

HERITAGE DAY PACKED WITH ACTIVITIES

Pretoria, 12 September 2016. Heritage Day, 24 September, will be celebrated at the Voortrekker Monument this year with a Heritage Festival, the 85th birthday of the Voortrekkers and the last antique and collectors' fair for 2016. The antique fair will take place on the roof of the large amphitheatre while the heritage festival will take place at the picnic site where the Voortrekkers will also have their celebrations later in the day. Both the antique fair and the heritage festival will run from 09:00 until 15:00 and entry to the site is R30 per car.

The heritage festival will be a wonderful family day full of interesting activities and cultural demonstrations. We will be baking bread in a traditional oven, roasting coffee, making candles, making butter and plaiting whips. The '*Trekboervereniging*' will host a typical Voortrekker exhibition with jawbone wagons and pioneering goods on the old site near the oven, as well as demonstrations of forging and shooting with front loading rifles. As well as all kinds of knick-knacks, handmade items, a beer garden and bookstalls, there will be food stalls selling canned products, homemade food and eats.

"We cook for heritage" the team from the Heritage Foundation, will host a potjiekos competition where seven different potjies accompanied by samp and other side dishes will be prepared and judged.

Afriforum sponsors the stage and the sound system so that members of the ATKV-Centurion Music Forum may entertain visitors with Afrikaans songs and music. Dancers from the *Wapadrans* dance group will dance the polka and mazurka and other traditional dances with fancy footwork while we crack the whip. Canon Susanna and its little one pound brother will bellow at 12:00. The Highveld Tractor and Engine Club will bring some working veteran engines that will remind the older people of life before Eskom.

The Voortrekker movement with their slogan "*Ons trap nuwe spore*", will celebrate their 85th year and will entertain us in the afternoon with a huge variety of traditional games – where old and young may participate. The proceedings will close with a tug-o-war demonstration by the Gauteng North Tug-o-war team.

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