

BABANANGO

Outdoor Education

OUR ACTIVITIES



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At Babanango Outdoor Education (BOE), we believe in being more than just a school camp. Our dedicated team are passionate about equipping young, enquiring minds with invaluable life skills through facilitated self-discovery, teambuilding exercises, the beauty of nature and most importantly, fun at every turn! Apart from fond memories, we ensure that each student leaves with a greater perspective and appreciation of the world and those around them.

We also take great pride in our strict safety standards that are upheld by all our highly skilled facilitators and staff members. At BOE, we are trained to brief participants before the activity and to ensure appropriate footwear and clothing is always worn. Teachers and participants should always take into consideration the level of the activity when planning their visit and listen to our facilitators.

Our new rating system has been added for your benefit to quickly determine which activities would best suit your students.



VERY EASY



EASY



MODERATE



CHALLENGING



History Activities

ISANDLWANA & RORKE'S DRIFT (10 Hours)

– Full-day trip, departure time as early as possible –



Very Easy Activity:

Involves some stairs, inclines and distances.

Please Note:

This activity requires transport and wearing comfortable shoes. Packed lunches and snacks are provided during the tour.

During this 10-hour history tour, children will be hands-on, including role-playing and visual aids. From the lofty heights of the Nqutu Ridge, students enjoy a panoramic view of both the Isandlwana and Rorke's drift battlefield.

If Matatane Camp facilitators are required to assist the school with this activity/outing, there will be a travel cost of R1,300.00.

KWAMATHIWANE & THE SPIRIT OF EMAKHOSINI (7 Hours)

– Full-day or half-day trip option. Departure time as early as possible –



Very Easy Activity:

Involves some stairs, inclines and distances.

Please Note:

Additional surcharge may be applicable for the residence visit. This activity requires transport and wearing comfortable shoes. Packed lunches and snacks are provided during the tour.

This activity is a tour of Mgungundlovu (King Dingane's Royal Residence), which has been partially reconstructed and overlooks KwaMatiwane (the Hill of Execution). The reconstructed huts are located on their original foundation, which is over 180 years old.

Please Note

History Tours are conducted with a private Tour Agency and as per their Cancellation Policy, should bookings be cancelled 14 days before arrival, a 100% cancellation fee would apply.

Also note that the entrance fees for History Sites is R5 per child, on condition they are dressed in their school uniform. If dressed in civies a R70 fee applies per child.

Ecology + Geography Activities / Studies

JUNIOR MAP WORK – GRADE 8 & 9 (2 Hours)



Moderate Activity:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

Please Note

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

Using a sand relief model and 1:50 000 maps, we introduce the basic theory of map work at camp. We then divide the students into groups and guide them in completing activities using their recently acquire map work skills. This includes using grid references, a key and map symbols in the field.

SENIOR MAP WORK – GRADE 10, 11 & 12 (2 Hours)



Moderate Activity:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

Please Note

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

Using a sand relief model and 1:50 000 maps, we reinforced the basic theory of map work at camp. We then divide the students into groups and guide them in completing activities using their recently acquire map work skills.

CLIMATOLOGY (1 Hour)



Moderate Activity:
Please Note

Involves some stairs and inclines.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

From an elevated vantage point, the different elements of climatology are discussed, emphasizing the micro-climate of the valley below. The influence of topography on the micro-climate, anabatic and katabatic winds, aspect and temperature inversion form the basis of this study.

RIVER FLOWS (2 Hours)

– GRADE 10, 11 & 12 –



Challenging Activity:
Please Note:

Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes and swimming

A guided walk to the river where concepts such as run-off, river flows, stream load, river volume, velocity and discharge are illustrated. A comprehensive worksheet is used to guide a discussion of these concepts, after which some exploring and a swim is encouraged!

WATER STUDY: (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity:
Please Note:

Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.

This activity requires transport, wearing comfortable shoes and swimming costumes. Children will be walking and swimming

The practical section of this study requires students to assess the water quality of the nearby river. Water quality activities include a sensory exercise, as well as a water organism identification and classification exercise, which incorporates the use of "bug dials".

