



ONSITE PROGRAM

# MAD Training Program PROSPECTUS

For 2022

Local Mission - Life Changing Adventure



**Mission Adventure Discipleship**

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## What is Mountain Trails?

Mountain Trails Adventure School is a Christian Mission which is committed to reaching people with the Message of Jesus Christ, and encouraging them to become His Followers, growing in Faith and Maturity.

Mountain Trails has three aims which are listed later in this prospectus, but can be summarised as:

- To ensure all participants hear the message of Jesus in a way that they can understand, despite the many subcultures of our society, and they are encouraged to respond. That this Message is communicated by the whole Mountain Trails Team, in words and actions.
- That participants are challenged by the wonder of the natural environment, as well as our outdoor activities and adventures, so they will learn by them, growing and developing physically, emotionally and spiritually into more confident and resilient people.
- To disciple and equip Christians to do mission, serving the Lord, especially in the context of Christian Camping Ministry. This involves training and experience, as well as supervised practical application of formal training.

Our MAD Training Program is one way we fulfil our third aim.

### **It is all about MISSION, ADVENTURE and DISCIPLESHIP'**

Mountain Trails began in 1988 with school holiday camps, having the same three aims, and has grown from there.

It was initially a horse riding camp, but has grown to include-

- Horses and Trail Riding.
- Dirt and Mountain Bikes
- Abseiling and High Ropes.
- Adventure Caving.
- Canoeing and Swimming.
- Bushwalking and Journey based events.
- Archery and Whip-cracking.
- Campouts and Bushmanship.
- Plus Crafts, Sports and Games.

Mountain Trails remains a largely volunteer organisation, but as it has grown with the need to be compliant with regulations and have appropriate standards of professionalism, some members of the Team have had to be full time and some employed.

Mountain Trails is located on a beautiful 9,500 hectare site near Wee Jasper, N.S.W, at the northern end of the Brindabella Range. It is 50 minutes drive from Yass and an 85 minute drive from Canberra. A small portion of the road is gravel, which is maintained and suited to normal traffic. The property itself is largely a wilderness of mountains, creeks and gullies, interlaced with many trails providing access and extra safety.

Mountain Trails is a registered not-for-profit charity.

## Why a New MAD22 Program?

As mentioned, Mountain Trails is a Christian Mission which seeks to fulfil its Aims through the challenges of the outdoors. These programs are largely delivered by a trained and experienced Team. While Mountain Trails charges for most of these activities it is well below commercial rates to enable our programs to be as affordable as possible.

Being on the MAD Program is a more structured way of being a Mountain Trails Team member, to help Mountain Trails deliver its programs, and receiving the training and experience this package provides for you to do mission with adventure, and for the rest of 2022 we have a New & Better package because Mountain Trails needs MAD people to be part of its Team, to do programs in School Holidays, on weekends and midweek.

The New MAD22 will be a full time onsite commitment for the remainder of 2022 which will involve

- 3 days a week of paid employment doing programs or the work associated with program delivery. This will be award permanent part time employment.
- 2 days a week of in house tuition & study involving-
  - Mission studies
  - Biblical studies
  - Practical camping skills
  - Basic industry standards & requirements
- There will be a number of short courses to qualify in first aide, mental health first aide, bronze medallion, food handling & child protection.
- In this program there will be provision for paid leave, as well as a retreat time off site twice a year. As well, depending on numbers, a 'See Australia Tour' in the winter break.

This is a program designed to prepare for a life of Mission generally, Christian camping in particular, which is what the Lord calls us all to do.

It is designed to provide some paid employment, housing & board, while training & experience in the outdoors, with challenge & adventure.

It is also possible to commence a Certificate III in Outdoor Leadership conducted by a Registered Training Organisation, but this is a 12 month course & will depend on numbers.

To enter the program you will participate in a roster covering 20 days in a four week period. The roster will allocate roughly 60 per cent program work and 40 per cent training/study.

School holidays are currently our busiest time, when we need manpower the most. These times will normally be mandatory.

## Other Options

Because of the nature of our activities and the support needed, life on our site involves Maintenance Work, Care of Livestock and Pasture Management. We also have a registered Commercial Kitchen.

