



SAMARA PRIVATE GAME RESERVE, EASTERN CAPE, IS LOOKING TO RECRUIT A PROGRAMME MANAGER FOR ITS STUDENT WILDLIFE PROGRAMME

Samara Private Game Reserve in the Eastern Cape has become a leader in conservation in the area. Formerly farmland, Samara has endeavoured to reintroduce the biodiversity that once existed in the area. It comprises 27 000 hectares, located near Graaff Reinet. The Samara Wildlife Volunteer Programme offers an opportunity for individuals from around the globe to come learn about, and get involved in, wildlife management, research and rehabilitation.

The Programme is looking to employ a manager with the following key duties:

- Day-to-day volunteer management: orientation, planning weekly schedules and weekend activities
- Manage reserve projects: cheetah monitoring, land rehabilitation, alien vegetation control, antelope surveys, bird surveys, reserve maintenance, endangered species monitoring
- Develop new research and rehabilitation projects, in collaboration with reserve manager
- Online marketing of the programme (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Wordpress)
- Bookkeeping: reports, budgets, managing petty cash, invoicing etc.
- Reservations: email correspondence with interested candidates, application process, pre-departure information, maintaining booking sheets
- General Maintenance of camp and vehicle
- There is an option to carry out your own research so long as it fits within the programme

Key Requirements

- Management experience
- A conservation background - either a relevant degree or diploma or experience working in the industry, preferably both
- Experience in the volunteering industry
- Experience carrying out research
- Preferably a good understanding of land management/rehabilitation/alien vegetation control
- Experience working outdoors, preferably in a dangerous game environment
- Experience driving 4x4 vehicles
- Excellent people skills (ability to be around people the majority of the time)
- Excellent organizational skills
- Good writing skills, proficiency in Microsoft Word, Excel and Outlook
- Book-keeping experience
- Public speaking ability an advantage
- FGASA would be advantageous
- Rifle competency and/or Advanced Rifle handling
- South African citizen or valid work permit



Applicant needs to be in possession of a First Aid Qualification and PDP, or have the ability to obtain both urgently. Manager will be based on Samara Private Game Reserve and work on a cycle basis (7 weeks on, 3 weeks off).

Manager will need to attend training as soon as possible. Position Start date: **As soon as possible**. Please send a CV, with 2 contactable referees, and a motivation to gm@samara.co.za, before **18 February 2014**.

Short-listed applicants must be willing to undergo a telephonic interview, as well as be available for an interview at Samara. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. Samara Private Game Reserve reserves the right not to fill this position should a suitable candidate not be found.