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**Subject: 17 SQUADRON OUTREACH PROGRAMME**

Thursday, 13 August 2009, will prove to be a very special day for children from all over Pretoria. The SA Air Force, 17 Squadron will fly to various schools and day care centres, with a mission of spreading goodwill and cheer.

Two Oryx helicopters from 17 Squadron will lift off from Swartkop Airfield, laden with food parcels, toys, nappies, soccer balls and more. These will be delivered to schools and day care centres in the Pretoria area, which care for orphans, abused and abandoned children, and children suffering from HIV/Aids.

The identified schools and day care centres are; the Sinoville Crisis Centre, Wonderboompoort Police Victim Empowerment Centre, Lighthouse Community Centre in Bronkhorstspruit and two Kids Care and Support Trust Centres in Cullinan.

This wonderful event is made possible by the generosity of a number of sponsors (IMAX, Galaxy World, Harley-Davidson Bikes, and Siyandiza).

You are invited to send a journalist and a photographer/cameraperson to attend the 17 Squadron outreach programme on Thursday 13 August 2009 at Swartkop Airfield, at 07:30 for 08:00.

**Members of the media will be afforded an opportunity to fly with the crew of 17 Squadron to the various schools and day care centres. Kindly bring your green RSA identity document for the indemnity form purposes.**

**Ends.**

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## **DIRECTIONS FROM JOHANNESBURG TO AFB SWARTKOPS**

- TAKE THE NI NORTH (POLOKWANE)
- FOLLOW THE N14 TO PRETORIA
- TURN LEFT AT THE M24 VALHALLA OFFRAMP, ROAD BENDS TO THE LEFT
- TURN RIGHT AT THE STOP SIGN AT THE END OF THE BEND
- PROCEED STRAIGHT ON THE M24 TOWARDS VALHALLA
  
- TURN LEFT AT THE ROBOTS INTO OLD JOHANNESBURG ROAD.
- THE MAIN GATE FOR AIR FORCE BASE SWARTKOPS IS ABOUT 300M FURTHER ON YOUR LEFT
- PASS THROUGH THE MAIN GATE
- TURN RIGHT AT THE BOOM MANNED BY GATE GUARDS
- PROCEED TO THE MOVEMENTS TERMINAL STRAIGHT AHEAD

## **DIRECTION FROM FOUNTAINS CIRCLE TO SWARTKOP AIRFIELD**

- FROM THE ROBOTS AT THE FOUNTAINS CIRCLE MAIN GATE.
- TURN RIGHT AT THE ROBOTS AND CONTINUE STRAIGHT ON WITH THE ROAD TOWARDS THABA TSHWANE.
- PROCEED STRAIGHT AT THE ROBOTS IN FRONT OF THE GATE OF THE VOORTREKKER MONUMENT TURN LEFT.
- THIS ROAD BECOMES OLD JOHANNESBURG ROAD.
- PASS A SET OF ROBOTS CONTINUE STRAIGHT AHEAD
- THE MAIN GATE FOR AIR FORCE BASE SWARTKOPS IS ABOUT 100M FURTHER ON YOUR LEFT