

# Hospitality

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## School trip to Pretoria Zoo



**Rustenburg** – Students from Charisma Academy in Rustenburg had the opportunity to learn more about the behaviour of animals when they were taken to Pretoria Zoo on Thursday August 18.

“Children will be tested when they come back from the trip. This is an educational trip and not for fun,” said one of the teachers. The schoolchildren could not hide their joy as they boarded the bus for the trip.

## High enrolment @ Rustenburg schools



**Rustenburg** – Unlike many educational institutions in South Africa, schools in Rustenburg are not experiencing a decrease in the number of children attending school.

However, according to government statistics, the percentage of children in school dropped for a third straight year in 2010 as the economic crisis made school fees an unaffordable luxury for some families. “Our enrolment levels have not dropped,” said Fields College Principal, Mrs. Holding. The headmaster of Zinniville Secondary School – Mr. Abdul – told the Platinum Weekly

that the school was actually witnessing an increase in the number of students wishing to enrol. He said, “The statistics are not true for us because we actually have a high number of students wishing to learn at our school each year.” According to a government study, 14 million children and young adults – aged seven to 24 – attended school or university last year, down from 73.9% in 2009, said the government statistics agency’s annual household survey. Important note, poverty keeps kids out of school, which is the leading cause of poor school attendance at this stage. “After the

steady increase in attendance rates between 2002 and 2007, the General Household Survey 2010 found a slight decline in attendance rates relative to 2007,” the study indicates. “This could be a reflection of the poor state of the economy. A lack of money for fees remains the primary reason for a large proportion of individuals in this age group who were not studying.” Other factors keeping kids out of school included the demand for children to work at home, their family responsibilities and negative attitudes about the usefulness of formal education, the study found.

## Skydive Rustenburg: Spring is looming IN THE AIR

### **Ranch SkyDiving Boogie & Symposium**

The A-Team from across the country pulled in, and the plan came together. An incredible boogie, smooth relaxed and efficient operations, lots of skydivers and lots of loads at a luxurious venue... Jealous? You should be. From the operations base at the Protea Hotel Ranch Resort, the event received registrations from 88 experienced skydivers representing 21 different Sports SkyDiving Operations and Military Units from across Southern Africa. Over the 5 days of the event, 90 loads went to 12 000ft, and 767 bodies were dropped from 2 Turbine Atlas Angels operating in synchronized harmony. Incredible interest, support and participation was received from Limpopo and Polokwane, with 78 people coming for a Tandem Introductory SkyDive with one of the 9 experienced Tandem Masters and numerous experienced Camera Flyers in attendance. Three people even came back for a second tandem skydive! The SANDF saw The

Ranch SkyDiving Boogie and Symposium as an ideal opportunity to enhance cooperation and learning opportunities, promoting military interest in sport skydiving and the inter-operate-ability with the Parachute Association of South Africa (PASA) whilst learning and sharing ideas by participating at events and with skydiving clubs outside of the military. Official representation was received from various military units including 44 Parachute Regiment, 5 Special Forces Regiment, Pretoria Military Parachute Club, 101 Air Supply Unit, Air Force Base Bloemspriet and the SANDF Physical Training Sport and Recreation Training Centre, and a Classic Accuracy event was held and judged by Chief Military Judge Annelie Hoeksema. We had Capricorn FM and Jacaranda FM DJs as well Limpopo Tourism and Parks “Limpopo Women in Adventure”, and an ever coming flow of people coming to “Discover SkyDiving and Parachuting at The Ranch Resort”. The playground in the sky was alive. Miss Limpopo Kolofello Madiba, Rep-

resenting Mall of The North, trained to skydive with us at the event through the AFF Program in celebration of Women’s Day. Much coaching, skills development and progression took place with Louis Eybers getting his FreeFly Coach Rating and Tandem Rating, Garai Makaya his CAT III and B license, Andre Nel his PRO Rating and C-License, Hendri Liebenburg was signed off for his packing license, JJ Conradie made his 100th skydive (yes naked) and Frederik his 1000th Skydive. Selwyn did a whole bunch of FS Coaching and organized 4way and 8way jumps. Karen Fourie took the www.Blu-Eye.com prize with the most skydives (24) of the boogie and several people took up www.ActionCameras.co.za incredible event special event price on the Drift HD 170 cameras. Pretty much everyone went for a lion interaction and the Kolobe Tented Camp was alive with festivities around the fires every night. Thanks to everyone that had any part in planning, organizing, supporting, sponsoring, running, participating, cov-

ering or just enjoying what would not have happened without all of the above. Yes, this will be an annual event on the South African SkyDiving Calendar!  
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