

ABOUT THE ZIMBABWE RUN

Hi! I'm Ellen Clark and the meet director for the Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Zimbabwean Fair on Sunday April 5th right here in the Bay Area at St. Joseph School in Mountain View starting at 1 p.m. We are very excited because this is the 10th anniversary for this event and all the funds we raise go to Makumbi Children's Home, an orphanage in Zimbabwe that takes care of 110 children. We raised \$38,000 last year. Let's see if we can come close to that total in 2009!

I'll say a few words about the run portion of the event and then turn this letter over to Juli Winterbotham who is in charge of the Fair. **All the information not mentioned in this little blurb can be found on the enclosed Zimbabwe Run Registration Form so be sure to look there!** We have a total of 12 races starting with the 100 yard run called the Lion Hearted Race for people with disabilities at 1 p.m. That is followed by the 220 yard run for Pre-school kids, mile run for Kindergarten kids and a series of mile races for kids in grade school. Girls race girls and boys race boys. The last mile of the day is for high school students and adults. The run is actually a cross-country meet over grass, dirt and pavement—all on St. Joseph school property. We award championship cups for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each division and team cups to the top team in grades 1-8. All finishers receive a finisher ribbon. If you've never experienced cross-country, this is a fun place to start! You'll run past a Zimbabwean band and be cheered on by some very special mascots—Zim, the elephant, Bob, the leopard, Way, the giraffe, and Shumba, the lion. We even have T-shirts with the Great Zimbabwe World Heritage Site on them!

All you have to do to get more information or enter the meet (It's \$5 per runner.) is fill out the enclosed registration form or log on to our web site: www.ZimbabweParaguay.org or Active.com Then, lace up those running shoes, start training and we'll see you on April 5!

Mazvita! That is "Thank you" in Shona

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p.s. Yes!! We take volunteers, donations to SLF & race day sign-ups to run but it's better to sign up early!!

Yes!! We offer "runnerships" to low-income kids to participate. Contact us about that.

ABOUT THE ZIMBABWE FAIR

Hello, my name is Juli Winterbotham and I am the Director of Cultural Projects for the Zimbabwe Run. I recently graduated from Sacramento State University where I studied Business. My family and I live in Los Altos, and I graduated from Los Altos High School in 2004. I have recently returned from a four-month trip in an African country called Tanzania.

I spent four months in Africa teaching English to children and adults. I had an amazing time learning about a new culture and experiencing the hardships that people in poor countries go through everyday. The people in Tanzania wanted to learn English and be able to pursue education like most people in America, but sadly there is not enough money for many people to go to school. After returning home from the trip, I realized how lucky I am to have a family that lives in such a wonderful community with endless opportunities. I think that it is important for people to be aware of certain living situations in countries where people are not as fortunate as we are. Although it is not possible for every person to go to Africa and help out, it is possible to make a difference from here in America!

The fair on April 5th will be a fun opportunity for kids, teenagers and adults to learn about the culture and lifestyle of Zimbabweans. This year, for the first time, we will be offering finisher ribbons ***to all those*** who create a Cultural Exhibit. We will, also, award Rossette Ribbons (1st, 2nd, 3rd) to the top Grade School Exhibits (Gd. 4-8). (High school students & adults may set up exhibits for community service.) What type of cultural exhibits are we looking for? Here are some examples. You could get a group of kids together—your club, team or school-- and do an **African dance**. You could demonstrate how people **dress** in Zimbabwe. How about doing a poster presentation on current events in Zimbabwe or making a model of The Great Zimbabwe Ruins out of sugar cubes or clay? In short, there are a variety of exhibits to choose from and we have many resources to assist you.

To sign up for a Cultural Exhibit, check "Set up Cultural Table or Booth" on the enclosed Zimbabwe Run Registration Form and circle the project you'd like to do. (Mail form to SLF, 156 Marvin Ave. Los Altos, Ca. 94022.) You may also sign up by calling or e-mailing me. (See contact information below.)

Also, the flyer on the back of this letter has more details on Cultural Exhibits. I look forward to working with you and making The 10th Annual Run for Zimbabwe Orphans and Fair a day filled with “working and learning together”!

Mazvita!! Juli Winterbotham 650.743.8317 JuliWinterbotham@gmail.com

p. s. Presentations on Zimbabwe Before the run, Ellen and I do lively, fun, interactive, educational presentations on Zimbabwe to your school, club or team and to any age group—Pre-School to Adult. We'll even bring Shumba, the lion, and our other mascots! **Contact me to arrange a visit.**