

LOCAL FAMILY DOING THEIR BIT FOR THE RHINOS

THE BOLTON'S ARE CYCLING FOR A CAUSE

THE Bolton's from Port Elizabeth are teaming up as an ordinary family to cycle 6000km over 80 days between all 19 national parks managed by South African National Parks (SANParks). All funds raised will go to caring for orphaned rhino calves and counter-poaching initiatives.

Father Wayne Bolton will be the chief cyclist, combining guts, stamina and strength to cycle the entire distance. These are the qualities shown by all involved in the fight for our rhino and all endangered species from the classroom to the fields and parliament.

Wayne will be joined for some of the cycle legs by his children, Daniel (22) and Laura (19). Laura is representing the rhino orphans and is "very excited to be part of this journey of joint custody for my future and our heritage". Wayne's wife Nikki Bolton, along with other family members, will be the support crew tracking Wayne around the country, carrying spares and preparing communities for his arrival. Having his family involved highlights the importance of joint custody in a successful campaign.

All funds raised will be distributed to the SANParks Honorary Rangers and Care for Wild Africa, a rhino sanctuary near Nelspruit. Care for Wild Africa is currently caring for 25 orphaned rhinos. Each rhino costs on average about R10 000 a month to maintain and rehabilitate. These orphans are raised with the minimum of human interaction required to be able to release them back into their natural habitats with the appropriate relationships amongst themselves.

On his expedition Wayne will interact with various communities. These opportunities will bring focus and ideas as to how local communities can work with SANParks through their current programmes such as "People in Parks" and promote tourism, nature and our beautiful land as a constructive income opportunity. For communities to support the efforts of our national parks is of paramount importance. For more information, visit the official expedition website www.oneland.co.za



RHINO SANCTUARY

Addo Conservation Manager John Adendorff, Wayne Bolton, ranger Solomon Lefoka, and handler Vuyisumzi Nxamleko with Bullet, one of the Addo Elephant National Park rhinos.
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