ARACHNID STUDY: SPIDERS & SCORPIONS (2 Hours)



Moderate Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

This activity is an informative, educational and hands-on study of Arachnids. Interesting Arachnids are discussed, followed by the supervised collection and identification specimens. Safety is our top priority when carrying out this exercise.

SNAKE STUDY (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

This activity is an informative, educational and hands-on study of Snakes. Interesting snakes are discussed, followed by the identification specimens.

NB: there are no live snakes, just pictures.



PLANT STUDY (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.
This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

The aim of this study is to introduce scholars to the importance of plants. After a detailed presentation about the conservation of plants, each group will be allocated a specific plant that they need to identify and interview.

ECO -TRAIL (2 Hours)



Moderate Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.
This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

The entire group goes on a walk through the bush, with lots of stops throughout. At each point, a specific plant or object in nature is discussed. Information on the object itself and its use to people are examined.

BIODIVERSITY STUDY (2 Hours)



Moderate Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.
This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

The entire group goes on a walk through the bush, it teaches about our biodiversity and its importance, as well as how to sustain it.

SCAVENGER HUNT (2 Hours)



Moderate Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.
This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

A very good follow on from the eco-trail, students are presented with a checklist of items they are required to find. These items include a dung beetle, crabs, bones and porcupine quills. Students are then awarded points depending on what they have found in the allotted time.

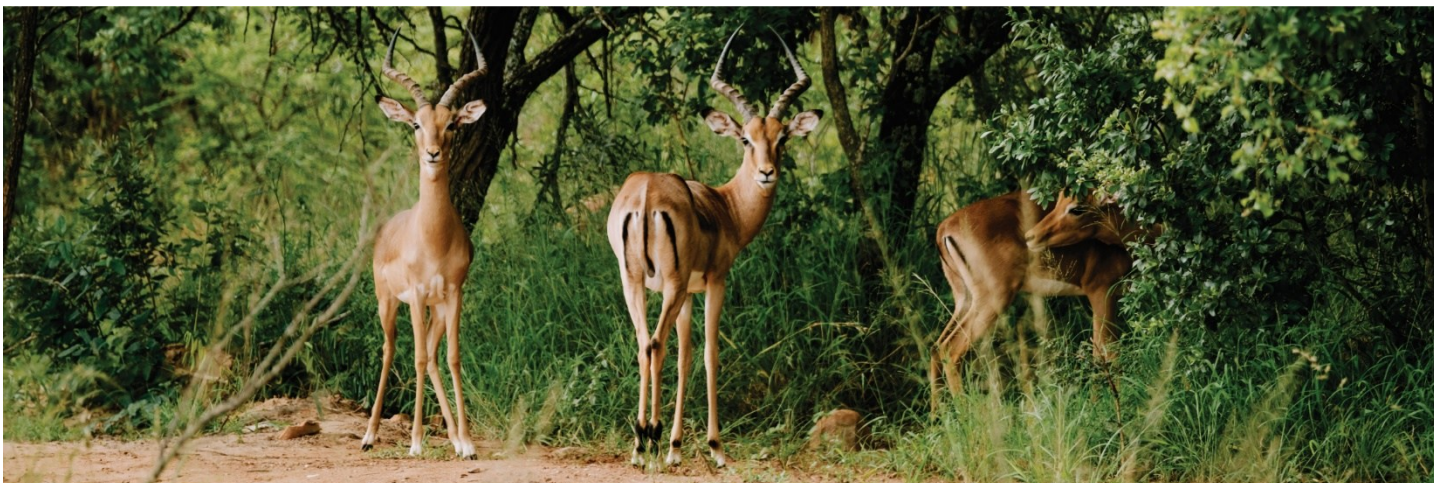
GEOMORPHOLOGY STUDY (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.
This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

This activity is a basic introduction to geomorphology is the study of landforms, their processes, form and sediments at the surface of the Earth (and sometimes on other planets). Study includes looking at landscapes to work out how the earth surface processes, such as air, water and ice, can mould the landscape.



