



ADVANCED SNAKE HANDLING COURSE



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Sunday 09 April 2017 at Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge.

For directions and details about accommodation and facilities at Cradle Moon, go to:

<http://cradlemoon.co.za/v2/contact/>

S 25° 57' 44.14" E 27° 51' 30.73"

Advanced Snake Handling

This course is largely for someone working at a reptile park or who keeps venomous snakes or works with them. Comprehensive previous experience with venomous snakes or having attended a recognised **Snake Awareness and Venomous Snake Handling Course** is a prerequisite for anyone who wants to attend this course (Please attached a copy of your valid certificate with your booking form). Advanced Snake Handling will include tailing and necking, tubing and probing snakes as well as handling Black Mambas.

The course starts at 09:30 with a brief theory session followed by practical. We will break for lunch and should finish by 15:30 the latest.

Certificates: The course is FGASA (*Field Guides Association of Southern Africa*) approved and accredited by ISZS (*International Society of Zoological Sciences*). Johan Marais is also an instructor for the **Emergency Care and Safety Institute**. Courses are presented to NOSA, Travel Doctors and Inhemaco. Successful candidates are awarded a certificate in **Advanced Snake Handling**. The course is registered with the **Health Professions Council of South Africa** and registered medical practitioners received 4 CPD points (Level 2).

Course Material: Each delegate receives a copy of the First Aid for Snakebite booklet and an A3 **Dangerous Snakes of Southern Africa** poster.

Costs: **Advanced Snake Handling** costs R1, 200.00 (VAT included) per delegate. Tea/coffee will be provided but lunch will be for your own account. Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge has a pub lunch menu with toasted sandwiches and hamburgers.

Dress code: Delegates should wear long trousers and closed shoes. On hot days please bring along a hat.

Other equipment needed: Nothing but if you have your own tongs or hooks you are welcome to bring the equipment along.

Important:

- 1). Spectators (including children) are welcome to watch the venomous snake handling session from a safe distance but please ensure that spectators, especially small children, do not interfere with the training in any way. No spectators are allowed into the lecture hall.
- 2). Photographs will be taken during the course and will be made available via Dropbox. Participants and spectators are also welcome to take photographs of the handling session but video recording is not permitted.

3). Cell phones: The use of cell phones is not permitted during the course but may be left on for emergency calls.

Please note:

1). Delegates that do the advanced venomous snake handling course will have to sign an indemnity prior to the practical session. Those below 21 years of age will have to have a parent or guardian sign the indemnity.

2). Please note that Cradle Moon Lakeside Lodge has been incorporated into a conservancy and now charges a R30.00 conservation fee for anyone who enters their premises. Please go to reception on your way in and purchase your exit slip (the main gate does not let you out without one).

Equipment

Snake tongs, snake hooks, scorpion torches, posters and some of my books will be available for sale on the day. Delegates that have any of my books are welcome to bring them along for an autograph.

Please complete a booking form and mail it along with proof of payment to admin@africansnakebiteinstitute.com