

# HESC on the move

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**HOEDSPRUIT** - There are a lot of things which schools can't teach children, skills such as resilience and common sense, which is why the HESC is going to help children embrace adventure and succeed in life. An outdoor education teaches young people how to make the right decisions and take responsibility for their actions; it's all about preparing them for life. This is why HESC, Hoedspruit Endangered Species Centre, came up with an idea of starting up an activity programme called the HESC Pioneer Programme. It's an activity programme aimed to educate children about the importance of wildlife, and educating the whole community about animals through the children. The idea behind this programme came from Adine Roode, CEO of HESC.

On March 2, 2016, a team from HESC visited one of the preparatory schools in Arcornhoek, Lumukisa Primary School, to introduce the idea and meet the ten top learners that the school has selected to get the programme going. The programme is set to start running in March with the first ten children.

USA friends of the HESC, Heidi and Allen Roberts, have



generously offered to sponsor this valuable programme. Heidi said the reason they visit South Africa is to see the animals and they are concerned about the sustainability of South African wildlife. Heidi added that she feels the children should be taught a lot about the importance of animals and how poaching is damaging their heritage.

Whatever young people want to achieve in life, whether it's reaching the summit of

Everest or starting their own business, they can't rely only on pieces of paper to get them there. Teamwork, leadership, perseverance and good communication – these are the skills that will help them succeed. It's time we recognise this and help children reach their potential by embracing adventure in every aspect of their lives.

HESC is going to change lives and educate the young ones about the value of wildlife.

