

IMIRE BUSHCAMPS



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ABOUT US

Imire was founded in 1948 by Norman and Gilly Travers. Originally cattle ranchers and farmers, the Travers also had a great passion for wildlife and conservation, which led to the establishment of Imire as a wildlife sanctuary.

Sadly, Norman and Gilly, his conservation partner and wife of over 50 years, both passed away in 2010. Unsurprisingly, their passion for wildlife and hospitality rubbed off on their children, and the park is still run by the Travers family, who work with Norman's integrity and enthusiasm to this day.

Situated just 1 ½ hours drive from Harare, Imire is a world away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Imire is an ideal place for your children to gain a well balanced outdoor experience covering general knowledge, teambuilding, leadership and practical, survival and life skills, whilst also contributing to an important conservation cause.

We pride ourselves in creating a safe and enjoyable environment for students, with all of our camps being well supervised by qualified and knowledgeable staff.



WHAT WE OFFER

Imire Rhino & Wildlife Conservation are now offering a wide variety of outdoor camps including school bushcamps, leadership camps, school orientation, holiday camps and leadership courses. Each experience is unique and specific to both group and individual requirements, as courses can be custom designed to your preference.

Give your students the opportunity to take on the ultimate learning challenge and take the curriculum out of the classroom in order to experience education, lifeskills, nature and adventure in a safe and enjoyable environment.

We offer a range of exclusive programs for both junior and senior school students. These programmes are designed to positively impact on the student education process covering various activities which will enhance levels of leadership, teambuilding, decision making and communication.

Our holiday camps ensure to get your kids outdoors and get them learning new skills, providing them an opportunity to meet people, and encourage resilience teamwork and confidence.

Catering is available for special diets, allergies and medical conditions.

WHAT DOES IT INCLUDE?

Dolf Sasseen (Qualified guide & conservation educationist)

Partnership with local school for a conservation task

On site game park and lodge manager

Ablution Blocks & Hot Showers

Customised Programmes

Bushcamp Accomodation

First Aid Certified guides

All Meals Fully Catered

Transport



EXAMPLE COURSE OUTLINE

1. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- 1.1. **Mammals**
Identification
General Knowledge
- 1.2. **Birds**
Identification
General Knowledge
- 1.3. **Insects, Snakes and Reptiles**
Identification
General Knowledge
Handling of non-venomous species
- 1.4. **Trees, edible plants and medicinal plants**
Identification
General Knowledge
- 1.5. **Stars**
Basic Identification
Gaining Bearings
- 1.6. **Animal camouflage**
Understanding camouflage and practical uses
- 1.7. **Dangerous game and evasive action**
How to handle dangerous game in a Big 5 area
How to avoid confrontation
- 1.8. **Warning systems in the bush**
Identification of animal and bird calls in accordance with the threat
- 1.9. **Night Drive/ Night Walk**
Experiencing nocturnal life and observing active species

2. SURVIVAL SKILLS

- 2.1. **Habits and habitats**
Animal movements and behavioural patterns
Where and when to find species
- 2.2. **Tracks and tracking**
Spoor identification
Following spoor
- 2.3. **Trapping**
Basic trapping of small mammals and birds
Skills to promote anti-poaching
- 2.4. **Observation**
Teaching the use of the five senses
Promoting vigilance and awareness of surroundings
- 2.5. **Identifying direction**
Practical knowledge on acquiring direction using birds, ant hills and the sun
- 2.6. **Locating water**
How to utilise birds and mammal species to locate water
- 2.7. **Making string**
What plants to use
Techniques
Practical applications
- 2.8. **Making fire**
What plants to use
Techniques
Practical applications

3. PRACTICAL SKILLS

- 3.1. **Initiative test**
Test Endurance, Stamina, Determination and Logic
- 3.2. **Basic mechanics**
"Bush mechanics"
How to fix parts with natural materials
- 3.3. **Interacting with nature**
Teaching respect of and for nature
- 3.4. **Knife sharpening**
Sharpening knives using various tools and techniques
- 3.5. **Watermanship**
Basic skills in the water
- 3.6. **Canoeing**
How to use a canoe and basic lakemanship

4. LIFE SKILLS

- 4.1. **Leadership**
Basic leadership skills
How to motivate and encourage
- 4.2. **Team work**
How to work together towards a common goal and/ or to complete an objective
- 4.3. **How to take direction**
How to listen to and follow directions from superiors
- 4.4. **Confidence building**
Strengthen confidence and improve self-worth
- 4.5. **Counselling**
Age appropriate character development
Providing counsel for personal issues

ACTIVITIES

FISHING

Enjoy some time out fishing out on our beautiful dam taking note of all the smaller wildlife that makes use of this environment including a friendly otter family! Patience is key...



GAME-DRIVES

Travel through our conservancy keeping an eye out for rhinos, our key species! Students are allowed an opportunity to get up close to the endangered black rhino and observe the true meaning and benefit of conservation. Observation skills are imperative on drives and help give students an understanding of how to behave in a wild environment.



FIRE-MAKING

Learn a prehistoric, extremely practical bush skill under careful supervision.



ABSEILING

Abseiling down Castle Kopje under careful and experienced supervision. Abseiling helps students to gain the confidence to conquer fears, facing them straight on. There is no better or more exhilarating way to see the Imire view!



