

CTHB / TPCP TEAM BUILDING 2013

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On 11 January 2013, just over 100 students and staff from the CTHB / TPCP group converged on Kwalata Game Ranch in Hammanskraal, Gauteng. The purpose of this large gathering of inquiring minds was the CTHB / TPCP Team Building event for 2013.

The day started with feedback on the previous day's strategy meeting from the staff that form the management for the CTHB and TPCP, including some key issues such as bursaries, field trips and the importance of broadening your academic experience. This was followed by a break-away session where mixed groups of staff and students were asked to discuss issues they considered important in the CTHB / TPCP groups, and formulate a list divided in to 'likes', 'dislikes', 'keep' and 'change'. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many voices of appreciation for the academic support, facilities and social environment provided in these programmes. There were also some great recommendations for change from the groups, including practical suggestions to increase the experience of students in the laboratory and the field, and some broader issues such as student safety and parking.

After the constructive morning discussions, it was time for some light-hearted fun and team-building activities. This took place in the form of Mission Impossible! For this activity teams were formed to compete against each other, and against the clock: to solve puzzles, find treasures and scavenge for diamonds. Planning, strategizing and communication were key, but of course the dominant element for the day was fun-filled team building and engagement. All of this, plus a very scrumptious braai, led to the end of a very busy, very fun day, and the return of just over 100 minds – tired from the day but excited and ready for the year ahead.



"The race is on! Members from the different teams searching for clues and treasures."



The TPCP / CHTB team (2013)