



USIKO STELLENBOSCH YOUTH PROJECT

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WELCOME NOTE

Welcome to the 3rd issue of our electronic Gecko Newsletter.

Mentees Wilderness Camp – Ben Etive 27-30 MARCH 2008



Here are the boys from Stellenzicht, Cloetesville and Luckhoff high schools who went on their first Wilderness Camp in the Ceres Mountains.

The Usiko programme strive to challenge young men to create a positive vision for their lives irrespective of their circumstances or their past. The aim of this camp was to focus on helping the boys assess his life journey, and mindfully determine a vision and mission for his life to direct his journey forward in life. The programme activities include: Rivier Crossing, outdoor cooking, exploring personal issues, life skills, leadership, environmental education, HIV/Aids awareness and related topics.



Chopping off Alien Trees



Outdoor Cooking

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USIKO MENTORS 2008



MENTORS TRAINING WEEKEND – CAMP CARMEL, FRANSCHHOEK

PHASE I GIRLS WILDERNESS CAMP 9-11 MAY 2008 - HABONIM



The Phase I girls went on their first authentic experience of the Wilderness, Usiko and Womanhood on the 9 – 11th of May at Onrus. Immediately upon arrival the girls became acquainted with the significance of nature's elements and how it mirrors their own growth, depth, and richness. The focus of the camp was on group cohesion and the support that a young woman needs to master the changes, obstacles, and adversities they are presented with in their daily lives. The girls left the Habonim camp site with a strong sense of empowerment, a connection with wilderness through the nurturing of the Usiko women.

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