STAR-GAZING

First-time stargazers are quick to learn that night lights in urban areas, create light pollution that hinders us from seeing the beauty of the skies. Get in touch with the universe, learning constellations and how they can assist in navigation, environmental studies and mythology.



STRING-MAKING

Engaging and practical lesson on how to make string from bark while in the bush. You never know when this one might come in handy!



OBSTACLE COURSE

Exercise body, mind and team spirit in our custom made obstacle course. The perfect challenge to test camaraderie and display new skills.



CANOEING

Build new friendships on a canoe, learning paddling, coordination and balance skills all while gaining an eye level view of the water and all the nature surrounding it.



RAFT-BUILDING

Raft-building challenges students to think out of the box and work as a group, developing initiative and creativity. Staying afloat is never as easy as it seems!



NIGHT WALKS

See the bush as never before – keeping an eye out for bush babies and aardvarks, and taking note of all the amazing activities that occur under the cover of darkness.



TRAPPING & TRACKING

Knowledge of wildlife tracks and signs is a lifelong bush skill, teaching not only safety but a deep curiosity for the smaller clues that we often miss out. Trapping is taught with sensitivity and knowledge of basic traps and gives students the knowledge they need to keep a future eye out for seemingly harmless natural traps that endanger our wildlife.



PAINT-BALL

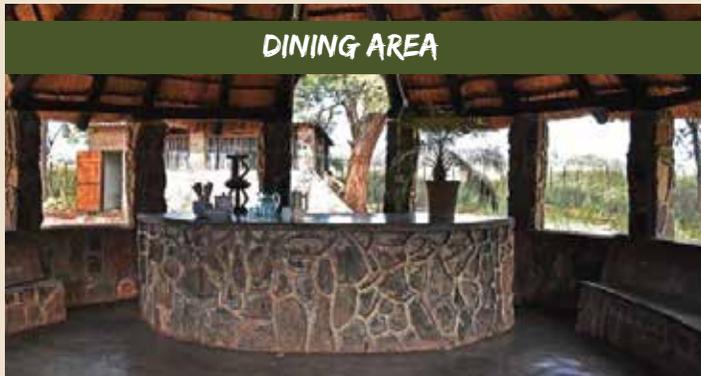
Students are able to gain and understanding and familiarity with a safe weapon whilst working on hand eye coordination skills. Paintball is a fun, interactive way to build teamwork and get exercise outdoors.



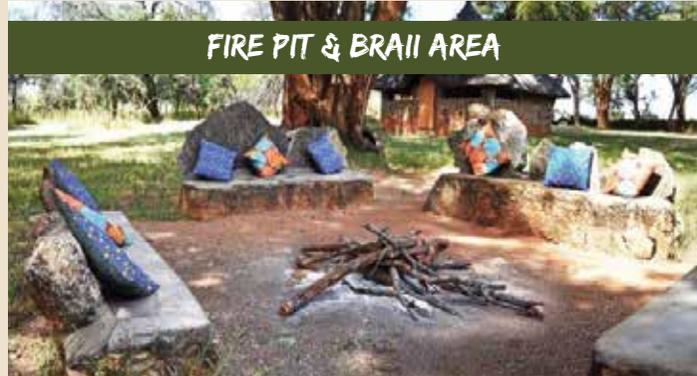
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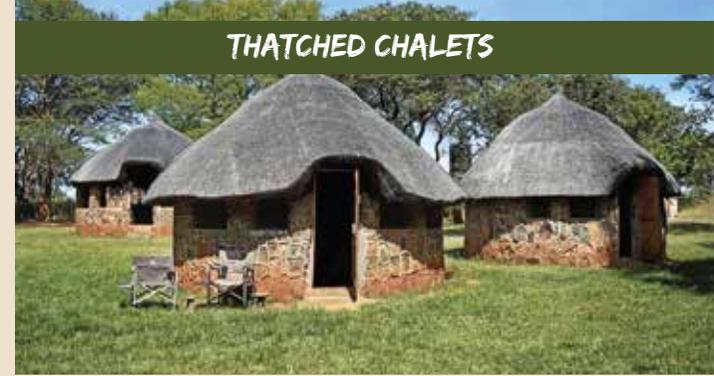
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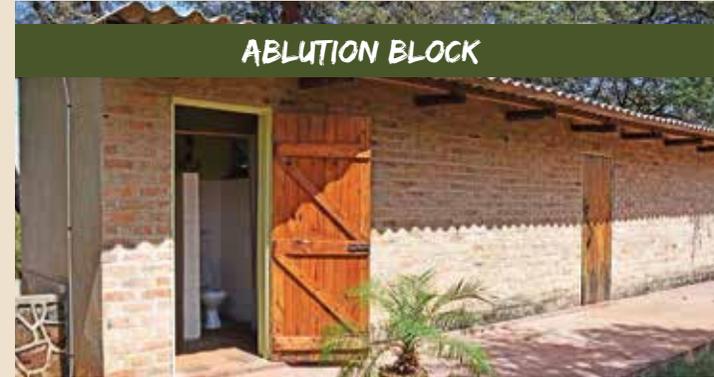
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