



# YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

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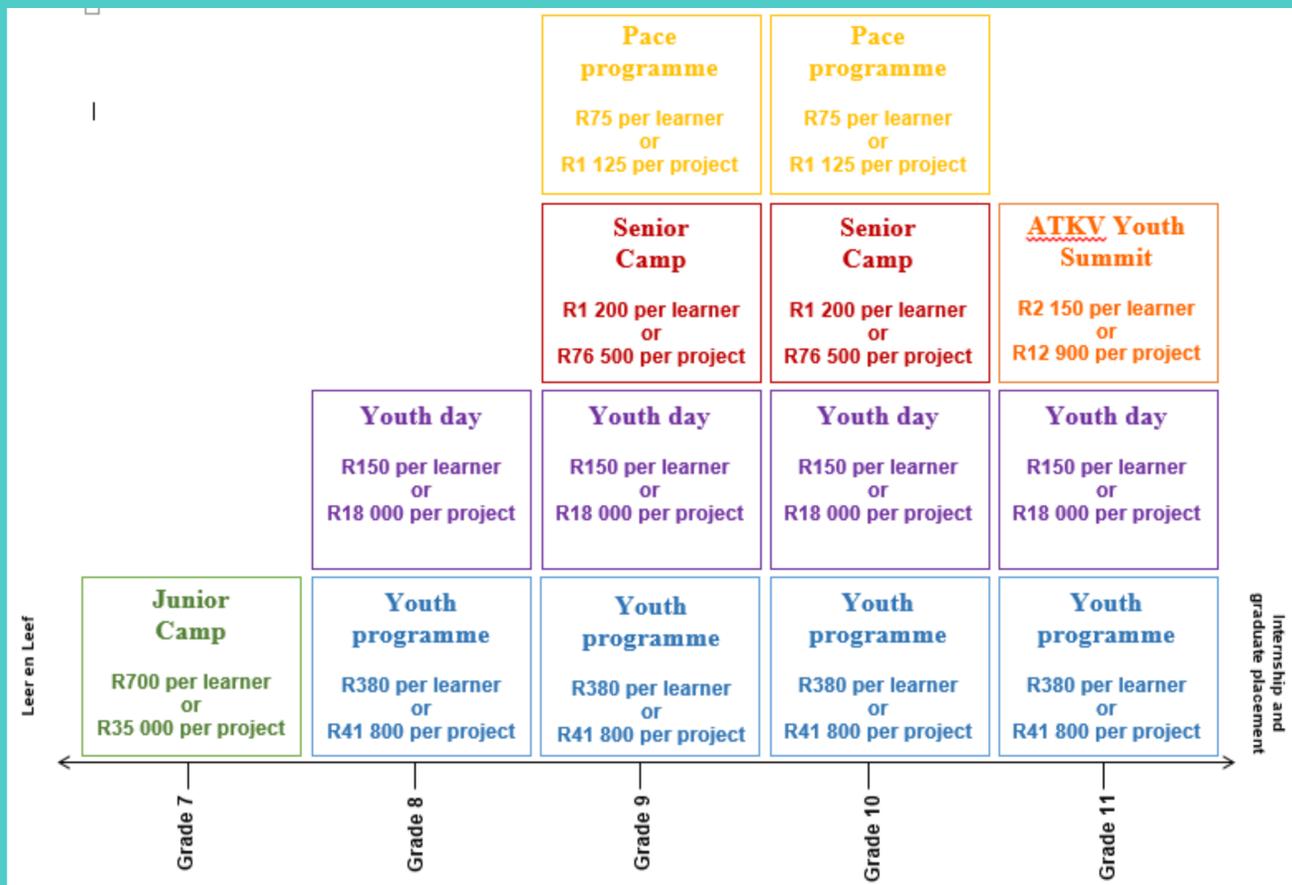
- Mission**
- Koue Bokkeveld Training Centre focuses on all facets of agricultural training in the broader Ceres-Koue Bokkeveld region.
  - Structured national projects and training will be offered.
  - Good relationships with other service providers will create opportunities for growth and advancement.

