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Limpopo Youth Camp 2013 ready to go trail blazing

Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, in collaboration with Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA), the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) and LoveLife is proud to announce the Second Annual Provincial Youth Camp due to be held at Schoemandal Environmental School, in Makhado Municipality, Vhembe District from 22-27 September 2013.

Following on the success of the first round of the annual Youth Camps that were held in 2012, this year's camp promises to be even more memorable experience for the 300 young participants that will be gathering at Schoemandal Environmental School. The Youth Camp motto – **Learn, Lead and Serve** – captures the essence of its focus, which is to nurture a spirit of social cohesion and nation building, and provide young South Africans with life skills and values that will help them develop into proud and patriotic leader citizens.

The camp participants, called Trailblazers and ranging in age from 14-24, will be divided into ten teams, each carrying the name of a wildlife animal that appears on the provincial and national coats of arms. The quagga, wildebeest, elephant, kudu, eland, sable, buffalo, cheetah, lion and gemsbok teams will be led by well-trained and experienced youth leaders and mentors – Camp Stewards – who will ensure discipline and order and helping each Trailblazer get the most value from their time at the camp.

A number of alumni from last year's camps will be attending once again, but this time they'll be assuming the roles of Camp Stewards. A day during the five-day-long camp is set aside for community service, when Trailblazers will visit impoverished communities close to the camp that are in need and helping with tasks such as painting, cleaning and helping the less fortunate. This year the Trailblazers will be visiting **Muraleni** village to do donate school uniforms to learners from destitute families, donate sporting equipment, will also do the general cleaning, paint and do glazing.

While Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture is responsible for providing logistical support at the Youth Camp and the recruiting and organising the participants, Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) and its partners, the NYDA and Love-Life provide financial, training and content support to the camp.

The Limpopo Youth Camp promises to be an exciting and life changing experience for the youngsters. The campsite is located in a rural area where Trailblazers will experience outdoors activities, learn about nature and live in a camping environment as part of a pre-planned and well-organised daily program. They'll learn about teamwork and leadership in a practical and fun way, and generally enjoy themselves in a well-managed and conducive environment. All necessary medical and security precautions are taken and professional suppliers provide ample and quality food and drink.

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