



Programme

Wilderness Safaris Bush Buddy Programme offered at our camps in **Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe** is a fun and educational programme designed for our younger guests aged 6 to 12. Our Bush Buddies are key staff members who have been trained in childcare and educational aspects of looking after children in the bush. They either have children of their own or they have had previous experience working with youngsters, making them ideally suited to this position.

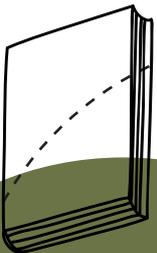
Our highly motivated Bush Buddies create life-changing journeys for children visiting our camps. They tailor-make each experience to suit the children's ages and individual interests, and ensure that the child goes home feeling inspired to appreciate and conserve their natural worlds.

HOW IT WORKS?

This complimentary service is available on request prior to arrival; one of the Bush Buddies will join the family at each camp, where they will be the mentor and friend of the children wherever needed, throughout the day.

- Children aged 6 – 10 will receive a Bush Buddy bag, while older children receive a Teenpack*
- All activities will always be supervised by the Bush Buddy.
- A list of age-appropriate activities will be given to parents and children, to be discussed and arranged. We aim to appeal to the interests of each individual child and create a wide range of activities. Parents are welcome to join in if they wish!
- Our Bush Buddies liaise with one another in order to keep the activities novel at each camp visited.
- Meal times will be discussed with parents and the family's schedule arranged accordingly.

**For each pack handed out, a donation is made to Children in the Wilderness (CITW).*



SAMPLE ACTIVITIES

- Walks in camp – taken with their guide to explain the minutiae of the natural world often missed out on game drives
- Tracking lessons and competitions, making casts of tracks
- Antlion trapping and catching – a test of dexterity and patience
- Bird and animal call identification
- Collection and identification of leaves, insects, dung etc.
- Scrapbook making
- Treasure hunts
- Soccer and volleyball games with the staff teams
- Popular board games, which are available in each camp, as well as some African varieties that are fun to learn
- Assisting in the camp kitchen



ARTS AND CRAFTS IN CAMP

- Natural sculptures out of collected materials
- Basket weaving
- Card making
- Painting with paints, as well as with natural dyes and materials such as berries, sand and roots
- Story and poem writing on safari experiences – they may be posted on our blog if submitted to us!
- Jewellery making



FOR THE NIGHT OWLETS

- Frogging
- Dancing and drumming – lessons for these are also given during the day
- Storytelling and presentations
- Star identification and legends



CURRENT OFFERING

- Bush Buddy Bags / Teen Backpacks given at the first camp
- Individual, personalised handmade welcome cards (artwork by a CITW student)
- Child-friendly menus
- Additional surprises along the way...


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