**Goal of youth development**

The Koue Bokkeveld Training Centre strives to create opportunities for growth, development and skills at every stage of a farm child's development. For children enrolled in crèches, we provide *Leer en Leef* services. The training centre's youth development programmes focus specifically on primary and high school learners, as shown in the diagram. Ideally, high school learners will move on to a tertiary institution, and as such we strive to integrate these learners into *Kutsha's* graduate placement and internship programs. As a result, we walk a path with a learner from childhood development to early adulthood, to ensure an experienced and accomplished individual for the workplace.

**Programmes and projects**

For the purposes of this presentation, we'll focus on our youth development diagram. Here is a brief summary of the costs per individual and per group:



## JUNIOR CAMP

At the end of the school year, each primary school in the Witzenberg area identifies four grade 7s that show leadership potential. These 44 learners are sponsored to camp for three days, during which we focus on leadership skills and environmental conservation. This camp takes place at the Waterval campground. We also focus on life skills and prepare the learners for high school.



## YOUTH DAY

We plan our Youth Day programme according to the needs of the community. We have already had several speakers, dance groups and drama performances, to discuss various topics, and reach between 180 and 300 farm children every year. In 2019, we took the learners to Newlands to see the Stormers in action; they were in awe of the big stadium and seeing their favourite rugby players.



## YOUTH PROGRAMME

This takes place monthly, on a Friday afternoon. Average enrolments are 150 high school learners from the farms. The goal is to create a safe place for teens to discuss sensitive topics, but also to have fun activities. We have an end of year outing for the learners who attended all the sessions, such as a walk and sleepover at Thomas Hut, Two Oceans Aquarium, Ice Skating at Grand West, and RUSH in Claremont.



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### SENIOR CAMP

55 High school learners will camp for 5 days in the September holiday. Topics discussed:

- Teenage pregnancy
- Alcohol and Drugs
- Subject choices and careers
- Excursion: Boland College, rehab, and prison
- Relationships with self, friends and parents
- Discipline, etiquette, principles and values
- Team building activities



### PACE PROGRAMME

The Career Guidance Questionnaire helps to make an informed career decision by asking about what the learner wants to do and adapting it to appropriate career fields, careers and study opportunities. Individual sessions with the social worker take place and the parents receive the learner's results and recommendations. It also helps with subject choices.



### MUSIC PROJECT

This project gives children the opportunity to learn to play a musical instrument. This exposure equips learners with necessary skills to encourage music on the farms and to bring change within their social and cultural context. Children who learned to read music did better in maths! What an amazing impact music has on a child's upbringing and education. Music improved children's self-esteem, discipline, perseverance and a sense of belonging.



### ATKV YOUTH SUMMIT

In 2019 we sponsored seven grade 11 learners to attend the ATKV Youth Summit. It was an experience for them to be among students from the various Model C schools in the province. One learner said, "I felt inferior at first, but after contributing to the group I felt good". The goal of such activities is to broaden learners' worlds through exposure to various opportunities.



### AGRI PROJECT

In Grade 11 the aim is to expose the learners to all facets of agriculture. Excursions to: Packsheds and farms, Elsenburg and CPUT's Agri hub, SAPO and Fruitfly, and tertiary Open Days. Throughout the year, reports are also monitored and discussions about learners' future. We encourage learners to work on the farm temporarily during December. In Grade 12 the learners are followed up, reports are monitored and advice on applications and closing dates.



### MEET THE TEAM

**NPO manager: Edna Nigrini**, MA Social Work: Develop programmes and manage NPO. Network with departments and NGO's. She's an organiser, kind hearted and loves to see change for the better good.

**Community worker: Landi Kahlmeyer:** Regular contact with our community volunteers and organise our NPO projects. She has a heart of gold, excellent motivator and a mother to all the children at our camps.

### Conclusion

For Koue Bokkeveld Training Centre, youth development is one of our most important projects. However, the youth development programmes illustrated above are expensive and the parents of the learners struggle to afford them. In earlier years, the farm owners sponsored the learners, but due to external factors, this is no longer possible. Franklin Roosevelt once said, "We cannot build the future for our youth, but we can build a youth for the future". We truly believe in these words; because the youth are our next generation of workers, we cannot stop trying to create opportunities for a developed and skilled individual. With your contribution to a project or a learner, it will be possible for us to continue with these amazing programmes.

For more information on a specific programme or NPO annual reports, you are more than welcome to contact Edna Nigrini (edna@kbos.co.za) and visit our website (www.kbos.co.za).