



FACT SHEET

ABOUT US

MORE Field Guide College is a FGASA-endorsed training institution established by MORE Collection to develop professional field guides of exceptional calibre. The college offers students from around the world a life-enriching opportunity to live, learn, and train in the African bush. FGASA (Field Guides Association of Southern Africa) sets the highest guiding standards across the region and is a registered professional body aligned with CATHSSETA (South Africa's Culture, Art, Tourism, Hospitality and Sport Sector Education and Training Authority).

OUR EDGE

MORE Field Guide College maintains an exceptional pass rate, supported by hands-on mentorship from some of the industry's most experienced professionals. Training combines academic grounding with practical bush exposure, preparing students for real-world guiding and safari hospitality.

Riaan Fourie, Group Safari Manager: National Diploma in Nature Conservation (Tshwane University of Technology), FGASA SKS (Dangerous Game) Trails Guide, FGASA SKS (Birding) Guide, Accredited FGASA Trails Guide Mentor, FGASA Safari Guide of the Year (2019).

William Tarpley, Sales and Marketing Manager: Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, NQF4 Field Guide, with five years' field guiding experience at Marataba Game Lodges and Lion Sands Game Reserve.

OUR HISTORY

MORE Field Guide College was founded in honour of conservationist Nick John More (1967–2013) and was originally known as NJMORE Field Guide College. It continues his legacy of conservation, education, and sharing Africa's wild places with integrity and passion. Students are selected for their genuine love of the bush and their ability to inspire others through meaningful guiding experiences.

OUR GUIDING CULTURE

MORE field guides represent a new generation of nature ambassadors. They guide with knowledge, empathy, and respect, ensuring wildlife experiences are ethical, immersive, and conservation-led. Safaris are conducted with care, balancing meaningful human connection with ecosystem health.

OUR LOCATION: NJM CAMPUS

The college is based in Marataba, a privately managed 23,000-hectare section of Marakele National Park in the Waterberg wilderness, approximately 3.5 hours from Johannesburg. This landscape is home to the Big Five, rare species such as pangolin, ancient cycads, yellowwood trees, and significant San rock art and Iron Age sites. Marakele forms part of the UNESCO-listed Waterberg Biosphere Reserve.

CAMP LIFE

The MORE Field Guide College camp offers a supportive, residential environment in the bush. Accommodation is in two-sleeper tented suites with electricity, en-suite bathrooms, twin beds, storage, and shaded study decks. The main camp includes a library, leisure room, swimming pool, and open-air boma. Students receive three meals daily and have access to Wi-Fi in the main camp area.

OUR COURSES

Our courses are structured to support different entry points into field guiding — from career-focused training to shorter, immersive experiences.

Guiding Career Courses:

Career Course (January and July intakes):

- 12-month full-time programme comprising six months of structured training followed by a six-month placement at a MORE Collection lodge (subject to meeting requirements)
- Open to South African citizens aged 20 (turning 21) and older
- Qualifications include NQF2 Nature Site Guide (FGASA), FGASA Apprentice Trails Guide Mentorship Programme, Rifle Competency (PFTC), Advanced Rifle Handling, Wilderness First Aid Level 1 & 2, CyberTracker Tracks & Signs, and additional essential guiding and hospitality skills
- High-performing graduates may be considered for permanent employment with MORE Collection

Guide and Trails Experience Course (January and July intakes):

- 6-month course
- Open to South African and international citizens aged 18 years and older
- Provides the same comprehensive training and qualifications as the Career Course, without the lodge placement
- Qualifications include NQF2 Nature Site Guide (FGASA), FGASA Apprentice Trails Guide Mentorship Programme, Rifle Competency (PFTC), Advanced Rifle Handling, Wilderness First Aid Level 1 & 2, Tracks & Signs, Trailing, and additional guiding skills

Gap Year Courses:

Guide Experience Course (January and July intakes):

- 80-day course
- Open to South African and international citizens aged 18 years and older
- Entry-level guiding programme focused on vehicle-based guiding
- Qualifications include NQF2 Nature Site Guide (FGASA) and Wilderness First Aid Level 2
- Additional training includes birding, 4x4 driving, rifle competency, hospitality, and core guiding skills

Trails Experience Course (April and October intakes):

- 60-day course
- Open to South African and international citizens aged 18 years and older
- Designed for field guides looking to progress towards trails guiding
- Qualifications and training include FGASA Apprentice Trails Guide Mentorship Programme, Rifle Competency (PFTC), Advanced Rifle Handling (ARH), Tracks & Signs, Trailing, specialist birding, and additional field skills

Note: Certification requires a valid NQF2 Nature Site Guide (FGASA) qualification and Wilderness First Aid Level 2. Participants without these may attend for experience only.

Short Courses:

Adventure Course (May and November intakes):

- 1-month course
- Open to South African and international citizens aged 18 years and older
- Experience-based course focused on walking safaris and bush immersion
- Includes exposure to the FGASA Apprentice Trails Programme, mentored hours on foot, bushcraft modules, and a primitive overnight trail experience

Bushcraft Course (May and November intakes):

- 5-day course
- Open to South African and international citizens aged 18 years and older
- Intensive wilderness survival course covering fire-making, water sourcing, shelter building, food foraging, and survival principles
- Includes a practical overnight wilderness experience

Trails Mentorship Workshop (Monthly intakes):

- 6-day workshops
- Designed for field guides already enrolled in the FGASA Apprentice Trails Programme
- Opportunity to log ±40 mentored hours towards FGASA Trails Guide qualification
- Includes practical exposure and guided mentorship in a Big Five environment



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