Advanced Venomous Snake Handling Course

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Course Information:

Course Date: Sunday, 13 December 2026
Venue: Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Muldersdrift, Gauteng
Directions: https://bit.ly/2r9oYnv

Programme:

The course starts at **09:30** sharp. Please arrive a few minutes earlier to enjoy coffee and tea refreshments while the team signs you in.

We kick off with a brief theory session, followed by the practical sessions.

The Advanced Venomous Snake Handling Course will include tailing, tubing, bagging, probing, and necking venomous snakes (similar to the Bootcamp) including Black Mambas.

This is a full-day course with a tea break at around 10:45, and a lunch break at around 13:00 with a light lunch provided. The course usually concludes at around 15:00.
Kindly note that these are suggested times and may vary.

Course Fees:

All course fees include coffee/tea refreshments and a light lunch.

Advanced Venomous Snake Handling R 1 950.00

The full amount will have to be paid prior to the course to secure your attendance.

There are two options for booking:
1) Please follow the link or
2) Request a booking form from Michelle at courses@asiorg.co.za.
Return the completed form and we will send you an invoice for payment.

Spaces are limited.

Bookings close three days before the event (unless fully booked prior to this) please book early to avoid disappointment.

Cancellation policy:
No cancellation fees for changes or cancellation to your booking 48 hours prior to the course date.
50% canellation fee for cancellations or changes within 48 hours of the course date.
100% cancellation fee for Non-attendance on the day of the course.

Occasionally we need to cancel courses. In this event, you will be notified at least 48 hours in advance, you will then have the option of moving the course to another date or for a full refund to be done.

Important information:

1) This course is largely for individuals working at a reptile park or who keep venomous snakes, or who need to work with venomous snakes frequently. This course is however open to anyone with a valid, accredited Snake Handling Bootcamp course certificate, which is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to attend this course. (Please attach a copy of your valid certificate with your booking submission).

2) No spectators are allowed during the brief theory session, and this includes children. Spectators are welcome to watch the Advanced Venomous Snake Handling session from a safe distance but are not to interfere with the training in any way.

3) Please note that Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge has been incorporated into a conservancy and now charges a **R 50.00** conservation levy for anyone who enters their premises. These charges are for the delegate's expense. Please ensure to purchase your exit slip at reception upon arrival as the main gate will not let you out without one.

4) Mobile phones: The use of mobile phones for text messages and calls are not permitted during the brief theory and handling sessions and may only be left on for emergency calls.

5) Photographs that are taken by the ASI team during the course will be made available via Dropbox. Participants and spectators are also welcome to take photographs of the handling session but video recording is not permitted.

8) Our minimum age requirement for the Advanced Venomous Snake Handling course is 14 years of age.

7) Delegates will have to sign an indemnity prior to the practical session. Parents/guardians must sign for delegates under 18 years of age.

8) Should a delegate have any specific dietary requirements, they are welcome to bring their own lunch. Cradle Moon Lakeside Game Lodge does have their own on-site restaurant.

Dress code and what to bring:

1) Delegates should wear long trousers and closed shoes and are advised to bring a hat.

2) The African Snakebite Institute will supply all equipment needed for delegates to use during the snake handling session.

Certificates and course material:

Each delegate will receive a course certificate, First Aid for Snakebite booklet, as well as a full colour A3 Dangerous Snakes of Southern Africa poster.

Delegates who do not confirm their bookings prior to the course, will not be able to attend the training on the day.

PLEASE NOTE: All delegates who book and pay prior to the course date, will receive a printed certificate on the day. Please ensure that we have the right name and surname as it will appear on the printed certificate. If details are provided incorrectly another certificate will have to be issued and sent by courier and will cost R250.00. Digital certificates will be sent to all successful delegates on the Monday after the course.

Presenter details:

Our courses are presented by Johan Marais or Luke Kemp.

Johan Marais is one of Africa's leading herpetologists with over 40 years of experience. Johan is a prominent author of snake books in Africa and has written the best sellers A Complete Guide to the Snakes of Southern Africa, Snakes and Snakebite in Southern Africa and First Aid for Snakebite. He is also the snake expert for the Tygerberg Poison centre and the Red Cross Poison centre, as well as an advisor on snakes and snakebite to various hospitals and clinics throughout Africa.

Luke Kemp is a keen herpetologist and photographer who has been working for the African Snakebite Institute for more than six years. In addition to presenting courses throughout Africa, Luke develops much of the ASI course material and does the identification of snakes from all over Africa on the ASI App. He is also co-authoring a new a book with Johan on the Reptiles & Amphibians of southern Africa.