



SNAKE HANDLING BOOTCAMP



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Course date: Sunday 06 December 2020

Venue: Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge, Muldersdrift, Gauteng

Directions: <http://bit.ly/2r9oYnv>

Program

The course starts at **09:30** sharp, with a brief theory session discussing the correct handling techniques, safe removal protocols, and the importance of crowd control.

We then move onto the practical session where we will be covering the use of snake tongs and buckets and snake tongs and tubes. We will break at around 13:00 for lunch and then move onto hooking and tailing venomous snakes and practising real life snake removal scenarios.

Snakes used for the handling session vary but we usually make use of the following species: Puff Adder, Cape Cobra, Forest Cobra, Snouted Cobra and/or Rinkhals.

Dress code: Those doing the venomous snake handling should wear long trousers and closed shoes. On hot days please bring along a hat.

The African Snakebite Institute will supply all equipment needed for delegates to use during the snake handling session (hooks, tongs, buckets and tubes)

Important info:

- 1).** Please note, prior attendance of an ASI Snake Awareness, First Aid for Snakebite and Venomous Snake Handling course is a prerequisite for anyone wishing to attend this course. Please forward a copy of your certificate to Ashley when making a booking.
- 2).** No spectators are allowed during the theory session, this includes children. Spectators (including children) are welcome to watch the snake handling session from a safe distance, but please ensure that spectators, especially small children, do not interfere with the training in any way.
- 3).** Cell phones: The use of cell phones for text messages and calls is not permitted during the awareness or handling courses and may only be left on for emergency calls.
- 4).** 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.
- 5).** Our minimum age requirement for this course is 16 years of age.
- 6).** Delegates that do the venomous snake handling will have to sign an indemnity prior to the practical session. Those below 18 years of age will have to have a parent or guardian sign the indemnity.



Course Fees:

The ***Snake Handling Bootcamp*** costs **R1400.00** per person and includes coffee/tea and a light lunch.

The full amount will have to be paid prior to the course to secure your attendance. Employees of game lodges and corporate companies can provide an official order to secure a booking.

Please note:

1). Please note that Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge has been incorporated into a conservancy and now charges a **R30.00 conservation fee** for anyone who enters their premises. Please go to reception on your way in and purchase your exit slip (the main gate does not let you out without one)

Cancellation policy: There are no cancellation fees for changes or cancellation to your booking 48 hours prior to the course date. For cancellations or changes within 48 hours of the course date, we charge a **50% cancellation fee**.

Due to the practical nature of this course, space is limited. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

To book, please complete a course booking form and email the booking form, and your previous course certificate to Ashley - admin@asiorg.co.za. Ashley will send through an invoice for payment.

Or complete an online registration and payment and email the proof of payment and certificate to Ashley – admin@asiorg.co.za

Certificates and course material:

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

Equipment:

Snake tongs, snake hooks, scorpion torches, posters and some of Johan's books will be available for sale on the day. Delegates that have any of Johan's books are welcome to bring them along for an autograph.

Accreditation:

Our courses are presented by **Johan Marais**, one of Africa's leading herpetologist with over 40 years of experience. Johan is a **FGASA** approved service provider and accredited by **ISZS** (the *International Society of Zoological Sciences*). 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.

