



# SNAKE HANDLING BOOTCAMP



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**Course date: Sunday 21 March 2021**

**Venue: The Animal Sanctuary @ Butterfly World, Klapmuts**

**Directions: <http://bit.ly/2coMgMG>**

## **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, Mole Snake, Cape Cobra and or Boomslang

**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.



### Costs:

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.

**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** and for nonattendance on the day of the course we charge a **100% 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Presenter details and accreditation:

Our courses are presented by **Johan Marais**, 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. Or by **Luke Kemp**, who graduated from Rhodes University with a BSc and Honours Degree and has been working for the African Snakebite Institute for the past three years. Luke is a passionate herpetologist, avid photographer, and has been presenting courses with Johan Marais not just in South Africa, but elsewhere in Africa also. He currently runs the reptile Virtual Museum with ADU, Cape Town University and is co-authoring a book on the reptiles and amphibians of southern Africa with Johan Marais. Our courses are **FGASA** endorsed and are accredited by **ISZS** (the *International Society of Zoological Sciences*) and recognised by the **AFGA** (African Field Guides Association) and the **NFTGA** (National Federation of Tourist Guides & Affiliates). This course is registered with both the **Health Professions Council of South Africa**, and registered health professionals earn 4 CPD points, and the **PCIPC** (Pest Control Industry Professional Council) and registered members receive 3 CPD points when completing this course.

