



Rochelle Lottering

When I first heard about the show, I was scared. I was scared because it was all about survival, being outdoors, fear factor and how to interact with animals. When we first got there, we were introduced to our team members and then the following day we started with our first challenges, which were the obstacles courses and I enjoyed those a lot.

It came where we had to start with the challenges and the first challenge was sheep herding and it was very hard for me because I don't like sheep and I had to pick them up. The sheep felt so weird because for me it was like picking up wool or clothing item made from wool.

After that we had to collect sheep dung. I enjoyed the challenge a lot, it was easy, it was like picking up rocks or something. At first it was disgusting but then realised, it wasn't that bad because it was just grass that was rolled into a hard ball. We also had to spit the sheep

dung. It was fun for me because I had a chance to spit the dung. And I think I was the one that spat the furthest, but everyone thought I swallowed the dung even though I didn't swallow it.

We then went to the Lion Park. Our first challenge was to clean the den. We had to pick up the pony dung and the fun part was that while picking up dung the ponies were running around us. Then we had to make food for the lions which was chicken. It was very tough as the meat was very cold and felt like picking ice blocks and putting them in the packaging. But we enjoyed it a lot. While making food, I also learnt that lions don't eat every day, they were fed Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. I also got to experience the lions being fed.

We also got to clean horse stables, do horse grooming and horse back riding. With horse grooming we had to clean horses. I was scared the horse would kick but then I realised that looks can be deceiving. The

horse I was riding was calm, stubborn, fun, kind, gentle and sweet. His name was Phoenix.

We then went to Aquila Game Reserve. We went first on a safari, looking at the different wild animals and while on the safari we had challenges. Our challenge was to identify the animal spoors and that was fun and hard because animals had similar spoors (I thought). We also had to make stick bread which was very fun. We had to build shelter using a pea tree, it was hard but then we had to understand how it was done. We had to catch scorpions under the rocks and learnt that if you look for something under the rock, lift the rock towards you and pick up. Do not stand in front of it because you might get hurt. We then had to braai and eat scorpions and they were crispy and tasty.

We had to cross the river and we had to make a stretcher. We also did fishing as our last challenge.