



Dear Member,

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For a number of years, NEWS has organised an annual outing to the NamibRand Nature Reserve at the beginning of May and since 2007 we have used The Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust (NaDEET), also located on NamibRand, as our venue. Here Viktoria and Andreas Keding were our excellent hosts and they have again agreed to welcome us this year over the first weekend in May.

NaDEET is an organisation not for gain, established in 2003. NaDEET's core project is a Centre where participants are engaged in hands-on, outdoor learning in a desert environment. By using an innovative design, alternative technology (e.g. solar cookers, bucket showers) and living techniques, the Centre is both a model and an experience in sustainable living. NaDEET believes environmental education must not only increase awareness and knowledge, but also eco-friendly attitudes and skills in Namibia's people.

This outing will once again provide an unbeatable chance to experience one of the most beautiful areas of our country in the company of like-minded people. For this year, we have joined forces with the Botanical Society Namibia to make this a joint outing between our organisations. This presents a wonderful opportunity to share our common interests and will surely lead to much closer co-operation in the future.

The NaDEET offer to NEWS is a marvellous one, for which we are very grateful: The three nights and daily activities are offered to us at the all-inclusive price of only N\$ 500 per person!

Meeting point: NaDEET Office on the NamibRand Nature Reserve

Arrival: Afternoon of Friday the 1st of May 2009

Departure: After breakfast on Monday the 4th of May 2009

Maximum participants: 20 persons

You will need to travel in your own vehicle, but we do offer to look for lifts, if required.

NaDEET will provide three meals a day and have fruit and cold water available all day (drinks include coffee, tea, water and juice). There are 6 houses for visitors that each sleep a family of 4 persons comfortably. Each house has a solar shower and toilet. NaDEET provides mattresses and extra blankets. We must bring our own bedding (including sheets), personal items and extra drinks and snacks (such as beer or cool drinks, chips etc.). There is limited freezer space available at NaDEET, for those who would like to store food for the return or onward trip.

We are offered a variety of programmes that teach about sustainable living, biodiversity and the balance between humans and the environment in the magical setting of the Namib Desert. The activities will include long walks using NaDEET as the base. Food will be solar cooked and aspects of the normal NaDEET programme will be included. There will also be astronomy in the evenings, which gives us an opportunity to use the telescope sponsored by NEWS. Of course there are also many opportunities to discuss environmental issues and visions for the future.

Please use the attached form to book the outing with the NEWS Office (Fax 061-306290 / Information@NEWS-Namibia.org). Please confirm your participation not later than the 17th of April 2009. Payments must reach NEWS by 20 April 2009. We unfortunately have to cancel the outing, if less than 10 people participate.

We look forward to this wonderful outing.

Best regards,

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