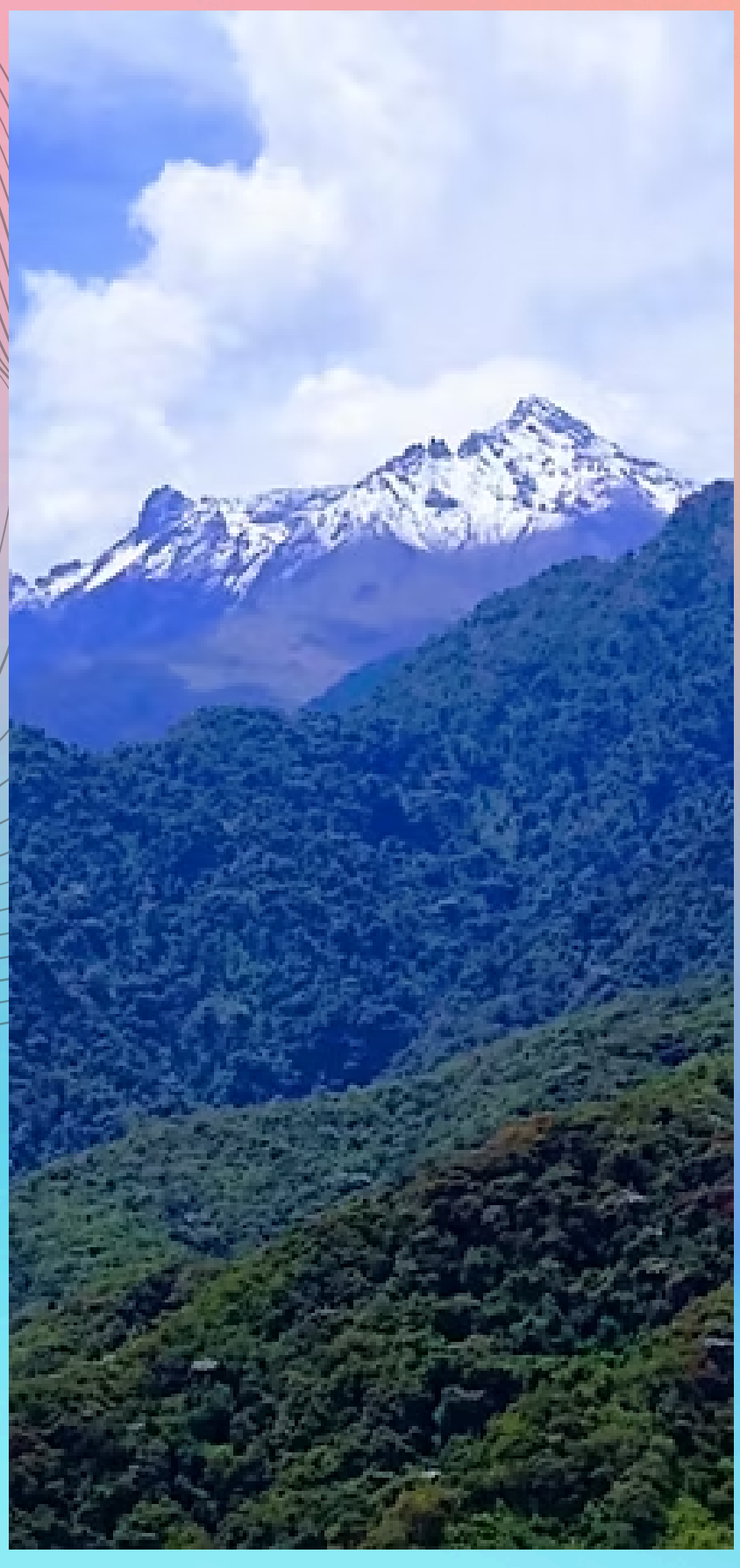
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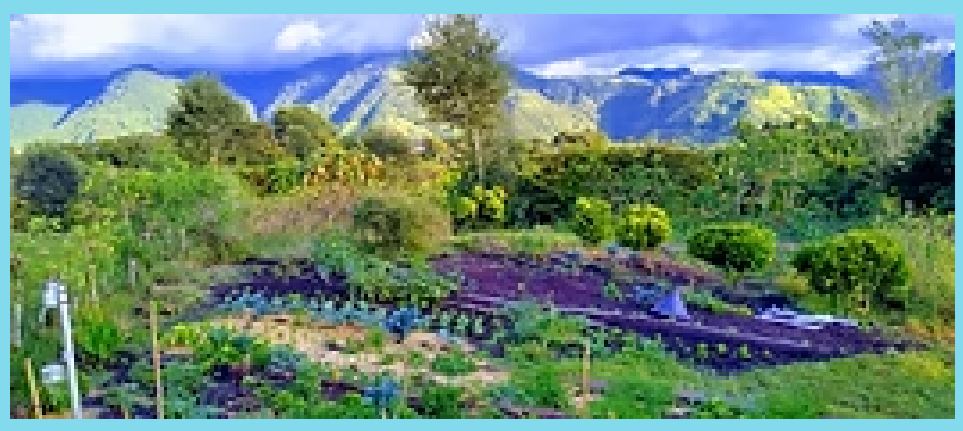












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WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN INSTRUCTOR ANDREA KANE (TRAIN NEK / SOLO) AND ORGANIZER PETER SHEAR OF CHASQUI TREKS ECUADOR FOR A 12-DAY WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM SET IN THE HEART OF THE TROPICAL ANDES.

