



Africa's Window on Science and Technology

Introducing ScienceUnlimited Xpress

***SA's travelling maths, science, technology, geography and biology
roadshow for grade 5 to 12 learners***

Dear Sir/Madam

I am sure you have heard of **ScienceUnlimited**, the huge science and maths education week held annually in March **since 2004** at the **Pretoria Show Grounds**, and in **Pietermaritzburg** in August.

Because of the transport costs involved, many schools are unable to attend our two flagship events. On the request of **Ben Vorster High School in Tzaneen** we took a mini **ScienceUnlimited (Xpress)** there in July 2010, with great success. A report on the Tzaneen event is attached.

The concept has been greeted with much excitement and during 2011 we will be taking ScienceUnlimited Xpress **to Tzaneen (again), Bethlehem, Polokwane Bloemfontein and Bethal** amongst others.

We are keen to offer the event to well-equipped schools in **Witbank, Middelburg, Nelspruit, Barberton, Welkom, Potchefstroom, Klerksdorp, Kimberley, Newcastle, Richards Bay, Durban** etc.

It works like this:

- A specific school (or two schools that are very close together) in a town offers to **host** the event over one or **usually two days – you choose the dates that best suit you!**
- The school(s) should have at least **four or five large venues** (hall, sport pavilions for science shows, auditorium etc) to accommodate a total of 1000+ learners per session/time slot

- **There is little or no disruption to the school's normal classes, as the venues chosen are not used for teaching**
- We agree on the **number of sessions** per day, usually four
- You decide which **subjects** you would like to be covered in the programme e.g. **physics, chemistry, maths, technology, biology, geography** (we have an impressive network of speakers/science show presenters)
- We agree on the **topics** to be presented e.g. grade 5 to 9 chemistry experiments, grade 11 and 12 physics, DNA, climate change, fun with maths, grade 12 portfolio experiments
- Based on the number of days, time slots and topics decided on, we draw up a **programme of events** and accompanying **booking kit** which is sent to **all primary and secondary schools** in the town and surrounding district. You help **market** the event
- **We handle the bookings** for your and the other schools
- **We also hire and pay for technical equipment as well as all speakers and project staff needed to run the event – THERE ARE NO COSTS TO YOUR SCHOOL. Your learners just pay for the events they attend**
- **Our team comes in the day before to set up and the fun begins!**
- **Costs** for the event are covered by a fee of **R20 per learner per lecture/science show he/she attends or about R40 for small workshops**
- **We need to sell about 4000 tickets per day to cover costs**

I am based in Pretoria and would gladly visit your school to discuss this exciting initiative. In the meantime you are invited to visit our website: www.scienceunlimited.co.za.

Kind regards

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