

## **MEDIA INVITATION**

## STARS AND PLANETS

## 27 MARCH 2012

The Free State's open skies have the potential to become a "playing ground" for amateur astrology enthusiasts. The Stars and Planets is another eco-tourism initiative by the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs in collaboration with the Afrikaanse Handel Instituut (AHI) which is aimed at attracting what has become a big pool of astrology enthusiast to Free State Reserves and Resorts to admire the wonders of the heavens through telescopes.

This two day initiative seeks to make sure that learners and community at large become conscious of nature and develop a deep sense and understanding of the environment.

Thirty five (35) learners from Kopanong Combined School in Soutpan and the community will observe the predator feeding on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012 and also be tutored on the Stars and Planets by presenters from Weather SA, University of the Free State (UFS) and DETEA.

DETEA MEC Mamiki Qabathe, HOD Ikraam Osman and Acting DDG for Environmental Affairs and Conservation, Ms. Laetitia van Rensburg will be in attendance on the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The media is invited to attend. Details are as follows:

Date:31 March 2012VenueSoetdoring Nature Reserve, BloemfonteinTime:Predator feeding – 16H00Educational Sessions/Presentations – 18H00

End!

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