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FIRST YEARS' CAMP 2023
SHOFAR POTCHEFSTROOM
FYC

Information booklet



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1. Welcome!

Welcome to Potchefstroom first year of 2023! We are so excited to welcome you to the beginning of your university years in Potchefstroom! Thank you for signing up for the Shofar Christian Church Potchefstroom first years' camp. The First Years' Camp (FYC) is a great way to make awesome friends, find community and encounter Jesus before starting with university.

1.1 Shofar Christian Church Potchefstroom

Just a bit of information about Shofar Christian Church. We are a student and family church situated close to the North-West University. The heart of our church is to see Jesus on the throne in every part of our lives. Our church was planted in 2015 and is currently pastored by Christo Louw and his wife Anrie Louw. Our student leader Killian Ludick and his wife Chané Ludick are overseeing the student congregation along with several other amazing staff members and other volunteers who are leading the church's various ministries.

Shofar Potch is a part of the larger Shofar Christian Church network. Christian Church was started in Stellenbosch, South Africa in 1992. Since then, we've grown from a student fellowship to an international, multi-generational, multi-cultural church family with congregations in South Africa, Namibia, the United Kingdom, Burundi, and the Netherlands. We have more than 50 churches, with everything from lively young congregations in cities to family-orientated churches in farming towns. We also have a growing number of new church plants, as well as fellowship groups and streaming locations.

Our core values include:

- **PASSION for Jesus** - Passion speaks of love for Jesus – the Father's emphatic, blazing love to and through us. This love lends legitimacy to who we are and what we do.
- **POWER of Belief** - Power is the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Profound belief sustains this inspiration and makes for change, growth, and accomplishment.
- **PEOPLE to Serve** - People are our core business. To serve them flows naturally from this passion. Leadership happens when we commit to serve and grow others.
- **PURPOSE to Pursue** - Purpose is an inheritance everyone has from God. It is a uniquely crafted, person-specific progression of assignments. Finding and engaging it brings the reward of ultimate affirmation.

You are welcome to read our [Statement of Faith](https://shofaronline.org) on our website for more information - shofaronline.org

2. What can you expect at the 1st year's camp?

The first year's camp will mainly consist of the following kinds of activities:

- Team building exercises
- Learning more about Jesus
- Praise & Worship sessions
- Individual Bible Study/Quiet time Sessions
- Socialising with fellow first years/peers

3. Where will the camp be?

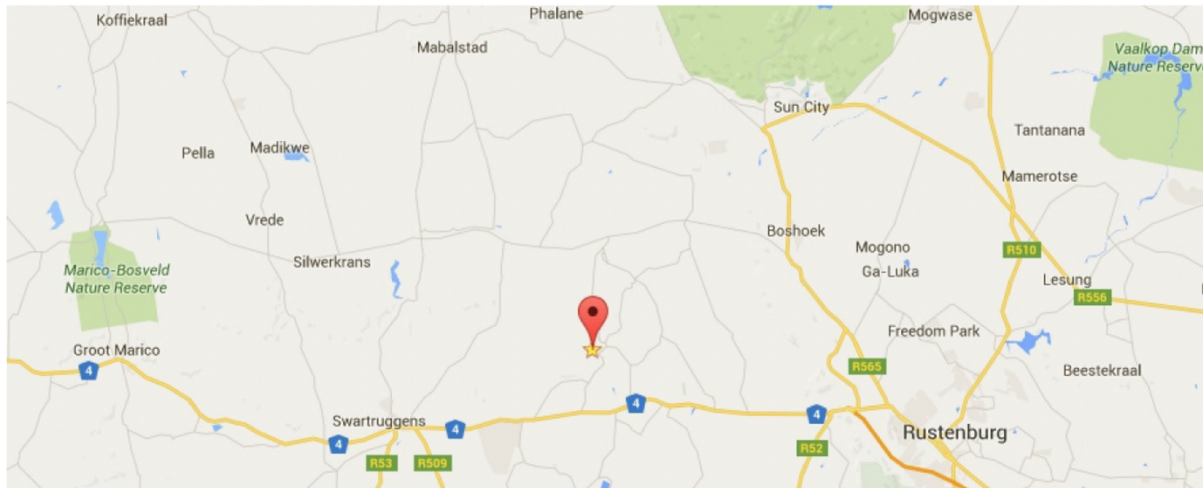
The camp will take place at [Karee Krans](#) in the Northwest Province. The 1st years will be transported to the camp using bus transport provided from Shofar Christian Church in Potchefstroom.

