



“May the roar of the African lion be heard by the children of our children’s children forever”



## **Call for applications: GRAA Bursary Fund**

The Game Rangers’ Association of Africa (GRAA) would like to call on all interested members to submit their applications for bursaries which the GRAA will sponsor via the GRAA Bursary Fund. Applications will be considered for you or those staff under your management.

The GRAA Bursary Fund was set up in 2013 to address specific training needs of GRAA members. Money was raised during the 2015 Golf Day Benefit which is proudly sponsored by Toyota and allocated to this fund. The following bursaries at the Southern African Wildlife College are currently open for application:

- **Protected Area Security Operations Planning**
  - **Advanced Field Ranger Training**
  - **Counter Insurgency Tracker Training**

**The bursary will include accommodation, meals and training materials but travel to and from the Southern African Wildlife College and any personal expenditure will be for the applicants own cost.**

Please submit the attached application form with your membership number to [info@gameranger.co.za](mailto:info@gameranger.co.za) for consideration.

**Closing date for applications is 1st July 2016.**

The GRAA reserves the right to award bursaries at its sole discretion. No correspondence will be entered into if your submission is not successful. Further information on each course is available below or contact Ruben De Kock at [rdekock@sawc.org.za](mailto:rdekock@sawc.org.za) or +27 (0) 15 793 7349

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### **Protected Security Operations Planning Course (2 weeks)**

**Proposed Date: 15/08/2016 – 28/08/2016**

This course addresses the need for anti-poaching strategies to become proactive rather than remain reactive. This training is aimed at empowering managers of small-protected areas or bigger nature reserves or sections rangers to design and develop a protected areas security operations plan.

*Aimed at Protected Area managers/section rangers (Planning level) the course comprises:*

- 8 Step counter poaching model
  - Planning of operations
    - Field intelligence
- Community involvement in planning
- Training and employment of Field Rangers
  - Labour Law introduction
    - Investigations
    - Leadership

### **Advanced Field Ranger Training Course (2 Weeks)**

**Proposed Date: 15/08/2016 – 28/08/2016**

This course addresses the need for currently trained Field Rangers at the basic level to advance their skills in the field to include the ability to operate at a clandestine level.

*Aimed at Field Rangers who have been trained at the Field Ranger **Armed** Basic level with competency in handling a self-loading rifle this course comprises of*

- Ground Air coordination
- Advanced shooting skill (Low light, bush lanes)
  - Advanced tactical movement
    - Introduction to tracking
- Observation posts/ Listening posts
  - Clandestine patrols

**NB – All applicants for this course will need to be certified competent in handling a SELF LOADING RIFLE. Failure to produce the necessary documentation will result in you not being able to attend the course.**

**Counter Insurgency Tracker Training Course (8 Days)**  
**Proposed Date: 15/08/2016-22/08/2016**

The ability to track a person has in recent years become an important tool for various organisations in the conservation and security related industries. Due to the increase in the poaching of Rhino and other valuable species of late it has become important for field rangers and associated staff to become efficient at tracking humans.

This programme is nationally accredited with SASSETA and aims to train, upskill and give recognition to trackers in the conservation industry.

The field rangers require the following basic skill sets to be counter poaching threats:

- Early spoor detection and patrol discipline
- Ability to interpret track and sign (man and animal)
- Ability to effectively and systematically follow track and sign of suspects
  - Ability to plan and co-ordinate integrated response to incursion
- Gathering of field intelligence on suspects linking suspects to wildlife crimes
  - Effective and practical use of compass and GPS in the field
- Practical SOP's (standard operating procedures) in the case of spoor detected, shots observed, poachers observed and carcass located
- Motivation to improve knowledge base, skill set and culture a positive attitude

**Course Recognition**

On successful completion of the training course, the successful candidate will have undergone an assessment against the SASSETA accredited unit standard, "Track a Person" US ID 376642 and will be issued with a certificate of achievement from the SAWC and CITT and a badge for the relevant level achieved. Once final moderation has taken place, the learner will be accredited with the nationally recognized unit standard.



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PREVIOUS TRAINING COURSES AND RELEVANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year Attended: \_\_\_\_\_  
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FIREARM COMPETENCY:

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(SELF LOADING RIFLE): \_\_\_\_\_  
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