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## THE CHARACTER COMPANY

RAISING BOYS TO BE GOOD MEN

The world is not dangerous because of those who do harm, it is dangerous because of those who look at it and do nothing!

Albert Einstein



### IMPORTANT DATES

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Spring Clean - Charity Car Wash

02-08 OCTOBER 2016

Hiking Trip

12 NOVEMBER 2016

Self-Esteem Workshop

20 NOVEMBER 2016

947 Cycle Challenge

DATE TO BE CONFIRMED

Year End Camp

### TOPIC

**Self-Disciplined kids cope with uncomfortable emotions in a healthy way. They learn to make better choices for themselves and learn to moderate their own behaviour.**

Help us reinforce this message by providing structure with scheduled times for certain activities like homework. Also talk to them about the consequences of certain choices and use appropriate consequences for negative behaviour. Always praise positive behaviour and recognise when you child has exercised self-discipline!



Don't turn your back on the impact of absent fathers on our families and society

AT THE CHARACTER COMPANY, WE VALUE  
KINDNESS | HONESTY | COURAGE | RESPECT | SELF-DISCIPLINE

### WEEKLY PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

We have changed how our groups work on the weekly activities - we are rotating activities between the groups so please check your individual whatsapp group chats for confirmation of dates and times

### OUR OCTOBER WEEKLY PROGRAMME WILL INCLUDE:

PwC Bike Park, Park Play and our ever popular Fight Club

### CHARITY CAR WASH

Our Charity Car Wash was planned for the 29th October however due to a number of logistical issues we are busy working on postponing this event to a more suitable date before the end of the year.

We thank you for your patience and look forward to your support when we have a date confirmed.

Hint: We might be hosting a fantastic outing for our boys - ssshhh! We are still in the planning stages and don't want to spoil the surprise.

Thank you for your support!

The Character Company

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# CAMPAIGNS



Take the **RIDE** of a boy's life

THE CHARACTER COMPANY  
BOYS TO BE MEN

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Let's make this race a memorable one by taking the ride of a young boy's life and help us raise awareness as well as much needed funds for our long-term mentoring programmes. **Join our team!**

Telkom **BIKE CYCLE CHALLENGE**

For more information email Jaco at: [ch@racter.co.za](mailto:ch@racter.co.za)

## Help us get the word out!

Like, share and get the word out! (Y)our boys need bikes... so email family and friends, pin a note on the office noticeboard - and lets fill our wishlist!

Visit our **facebook page** and **website** for more information.



Get our boys...  
**ON THE ROAD**  
to being good men

**BIKES FOR BOYS**

Bicycles represent fun, freedom, and fresh air - everything that's good about being a boy. Help us by donating your old bikes and gear, let's introduce another boy to the wonder of wheels!

Drop your DONATIONS off at:

PHWC **BIKE PARK** And participating cycle shops and centres

www.thecharactercompany.co.za



**DON'T HIDE YOUR RIDE**  
RE-cycle it!

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Scan our QR code, to download the **Bikes for Boys Wishlist**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

### ONCE-OFF DONATIONS

The Character Company  
FNB Fourways (251655)  
Current Account No.: 624 114 069 54

### MONTHLY DONATIONS

For the price of a small bag of groceries (R250 or more) you can invest in raising young boys to be better men - contact Jaco at [ch@racter.co.za](mailto:ch@racter.co.za) or 084 777 7114 for more information.

### FATHERHOOD AMBASSADORS

Become a Fatherhood Ambassador and help us to raise awareness of the impact absent fathers have on our families and society.

### MENTORS

Become a MENTor who can help with our afternoon programmes, weekend activities, camps and other trips.

### NETWORKING

Introduce us to people and/or organisations that you know would like to invest in raising boys to become good men.

## FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK!

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[www.thecharactercompany.co.za](http://www.thecharactercompany.co.za)

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## PARENTING WORKSHOP

The Character Company will be hosting an engaging and informative workshop on Resilient Parenting, raising boys with a good self-esteem. Our workshop is presented by Claire Liebenberg who is a clinical psychologist and Self-Esteem facilitator.

Raising confident, secure children who are inspired to be the very best that they can be, is a responsibility that all parents face. Attending the Self-Esteem workshop will present you with the knowledge and practical tools to assist your child in building a strong self-esteem.

Life presents us with many challenges and some can leave us feeling overwhelmed and powerless - as living models for our children we demonstrate on a daily basis what it means to live with resilience and courage.

We know that the Self-Esteem workshop will provide you with invaluable parenting skills and for many it should remind you that you are indeed a fantastic living model for your children.



### DATE

12 Nov 2016

### TIME

09:00 to 16:00

### VENUE

Cabanga Conference Centre,  
252A Montrose Ave,  
Randburg

### TOPIC

Self-Esteem: The Key to  
Resilient Parenting

### RSVP BY

21 October 2016  
Lorraine at 072 1488 702