



Training & Courses Overview

MAD program participants can choose from five different streams, all of which include internal ministry training and first aid training. Participants may only **choose one stream**, however, Mountain Trails supports participants who wish to do other study on top of the MAD program funded at their own expense. See below for the list of streams and courses included in each.

Included in all streams:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Internal Ministry Training - Remote Area First Aid 				
Choose one of the following Streams:				
Outdoor Recreation	Maintenance	Horsemanship	Hospitality	Administration

Outdoor Recreation

As most of what we do at Mountain Trails is heavily based around outdoor recreation, it is the perfect place to gain experience and training in a supportive environment. Participants in the outdoor recreation stream will have the opportunity to learn from qualified staff and lead outdoor activities under supervision. Nationally recognised training will be provided through 5 Star Training and will include courses in abseiling, canoeing, bushwalking, and archery. These courses will involve travel off site for several days per activity course with expenses covered. These units count towards a cert III or IV in outdoor recreation should the participant wish to go on and do this. As part of being involved in the outdoor recreation stream the participant will also be expected to assist with the running of programs which includes the occasional weekend work.

Maintenance

Mountain Trails is located on a 9500 acre property, which means there is always maintenance to be done. Being part of the maintenance stream means you will be working alongside other maintenance staff at Mountain Trails to assist with mainly campsite and program related maintenance. Tasks may include general campsite upkeep, assisting to maintain activity equipment and assisting experienced maintenance staff with larger skilled jobs. Courses offered in the maintenance stream include chainsaw (trim and cut felled trees), statement of attainment in basic welding (through Yass TAFE), and AQF3 Chemical Accreditation course. Participants will also be offered the opportunity to obtain their Light Rigid vehicle licence which can be used to drive Mountain Trails' buses, as well as an opportunity for in internal 4wd training. When program is on, maintenance staff are expected to continue their duties as normal as well as provide additional help in a camp support staff role.



Horsemanship

With the size of our property and the number of horses we own and use for program we currently have a full-time horse manager. Participating in the horsemanship stream of the MAD program means you will be working alongside our horse manager to care for the needs of our horses, ensure they are suitable to be ridden and assist with running horse camps and teaching people how to ride. Study for the first six months of the year will include a Certificate II in horse care provided through the Australian Equine Institute. The later 6 months of the year participants will have the opportunity to complete the HSA Trail Boss and Instructor course which will allow them to lead on Mountain Trails Horse camps. When program is on at Mountain Trails participants will be expected to assist on horse related activities and wherever else is needed.

Hospitality

Mountain Trails caters for all our camps through our on-site commercial kitchen. In the hospitality stream you will be working under the guidance of our cooks and kitchen staff to assist in the kitchen when program is on. You will also be assisting in the preparation of food before camps and with ordering food. Other responsibilities when program is on will include setting up for meals, serving food, cleaning, and assisting in the scullery. Participants in the hospitality stream will be required to complete the statement of attainment in food handling. They will also have the opportunity to complete a Certificate II in Hospitality, both courses offered through TAFE NSW.

Administration

For those who enjoy office work and are highly organised then this is the stream for you. In the admin stream you will be assisting and learning from other admin staff and working under direction from the operations manager. You will be trained to carry out tasks such as taking and managing bookings, forms, and invoices. You will also assist with the general organisation of the office space and carry out tasks such as ordering and restocking office supplies. Participants will have the opportunity to complete nationally recognised training in office administration (provided through Accredited Online Training), this course has several units which count towards a Certificate IV in Business should the participant wish to go onto further study. Also available is training courses in the software we use, including a certificate in Xero and training in Venue 360 which is our online booking system. When program is on admin staff continue office duties as normal as well as assist in a program support role where needed.

Internal Ministry and Camping Training (included in all streams)

In house ministry training will be provided by Dr Gary Jones, as well as special guests. Training will include biblical studies and ministry life studies. Biblical studies will look at the Old and New Testament and English translations, as well as the life of Jesus and the early church. Biblical studies will also include a look at different Christian denominations and understanding other faiths. Ministry life studies will feature practical studies such as devotions, the armour of God, evangelism, and communication.

Internal training will also include a familiarisation of Mountain Trails' policies and procedures, and practical training in the familiarisation of the Mountain Trails property. As well as training in maps and navigation, bushcraft and camp hygiene.