



**APA RIVER GUIDE
COURSE / TRIP
LEADERS WORKSHOP / REFRESHER**

Where: Orange River (lower section), Richtersveld (Bushwhacked, Vioolsdrift)

When: 27-29 November 2023 (arriving night of 26th 6pm and depart morning of 30th)

GENERAL INFORMATION

The course is an APA (African Paddling Association) registered course which is recognised by SAMSA (South African Maritime Safety Authority) Rivers Governing Body and is in line with international rafting standards. The course is an intensive 3-day course where trainees get training in river safety and river environment. In conjunction with the River guide course there will also be a Trip Leaders Workshop and a refresher.

The course will be held at Bushwhacked camp, Vioolsdrift (Richtersveld Orange River). It is a practical course which has classroom lectures and then exercises to cover the lectured material. The course runs three full days where the candidates get trained and challenged in a safe environment. There will be a written exam after the course for candidates doing a River Guide assessment and Trip Leaders (Restricted)

INSTRUCTORS AND ASSESSORS

Alain Coetzee is an APA (African Paddling Association) registered River Guide Instructor and is registered within APA as a training provider since 2014.

Craig Eksteen is an APA Trip leaders Instructor and will be doing the Trip Leaders workshop with already qualified River guides with required logged days, valid First Aid certificate and their own safety gear. Alain will do practical assessment for Craig for the River guide Assessments; but Craig will do all the Theory exams and admin.

COST:

River guide and Trip Leaders course fees: R3500 (includes catering, river gear, admin, logistics, logbook, training manual, rescue equipment and instructors). This includes R100 p/p to register with APA & R30 course admin fee.

Refresher: R750 (guides that have done their course and joining to do a refresher) These candidates need to pre-arrange with their operators with regards to gear usage and cost.

Assessment: R250 (includes practical test on river and written exam. These candidates must pre-arrange with Instructors in order for them to get the documentation together and they too need to organise with Operators for use of gear) an additional charge will go to APA to register of R100.

PAYMENT

Candidates can pay either cash at or before the training venue, or EFT or Direct Deposit into the following account:

NEDBANK, BRANCH: SOUTHERN PENINSULA, BRANCH CODE: 123209, UNIVERSAL CODE: 198765,

ACC NO: 1454013931.

Please put your name and guide course dates down as reference if you are doing an EFT or Direct Deposit:

EXAMPLE: John Doe, River Guide Course, 26-30 November 2023

All Payments to be made via EFT in full, upon booking. No Cash payments accepted.

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What will you get during the training?

1. Meals
2. Campsite: to pitch your tent and ablutions in campsite.
3. Logistics
4. Gear (Mohawk, paddle, PFD, helmet). **Bring your own craft and gear. Eg: Croc/Kayak**
5. Safety gear
6. APA Training Manual (includes checklist)
7. APA Logbook
8. Knot rope
9. Post Trip assessment
10. Certificate of attendance

To Bring

Admin:

1. Copy of ID or Passport
2. Copy of valid First aid certificate (if you have)
3. Notebook and pen
4. Own safety gear if you have (PFD, carabineers, throw rope prussic etc)
5. Own First Aid
6. Copy of Proof of payment if you have prepaid for the course.
7. Cash for snacks and soft drinks

Camping:

1. Tent, roll mat, sleeping bag, Small Pillow, head torch.
2. Toiletries: Soap, toothpaste and toothbrush, Towel or kikoi, personal toiletries and medication, insect repellent.
3. UV Sunglasses and cap or hat, 25+ SPF sun block, good lip ice.
4. Water bottle, Game energy drink. SNACKS (Sweets, chocolate, biltong.)
5. Knife, lighter, MESS kit (plastic plate, knife, fork, spoon, mug)

Clothing:

On river: farmer brown wetsuit, costume or board shorts, long sleeve shirt, rash vest, kikoi wrap around, cap or wide brim hat, **RIVER SHOES IS A MUST (tekkies, crocs, booties)**

Off river: 2x t-shirts, Shorts, tracksuit, or warm clothing for night), windbreaker, Socks and underwear, jeans, beanie/buff, warm shoes and slip slops.

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOUR.

If you are doing an assessment, please have a look at the below document to ensure you know what is required to do the assessments and the course!!!!



APA SWIFTWATER GUIDE QUALIFICATION STRUCTURE

	River Guide Course (Optional) Three-day course aimed at training candidates to function as part of the guide team		
3 days	TRAINEE GUIDE May support but not guide on river trips. Must log days.		
17 days	Logged experience	Level One First Aid	
1 day	River Guide Assessment A written/oral theory assessment + a practical evaluation		
	RIVER GUIDE CERTIFICATE <i>minimum guiding qualification</i> Qualified to function as part of guide team but MAY NOT LEAD ↓		
30 days	Logged experience.		
3 days	Trip Leader Workshop Three days and three nights aimed at training candidates to lead guide team. Practical assessment during workshop. Theory test during workshop. Assignment pre or post course. Can be combined with NQF assessment if required.		
17 days	Logged Experience	Level 3 First Aid	
	TRIP LEADER-RESTRICTED Qualified to function as a trip leader. MAY LEAD guide team on all rivers up to and including class 3. ↓		→ Trainee instructor ↓
50 days	Logged experience. (including 30 days in chosen specialty)	Level 3 First Aid	Instructor - restricted ↓
1 day	Trip Leader-Unrestricted Assessment Experiential – logbook and letters of reference will be evaluated by assessor		Assessor Restricted
	TRIP LEADER-UNRESTRICTED <i>highest guiding qualification</i> Qualified to function as trip leader. MAY LEAD on all trips in chosen specialty. ↓		→ Trainee instructor ↓ Instructor unrestricted ↓
	SENIOR GUIDE An honorary designation, awarded on application, to guides who have Trip Leader-Unrestricted status in 3 disciplines		Assessor Unrestricted