



OUR VISION

The Junior Honorary Rangers are a collection of dedicated youth who contribute to SANParks and the Honorary Rangers in their private capacity in the same way as charity groups contribute to other social causes. In line with the mandate of the People and Conservation Youth Development Programme of SANParks, the contribution of JHRs is manifested in many ways. These include involvement in conservation and environmental projects in schools and communities.

WHO ARE THE JUNIOR HONORARY RANGERS?

Junior Honorary Rangers (JHRs) are volunteers between the ages of 12 and 18 who participate in the Youth Development Programme of the South African National Parks (SANParks). It is the junior leg of the Honorary Rangers (HRs) which has been in existence for almost 40 years and has a proud tradition of volunteer service to SANParks. The Honorary Rangers are organised in 24 regions across South Africa.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF BECOMING A JUNIOR HONORARY RANGER?

Once you have joined the corps, you will be able to put a lot of environment-related issues into perspective, such as understanding the effect of environmental degradation and what we can do to prevent it. You will also understand how the actions of people can influence our environment. You will furthermore have the opportunity to become involved in conservation campaigns to help change people's misuse of the environment. Lastly, it can profile yourself for further studies and career choices – opening up your hidden potential.

WHAT WILL I LEARN IN THE ORIENTATION COURSE?

During the course you will gain invaluable knowledge about our environment. Examples of aspects of the course include:

- Environmental Degradation
- The Environmental Crisis
- Environmental Studies
- Parks and Conservation
- Environmental Leadership
- The Honorary Rangers of SANParks
- Junior Honorary Rangers

HOW DO I BECOME A JUNIOR HONORARY RANGER?

- If you are interested in becoming a Junior Honorary Ranger, you can get an application form from the Honorary Rangers office at SANParks (Groenkloof), the JHR facilitator of a specific region or the SANParks website (www.sanparks.org).
- A selection committee consisting of a member of SANParks, a senior HR as well as the regional facilitator will interview applicants.
- This normally takes place only once a year during January – February.
- During the interview, the context and importance of the Junior Honorary Rangers movement must be explained to the applicant.
- The candidate must complete a Junior Honorary Ranger profile document.
- The candidate must also complete a Junior Honorary Rangers Indemnity Form and receive a copy of the Code of Conduct.
- Once completed, the candidate will be registered as an applicant by the relevant region and recorded by: The HR administrator – SANParks Head Office, taboueuxn@sanparks.org / SANParks, P.O. Box 787, Pretoria. 0001
- The applicant will receive an applicant nametag (issued by SANParks) which can be worn at official gatherings.

WHAT DO I DO DURING THE APPLICANT YEAR? – INTERACTIVE WORKBOOK & WORKSHOP

- The workbook (or section of the workbook) must be completed by each applicant and must be submitted before the practical workshop will build on knowledge acquired through the completion of the workbook.
- The portfolio must be compiled throughout the year and must be submitted at the end of the year for final evaluation.
- The portfolio must portray the work done throughout the year. Continuous evaluation must take place.
- The portfolio must be set out neatly with an index, headings and sub-headings. Where possible, illustrations can be used to illustrate different sections i.e. mammals, plants, birds, indigenous knowledge.
- It must be the applicant's own work.
- Must indicate that a broad range of resources was used i.e. information obtained at meetings, newspapers, magazines, own point of view, etc.
- Must have four articles of fauna and flora.
- Must have four general articles.
- Personal section data. (Must have a general history of applicant.)
- The JHR facilitator in each region will present the practical workshop.
- The workshop will build on knowledge acquired through the completion of the workbook.
- The JHR facilitator must submit the names of the applicants who have successfully completed the workshop to the national coordinator.

APPOINTMENT AS A JHR

- After being selected, you stay an applicant for at least the first year or until you have completed the prescribed orientation course, a practical assignment and a portfolio of related conservation work.
- You can only be appointed to a full Junior Honorary Ranger after the prescribed courses have been completed.
- Appointment dates will be at the end of March, June and October.
- The reappointment date will be at the end of June.
- The JHR will receive a certificate when passing the Orientation Course.
- The JHR will receive a nametag and may wear the official JHR uniform.
- Candidates who become Junior Honorary Rangers will be re-appointed every year and must:
 1. be involved in a conservation and environmental project;
 2. do at least one prescribed course in a particular year;
 3. demonstrate a high level of involvement and commitment of excellent quality (not only attendance of meetings).

During your year as applicant, you need to:

- complete an orientation workbook on the outcomes of the orientation course;
- attend a practical workshop / group project;
- compile a portfolio based on the outcomes of the orientation course. The portfolio must be compiled throughout the year and must be submitted at the end of the year.

A special ceremony could be held to appoint successful candidates, depending on the decision of a particular region.

WHAT ARE TYPICAL ACTIVITIES OF THE JUNIOR HONORARY RANGERS?

The Junior Honorary Rangers can be involved in some of the activities of the Senior Corps but will meet on their own and follow their own programme. Meetings should take place once a month or as frequently possible during school holidays. In between meetings the individual members will work on their projects or be involved in courses.

JHRs will take a leading role in conservation clubs and environmental projects in their schools and communities. JHRs will also be encouraged to visit national parks.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A JHR FACILITATOR?

- Any responsible person that can work with children and has a keen interest in nature conservation may be appointed as a facilitator.
- Preferably the facilitator must be an Honorary Ranger or a SANParks employee.
- Facilitators must attend workshops accredited by the National Youth Committee.
- After successful attendance of workshops, the National Executive Committee (NEC) of the Honorary Rangers may appoint a person as an accredited facilitator.
- The accredited facilitator may train facilitators in his/her region and after successful training and attending of a workshop may appoint them as accredited facilitators.

National Youth Statistics

- National youth statistics must be reported quarterly on the prescribed form issued by the JHR national coordinator.
- The statistics must be reported as soon as possible after the end of March, June, September and December.
- It must be submitted to the regional facilitator who will submit it to the national youth coordinator.

WHAT ARE THE TYPICAL DELIVERABLES OF THE COURSE?

After you have completed the orientation course, you will be asked to do a few tasks. Examples of such tasks can be:

- Give a description of an environmental crisis or degradation of the environment;
- Give an account of how the actions of people influence the environment;
- Explain how the environment is changing for the worse and how this can be prevented;
- Do a small case study about an environmental problem;
- Partake in a conservation campaign;
- Explore the possibilities of a campaign to change people's misuse of the environment;
- Participate in changing people's attitudes towards the environment by involving them in recycling, conservation, clean-ups etc.;
- Demonstrate an understanding of your role as Junior Honorary Ranger.