

Gap Year Programme – General Information Pack



Who we are

Wortelgat Outreach Trust is a registered non-profit organisation which focuses on sharing Jesus Christ through the wonder of relationships and creation. We offer camp, conference and retreat facilities suitable for all groups and we tailor programmes to meet their particular needs. We are inter-denominational and aspire to serve people from every background and walk of life. It is our aim to provide excellent opportunities for camping, conferences and outdoor education under Christian leadership and consistent with Christian values and principles.

Where on earth can you find us?

We like to tell people that the site is God's own place, uniquely and picturesquely set in natural vegetation of limestone fynbos and ancient milkwood thickets. It is located about 10 kilometres west of Stanford, near Hermanus, in the Western Cape, on the southern bank of the Klein River Estuary (Hermanus Lagoon) with spectacular views of the Klein River Mountains across the lagoon.

What we do

Wortelgat runs environmental, outdoor, educational, adventure, leadership and team building programmes with a Christian ethos, promoting Christian values and principles through experience and relationships. We offer these programmes to churches, schools and many other types of groups.



Staffing

Good facilities and carefully designed programmes need hard-working people on the ground to bring them to life. We have a dedicated team of staff who, for the most part, live in community on site. It is our policy to train and empower each of them to be equipped for the future with skills, qualifications and experience.

Our aim is to see our staff grow personally and expand their skills through offering opportunities for service, all of which have a lasting impact on their lives, their families and the wider community.

Where will you fit in?

We offer young people an opportunity to gain working experience within the Christian camping environment as service year staff.



To join our dynamic team you need to....

- Love Jesus Christ, as Lord and Saviour (with heart, soul and passion)
- Have a desire to serve God, to seek and live out His will (a servant heart)
- Have a love for people both young and old from all sectors of the community
- Have a teachable spirit – be prepared to learn and gain new experiences
- Be flexible
- Enjoy the outdoors
- Be open for challenges
- **HAVE A POSITIVE ATTITUDE**

What we expect from you

To be involved in all aspects of camp life including but not limited to programming, cleaning, cooking, maintenance, building, administration and training. You need to adhere to all Wortelgat rules, regulations, values and conditions of employment.

What you can expect from us

- To grow as a person as we encourage you to develop Godly values
- Training – we are committed to ensuring that our staff are competent and trained
 - Basic Wilderness First Aid Level 2 (Wild Medix – www.wildmedix.com)
 - MDT (SA Mountaineering Development & Training Trust) Top Rope Supervisor (Venture Forth – www.ventureforth.co.za)
 - MDT Abseil Supervisor Level 1 (Venture Forth)
 - MDT Basic Mountain Walking Leader (Venture Forth)
 - Fire Prevention & Protection and Health and Safety Training (Wild Medix & Venture Forth)
 - Basic Veldfire Training (Enviro Wildfire Services – www.envirowildfire.co.za)
 - Generic Adventure Guide Training (Venture Forth)
 - APA (African Paddle Association) Flatwater Guide Course (Gravity Swiftwater Training – www.gravity.co.za)

A member of Christian Camping Southern Africa

Trustees: GM Goddard (Chairman), JH Fehrsen, DGM Hofmeyr, SM Hofmeyr, HS du Preez, D Pretorius

- Facilitation Training
 - Venture Forth
 - Playing Mantis (www.playingmantis.net)
 - Extreme Life Adventure Based Learning Level 2
- General Water Safety
- Risk Management
- Crisis Management
- Safety Policies & Procedures
- Accommodation
- Unique location situated on the banks of the Klein River Estuary
- Adventure & Fun
- To be equipped with life skills
- Spiritual input and leadership
- Basic monthly income



Practical matters

You will live in community in the staff house with other facilitators and you need to provide your own bedding and food. The house operates on a “house kitty system” where an amount from your gratuity is deducted each month and added to the “kitty”. This amount will be used for communal meals during the week and you will be expected to help with cooking suppers and other meals on a rotational basis.

Other:

- You are responsible for your own meals for the weekends.
- You will eat suppers with groups when we have catered camps and when you are assisting with programmes.
- Your laundry will be done on a weekly basis.
- You will be required to work weekends when on duty – approximately 1 weekend every three weeks (depending on staff numbers). When you are not working you are free to stay on site, go home or visit friends.
- You will be required to help with duties in and around the house with consideration being a very important factor.

How to apply?

1. Attend one of our Emerging Facilitators Camps (dates for camps can be obtained from our office, facebook page or the website).
2. Download application form and return via fax, email or post.
3. Feel free to call us if you have any questions.
4. You are welcome to visit our site to gain more information – please liaise with the Camp office on +27 (028) 3410 666.
5. There will be a selection process where applicants will be interviewed.