Directions:

From Pretoria take the N4 all the way into Rustenburg. Continue on the N4 for another 30km until you see the Caltex Garage in Moedwil. Continue for another 4km to the Hoebome exit on your right (it is a sand road). Continue on the sand road for about 7km till you get to the T junction. Turn left. Within the next 500 metres you will see our sign taking you right towards our entrance. When you get to the gate please phone for the code.

From Johannesburg take the R24 all the way into Rustenburg. Turn right onto the N4 for another 30km until you see the Caltex Garage in Moedwil. Continue for another 4km to the Hoebome exit on your right (it is a sand road). Continue on the sand road for about 7km till you get to the T junction. Turn left. Within the next 500 metres you will see our sign taking you right towards our entrance. When you get to the gate please phone for the code.

If you have a GPS you can simply enter KAREE KRANS. It comes up as Karee Krans Rest camp or Karee Krans camp & 4x4



4. Transport?

The 1st years will all be traveling to Karee Krans together from [Shofar Christian Church Potchefstroom](#) using Bus transport provided by Shofar Potchefstroom.

4.1 *Directions to Shofar Potchefstroom*

Address: 9 Gerrit Dekker St, Potchefstroom, 2520

Directions from the NWU “Hoofhek” (Meyer St, Potchefstroom, 2520)



Head north on Hoffman St toward Jooste St
450 m



Hoffman St turns slightly left and becomes Universiteit St
350 m



Turn right onto Gerrit Dekker St, Destination will be on the left



4.2 Departure & arrival times

Departure:

Please be at Shofar Potchefstroom at 7:00am on 31 January 2023 for check in and welcoming!

Arrival

We will be arriving back at Shofar Potchefstroom at est. 14:00* on 2 February 2023. Our departure details and live location will be shared on the WhatsApp group to clarify arrival times.

After the camp

After we have arrived from the camp on 2 February 2023\$, transport will be available for students to their place of residence in Potchefstroom only, in the case of a parent, friend or guardian being unable to pick up the first year.

5. What you need to bring?

- Bedding – Sheet, pillow, sleeping bag OR blanket OR duvet
- Bathing & Swimming Towel
- Swimming costume (full costume and or/swimming shorts with costume for ladies)
- Sunscreen & a water bottle
- Cup, plate, bowl, spoon, knife, fork & dish cloth
- Bible, pen & notebook

- Insect repellent
- Water bottle
- Tuck shop money – optional
- Warm clothes for evenings
- Clothes that can get dirty
- Torch
- Toiletries
- Rain jacket
- Comfortable shoes and a pair of old tekkies (that can get dirty).
- Snacks – optional
- Any medication that you may need (e.g. insulin, EpiPen, anti-allergens)
- If you play an instrument you are welcome to bring it along
- Alternatives – we will try our best to cater for all special dietary requirements, but if you have a special dietary requirement and it is possible for you to bring along something to aid your need e.g., almond milk, please feel free to bring it along.

6. Accommodation options/suggestions for parents coming from afar

- [Rivier View](#) | 30 Postma Street, 2520 Potchefstroom, South Africa
- [Opstal Guestfarm](#) | Opstal Guestfarm, Thabo Mbeki Way, Potchefstroom, 2531
- [2 Owlsguesthouse](#) | Thabo Mbeki Road AA 12, 2502 Potchefstroom, South Africa
- [Willows Garden Hotel Potchefstroom](#) | 82 Govan Mbeki Drive Potchefstroom, 2520 Potchefstroom, South Africa
- [Potch Manor Boutique Guest House](#) | 9 Goedehoop Street, 2520 Potchefstroom, South Africa

7. Addendum

Please print and sign the following form and hand it in on 31 January during the check in process!