any amount however small will be put to good use.

SMS the keyword "soapkidz" to 40747 now to donate R20 to support SOAPkidz efforts

Or

Bank: First National Bank

Account: SOAP KIDZ

Branch: Hatfield

Code: 252 145

Number: 6207 5517 410

#### Donate Products and in Kind!

Any product or service, ranging from food and equipment to professional consulting support that an organization has readily available and is needed by SOAPkidz, will be most welcome.

Remember that SOAPkidz is registered as a Not for Profit and Public Benefit organisation and therefore donations qualify for tax exemption.

#### SOAPkidz

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"Because it's pure magic  
when kids and nature meet"