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**Dear Principals,
Dear English Teachers,
Dear Science Teachers,
Dear School staff in the Kunene Education Region,**

Re: NEWS-NaDEET Annual Essay Contest 2009 in Kunene Region

It is with great pleasure that we inform you that the NEWS-NaDEET Annual Essay Contest 2009 is open to all grade 7-9 learners in the Kunene Region. We hereby would like to request all eligible schools to participate in this year's essay contest on the topic of "Sustainable Utilisation of Wildlife".

As the Kunene Region is rich in wildlife and other natural resources, there is much discussion and interest in the topic of sustainable utilisation. This topic was highlighted by the media last year through the elephant trophy hunting debate.

We would like to encourage principals and teachers to engage learners in this much-debated topic by entering the essay contest. There are great prizes to be won for the best essays including an all expenses paid trip to NaDEET Centre on the NamibRand Nature Reserve in the Hardap Region (value of prize approximately N\$50,000). Please see the attached information sheet for all contest details.

If you require further information, please contact us at the details provided above. We look forward to receiving essays from your schools.

Thank you for your time,

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on behalf of all NaDEET and NEWS staff

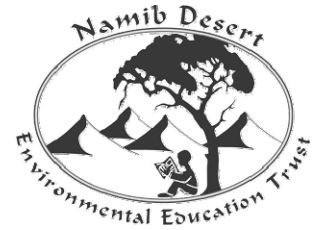
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NEWS-NaDEET ANNUAL ESSAY CONTEST 2009



“SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF WILDLIFE IN THE KUNENE REGION”

Sustainable utilisation of wildlife means the wise use of wildlife in a way that does not have long-term negative effects on wildlife populations. This can include things like trophy hunting and meat hunting (consumptive use) or tourism (non-consumptive use). Wildlife populations are affected by many factors such as droughts, diseases, competition, predation and exploitation by humans. In Namibia, wildlife conservation and use is one of the most important economic and environmental sectors. Most people in the Kunene Region understand how important it is to conserve and use wildlife resources in a sustainable manner. We would like to know your views on sustainable utilisation of wildlife in the Kunene Region.

Write an essay on this topic and win a free trip to NaDEET Centre for you and your class in 2009!

Contest details: The NEWS-NaDEET Annual Essay Contest 2009 is open to **all school learners in grade 7-9** in the Kunene Region.

Write an essay about **SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF WILDLIFE IN THE KUNENE REGION**. Essays must be 500-800 words including the following information:

1. Describe your local community. For example,
 - What sources of income exist?
 - Are you part of a conservancy? If so, please give details.
2. Describe your environment including wildlife and other natural resources. For example,
 - What relationship do people have with the environment?
 - Who owns the wildlife in your area and who decides how it should be used?
 - Describe the different ways in which wildlife in your area is used, including who uses it and who benefits from the use.
3. Write about the positive and negative effects created by people using the wildlife in your area. Give at least 3 examples each.
4. What does sustainable use of wildlife mean? Is the wildlife in your area used sustainably? Explain why.

First prize: “Educational trip to NaDEET Centre” The winning learner will win a free trip for him/herself and his/her class to NaDEET Centre. This includes transport, accommodation, food and the programme of activities. The trip must be taken in 2009. Group size is limited to 40 learners and 3 teachers.

Second prize: “Environmental Education Resource Box”: including posters, books, t-shirt, Roan News Magazines, NaDEET’s Bush Telegraph and a video.

Third prize: “NaDEET T-shirt”, Roan News magazines and NaDEET’s Bush Telegraph.

Submit your contest entry with the following information:

Learner’s Name, Age, Grade, T-shirt size, School, School Address, Telephone, Fax and Contact teacher’s name. All contest entries must be received by NaDEET before or on the 29th April 2009.

Send your entries to: NEWS-NaDEET Annual Essay Contest 2009, PO Box 31017, Pioniers Park, Windhoek or fax to 063- 693013 or email to admin@nadeet.org.

Entries will be judged by NaDEET & NEWS staff and the winners will be informed by the 30 June 2009.

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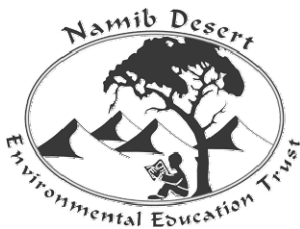
WE ARE THE NEWS

NEWS is an organisation not-for-profit with the mission to conserve the natural environment of Namibia and to promote appropriate protection, wise and sustainable use of natural resources and sustainable development. We are a national membership-based organisation open to anyone with an interest in our environment. Through our membership, we create a network of individuals and organisations who care about our environment. Our publications, talks and outings keep members informed on environmental issues and facilitate a sharing of information. Spread the NEWS.



Through its NEWS-4-the-future Youth Programme, NEWS actively works with Namibia's youth to create a sound understanding of environmental issues and the basis for sustainable living for future generations. Through our school membership scheme, we promote environmental education amongst Namibia's youth in a variety of ways: Outings, presentations, publications, contests, projects, prizes and bursaries.

Become a member - don't miss the NEWS!



Namib Desert Environmental Education Trust (NaDEET)

NaDEET is a non-profit organisation aimed to empower Namibians to make decisions for a sustainable future. The heart of our project is NaDEET Centre- an environmental education centre located on NamibRand Nature Reserve 150 km west of Maltahöhe in the Hardap Region.

NaDEET Centre invites school, youth and educator groups to participate in our programme to live and learn about sustainable living. Our programme includes hands-on activities focussed on solar energy, water saving, recycling and the biodiversity of the Namib Desert. We challenge you to reflect on your current living practices and to take action for a better environment.

To support environmental learning beyond NaDEET Centre, we distribute a bi-annual youth mini-magazine, the *Bush Telegraph*. The *Bush Telegraph* is free of charge for all and covers various local environmental topics. Previous topics have included The Namibian Coast, Climate Change, Water, Energy and Sustainable Development.

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