There are always building projects on the go.

While most MAD participants are interested in Outdoor Activities, programs can be tailored around Maintenance, Farm Activities, or Cooking, Catering and Hospitality.

## Life as a MAD participant

You will need to be onsite for your agreed rostered days.

We will provide you with accommodation and utilities and most meals onsite. This will entail group housing and sharing facilities. Community living is part of the training

Our days usually start with a devotional and prayer time.

- When you are on a day of program, you will assist with preparation and delivering the activity under supervision, in accordance with your previous experience & training. It is a hands on day. As well, there is always the packup and cleanup. This is all part of Camping Ministry. You will participate in the full range of things that make up a functioning ministry; the excitement of challenge and the mundane chores.
- When you are on a day with no program there is always planning and preparation to be done. There is stock to be managed, horses to be worked and fed, repairs to be made and the facilities to be maintained fresh and appealing.
- When you are on a study day you will be involved with group tuition, sometimes that will be outdoors and sometimes in the classroom. These will normally be on a Monday & Tuesday, program permitting. Sometimes you will be doing your own study & course requirements. Advice & help is always available.

We will also have regular meetings of our full Team, which MAD participants are encouraged to attend and be active participants. Team meetings are also part of our training.

There will also be group and individual meetings with MAD participants with supervisors to review progress and provide support.

## MAD Training Program- Requirements and Cost

### Requirements:

- A personal commitment to follow Jesus, and be a member of a local Christian church.
- Minimum 18 years of age as of the 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022, or have completed Year 12.
- Driver's licence and be able to/willing to learn to drive a manual car
- Participants are expected to provide their own activity specific clothing
- Laptop for study purposes including internet dongle or access to mobile phone data
- Be willing to cook, clean, work with kids, be a room leader, mow lawns and other communal chores
- Have a current NSW Working with Children Check and be willing to attend Child protection training
- A commitment to respect the policies, rules and expectations of Mountain Trails Adventure School, as well a commitment to respect the whole Mountain Trails Team of which you will be part.
- Be ready to learn, grow and contribute.
- Preferably, to have been a volunteer on a Mountain Trails program before applying.

To apply, call or email us to get a Ministry Team, as well as a MAD Training Program application form. You will need to complete both.

There may also be an opportunity to participate in a second year MAD Training Program option, for those who wish to continue to pursue training in Outdoor Christian Ministry.

## Key Dates

Applications open                      1<sup>st</sup> May 2022

Applications close                      30<sup>th</sup> June 2022

MAD Training Program commences, hopefully, with intensive training      Tuesday 14th June 2022

## AIMS OF MOUNTAIN TRAILS

The Aims of Mountain Trails are –

- That every camper hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a clear, precise and understandable way, and is encouraged to respond. That this Gospel be communicated by the words, lives and behaviour of the Christian staff.
  
- That each camper enjoys a full, safe and stimulating program that not only gives pleasure, but provides challenges for growth physically, mentally and spiritually. That this program be provided by competent staff who, out of love, will care for the campers' safety at all times.
  
- To give an avenue for Christian service to all staff and to provide an environment for them to develop positive attitudes and skills in-
  - ministry to campers physically, emotionally and spiritually,
  - ministry to one another in the Body of Christ,
  - personal growth in physical skills, spiritual understanding and maturing as a Christian person.

## **Mountain Trails Statement of Faith**

- a) That the ultimate leadership of Restoration Enterprises. Ltd. trading as Mountain Trails is the God revealed in the Bible; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- b) The Bible, being the complete Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the word of God, divinely inspired by God, the Holy Spirit and given to mankind as supreme and final authority in faith and life.
- c) The deity and humanity of Jesus Christ, who came from heaven to earth to die and pay a ransom for all sin. That He rose bodily from the dead and returned to heaven.
- d) That mankind was created in His image, but is alienated from God by sin and faces his eternal judgement. That reconciliation and restoration is only available through the finished work of Jesus Christ, and is received by turning to Jesus in repentance and faith.
- e) That we are called to love and worship God, and live in obedience to His will.
- f) That we are called to love all of humanity and care for all of God's creation as stewards.