Social Awareness and Development

ORPHANAGE VISIT (2 Hours)



Very Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

This activity requires transport and wearing comfortable shoes.

With prior arrangements, students are provided with the opportunity to visit a rural orphanage. There they learn about the orphanage, are shown the facilities and interact with its residents. Students are also encouraged to help the residents in some way, either with a gift of time or with donated goods.

MODERN ZULU VILLAGE (2 or 4 Hours)



Very Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

This activity requires transport and wearing comfortable shoes.

With prior arrangements, students are given the opportunity to visit a modern Zulu village. Information is given about its history, current infrastructure and traditions is shared. Afterwards, students partake in daily life at the Modern Zulu Village.

Leadership and Team Building

OBSTACLE COURSE (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity:
Please Note:

Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps. Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces and the obstacle course. Children with disabilities should not participate in this activity. This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

Our obstacle course is fun, thought-provoking and challenging. Designed to test the strengths and weaknesses of both individuals and the group, activities are closely monitored by our staff when attempted

OUT & ABOUT ORIENTEERING (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity:
Please Note:

Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.

Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces. Children will be taken on an orienteering walk through the reserve. This activity

After being divided into groups, students are prepared for a structured exploration of the property. This activity improves both map reading and orienteering skills, as students have to find various points on a map. Teamwork is also tested and improved during this activity.



AMAZING RACE (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity: Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.
Please Note:

Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces. Children will be taken on an orienteering walk through the reserve. This activity

A race between teams to complete a five-point challenge. It accesses individual strength and group dynamics, and it's fun!

BUSHCRAFT (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity: Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.
Please Note:

Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces. Children are required to Build a structure. This activity requires wearing

Students are taught basic camping tricks, sleep-out techniques and survival skills. This activity aims to teach students how they can survive in the bush and is a great prelude to a sleep out activity. Building a reliable shelter is also required.

MINIATURE RAFT BUILDING (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity: Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.
Please Note:

Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces and water activity. Children will be in the water at times. This activity requires

Working in groups, students are expected to build a miniature raft. Using only natural materials, all rafts are subject to three challenges: the strength test, the speed test and the aesthetics test.

A swim in the river is encouraged after the competition is over.

TEAM CHALLENGE (2 Hours)



Challenging Activity: Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.
Please Note:

Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces. This activity

A competitive six-point challenge, where teams compete against each other for point self-evaluation within the team contact concludes this activity. It is a great way for teamwork and to assess individual strengths and weaknesses.



General Interest

HIKING TRAILS (3 Hours)



Challenging Activity:
Please Note:

Involves extensive walking, including inclines, uneven terrain & steps.

Physical injuries may occur due to uneven surfaces. Children will

Babanango Valley is part of a 4000-hectare conservancy. We have over 20 kilometres of scenic hiking trails to explore, beautiful but challenging mountains to conquer, and an array of fauna and flora to appreciate.

Evening Activities

Evening Activities are confirmed upon arrival and are only available if weather conditions are suitable.

STALK THE LANTERN (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines and distance.

This activity is done at the main camp and requires wearing comfortable shoes.

The aim of this game is to capture the Lantern, before being discovered.

THE NIGHT SKY (1 Hour)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs, inclines, distances or other movements that call for more dexterity or exertion.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

An informative look at the night sky, including the stars in our solar system.

EVENING HIKE (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some stairs and inclines.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes. Children are taken on a hike through the reserve.

A night walk as a group, looking for eyes reflecting from the bush.

Solitaire: An opportunity to reflect in solitude, away from the hustle and bustle.

CAMP CONCERT (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some movements, team building and creative thinking.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

A selection of reverting performances based on a common theme. The teams compete to give the best performances (dancing, singing or acting). It's a fun interactive challenge

BOARD GAMES (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves teamwork and challenging thinking.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

The learners work in groups as they challenge each other with different board games.

TEAM QUIZ (2 Hours)



Easy Activity:
Please Note:

Involves some movements, teamwork and creative thinking.

This activity requires wearing comfortable shoes.

Groups compete to answer riddles and general knowledge questions.