



PRESIDENTS AWARD



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VISION

Our vision is to become the self-development programme of choice for young people in South Africa.

MISSION

Our mission, with the assistance of adult volunteer leaders, is to empower young people between the ages of 14 and 25, by providing a balanced, non-competitive framework for self-development that will increase their self-esteem and enhance their capacity to achieve in whatever context they find themselves: enabling them to become responsible active citizens within their communities.

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CONTENT

There are four sections to the programme. All four sections must be tackled for the specified minimum period of time.

1. Service:

Aim: to learn how to give useful service to others

Emphasis: the emphasis is on the regular giving of service to others

Residential project (Gold level only): young people are required to undertake a Residential project at Gold level. This is intended to broaden their experience through living and working with others (who are not their everyday companions) over a period of five consecutive days

2. Adventurous Journey

Aim: to encourage a spirit of adventure and discovery whilst undertaking a Journey in a group.

The adventurous journey might be by foot, bicycle, boat or horseback. Travel by personal effort, without motorised assistance, should be involved. Proper training and preparation, self-sufficiency, self-reliance and the exploration of new surroundings are the key elements.

3. Skills

Aim: to encourage the development of personal interests and practical skills

Sustained effort and general improvement over a period of time is required, rather than the attainment of a specified standard.

4. Physical Recreation

Aim: to encourage participation in physical recreation and improvement of performance

Participants are required to take part in some form of organised physical recreation and show individual progress.

SKILLS DEVELOPED / WHAT DOES A PARTICIPANT GET OUT OF THE PROGRAMME?

- Self-belief and confidence
- An independent and self-motivating attitude
- A sense of responsibility to others
- A connection to the broader society
- New or improved interest, skills and abilities
- A willingness to try new things
- New friendships
- Lifelong interests
- Team skills
- Life skills: negotiation, research, communication, problem solving, presentation and planning skills

THE REWARD:

For participants, the main reward is a great sense of personal achievement. They will gain new skills and experiences, make new friends and build all-round character. More tangibly they will receive a prestigious badge and certificate to mark their achievement. fs