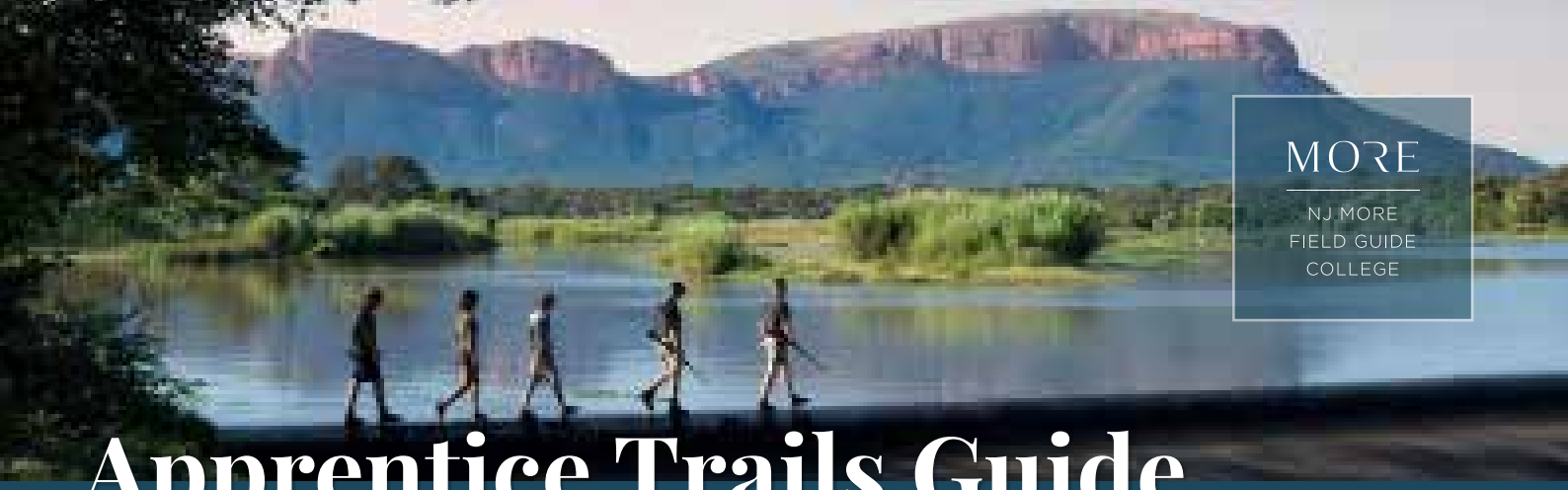

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Apprentice Trails Guide Syllabus

1. FGASA APPRENTICE TRAILS GUIDE COURSE *(BACK-UP TRAILS)* **

*** In order to gain the FGASA Apprentice Trails Guide Qualification (Back-up Trails Guide) you need to have a valid First Aid, FGASA Apprentice Field Guide (NQF2) (Level 1) and Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH). If you don't have that, you can still participate in the whole course and get the full experience, but you can't get the actual qualifications.*

2. FGASA APPRTENTICE TRAILS GUIDE SYLLABUS

A FGASA Apprentice Trails Guide (Back-up trails Guide) is an individual who is in training (in an apprentice program) to become a Trails Guide and will learn how to function as 2nd Rifle and later as 1st Rifle during the training phase. The apprentice program is a stepping stone in the process for a guide to attain a FGASA Trails Guide qualification and is not yet qualified to conduct trails or walks in areas with dangerous game in absence of a FGASA Trails Guide (NQF4), Professional Trails Guide, or SKS (DG) Guide.

MODULE 1

Conducting A Guided Experience

- Conducting walking trails in dangerous game areas
- Preparing clients for a walking trails in a dangerous animal area
- Requirements and ground rules while on the trail
- Where to walk and all-around awareness
- Considerations before approaching an animal
- Immediate action drills in a potentially dangerous situation
- The role of an Apprentice Trails Guide (Back-up Trails)

MODULE 2

Trails Guiding Equipment

- The Trails Guide bag, back-pack and belt kit

MODULE 3

Orientation Skills

- Map reading and orientation
- Finding direction and bearings using natural indicators
- What to do if you get lost
- Finding water and food from the bush

MODULE 4

Approaching Animals on Foot

- Encounters with dangerous animals
- Approaching dangerous animals
- Animal comfort zones
- Responses to charging animals
- Shooting responses to a serious charge

MODULE 5

Dangerous Animal Knowledge

- What is a dangerous animal?
- General statistics and dental formulae of dangerous animals
- Species knowledge

MODULE 6

Animal Diseases

- The functions of parasites and diseases in the ecosystem
- Diseases of African wildlife

MODULE 7

Incident & Crime Scene Management

- Incident and crime scene management
- Shooting an animal in self-defense

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