

# Waterberg Planetary Festival 2010:

## Dance of the Planets

Some of you may remember back in December 2008 a new crescent moon was caught between a two dazzling planets – Venus and Jupiter.

This year the heavens are going one better. This time the new crescent moon will have four companions: an even brighter Venus, Mars, Saturn and Mercury. Join us at the Waterberg Planetary Festival to enjoy this treat.

### Programme:

**17:30: Sundowners and snacks as the sun sets over the beautiful veld.**

As you relax and enjoy the red orb of our sun sinking over the bush, we will share with you some of the amazing facts about our own private star, and the Boschdraai choir will serenade us as we take in the scene.

**17:55: A sliver of moon, and four beautiful planets in attendance.**

We will take you on a tour of all of these fantastic objects. Expect to see the rings and moons of Saturn, understand the curious shape of Venus, and see the craters of the moon. Let us be your guides in explaining the science and myths of these amazing objects.

**18:30: Braai.**

Time to enjoy a great braai, drinks and desert as you warm up around a fire in our new boma.

**19:20: Beyond our solar system**

As real darkness settles we will take you on a tour to the stars. Expect to hear the stories of the constellations, see colourful star nurseries and dramatic star deaths, and even glimpse prehistoric light that has been travelling to us for 15 million years from another galaxy.

**20:00 Viewing and Astro-photography. Various telescopes will be available, but you are welcome to bring your own equipment. All telescopes will have to be set-up before the program begins.**

We want you to be comfortable so ..

**COME VERY WARMLY DRESSED – AT LEAST 4 LAYERS ON**

**Dates:** 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Time:** 17:30

**Cost:** R250 per adult, R150 per child under 12 (includes sundowners, braai and drinks).

**Location:** Waterberg Cottages (see attached map for directions)

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