TOGETHER, WE'LL GATHER AT FINCA LA FÉ—AN ORGANIC FARM AND CLOUD FOREST SANCTUARY—TO LEARN, SHARE, AND GROW THROUGH A BLEND OF RIGOROUS MEDICAL TRAINING AND IMMERSIVE FIELD EXPERIENCE IN THE PLANET'S MOST BIODIVERSE ECOLOGICAL HOTSPOT.

THIS COURSE IS DESIGNED NOT ONLY TO BUILD SKILLS, BUT TO FOSTER CONNECTION: WITH EACH OTHER, WITH NATURE, AND WITH THE REALITIES OF PROVIDING EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE IN REMOTE ENVIRONMENTS.

A 3-DAY TREK IS WOVEN DIRECTLY INTO THE CURRICULUM, OFFERING A "LIVING CLASSROOM" WHERE PARTICIPANTS SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER WHILE PRACTICING REAL-WORLD SCENARIOS ACROSS CHANGING LANDSCAPES AND ALTITUDES.





COURSE ITINERARY: AUGUST 8-19, 2027

AUGUST 8: ARRIVAL & JOURNEY TO FINCA LA FÉ

WE'LL MEET AT 09 00 IN THE MORNING AT THE AIRPORT GARDEN HOTEL IN TABABELA AND TRAVEL TOGETHER TO THE INTAG REGION. UPON ARRIVAL AT FINCA LA FÉ, WE'LL SETTLE IN, ORIENT OURSELVES, AND SHARE A WELCOME DINNER.

AUGUST 9-11: FOUNDATIONS OF CARE

WE BEGIN WITH THE PATIENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (PAS) AND TRAUMA MANAGEMENT. THROUGH HANDS-ON PRACTICE IN THE FARM'S FORESTS AND COFFEE GROVES, WE'LL BUILD CONFIDENCE RESPONDING TO BACKCOUNTRY EMERGENCIES IN A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.

AUGUST 12-14: INTEGRATED TREK — PÁRAMO TO CLOUD FOREST

TOGETHER, WE HEAD INTO THE COTACACHI–CAYAPAS REGION FOR A 3-DAY EXPEDITION:

- DAY 1 (JULY 16): EXPLORE THE HIGH PÁRAMO GRASSLANDS AND LAGO CUICOCHA. FOCUS ON ALTITUDE ILLNESS AND COLD EXPOSURE.
- DAY 2 (JULY 17): TRAVEL ACROSS HIGH TERRAIN AND DESCEND INTO THE CLOUD FOREST.
- DAY 3 (JULY 18): NAVIGATE RIVER CROSSINGS AND SUBTROPICAL TERRAIN, RETURNING TO FINCA LA FÉ IN THE AFTERNOON.

THROUGHOUT THE TREK, WE'LL LEARN BY DOING—SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER THROUGH EVOLVING MEDICAL SCENARIOS IN DYNAMIC ENVIRONMENTS.

AUGUST 15-17: ADVANCED WILDERNESS MEDICINE

BACK AT THE FARM, WE DEEPEN OUR PRACTICE WITH TOPICS SUCH AS WOUND CARE, ANAPHYLAXIS, AND IMPROVISED EVACUATION TECHNIQUES. GROUP SCENARIOS AND MOCK RESCUES IN THE FOREST AND RIVER CANYONS EMPHASIZE TEAMWORK, COMMUNICATION, AND ADAPTABILITY.

AUGUST 18: FINAL PRACTICALS & CELEBRATION

WE COMPLETE WRITTEN AND PRACTICAL EXAMS, FOLLOWED BY A SHARED FARM-TO-TABLE MEAL TO CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY AND COMMUNITY WE'VE BUILT.

AUGUST 19: DEPARTURE

AFTER FINAL REFLECTIONS AND CERTIFICATION PROCESSING, WE TRAVEL TOGETHER BACK TO TABABELA FOR DROP-OFF AT THE AIRPORT GARDEN HOTEL BY 6 PM.

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LOGISTICS & REGISTRATION

- **INSTRUCTOR:** ANDREA KANE (SOLO INSTRUCTOR, TRAIN NEK), DREAKANE@HOTMAIL.COM
- **ORGANIZER:** PETER SHEAR (CHASQUI TREKS ECUADOR), INFO@CASAINTERAM.ORG
- **LOCATION:** FINCA LA FÉ, SAN ANTONIO DE PUCARÁ, IMBABURA, ECUADOR

COST: $1,840 PER PARTICIPANT (MINIMUM 6 PARTICIPANTS)

WHAT'S INCLUDED: WFR COURSE AND MATERIALS, 3-DAY SUPPORTED TREK, ALL MEALS, GLAMPING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THE FARM, ALL IN COUNTRY TRANSPORT DURING PROGRAM, GUIDES, PROTECTED AREA ENTRANCE FEES.

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED: AIRFARE USA – QUITO – USA, TRAVEL AND HEALTH INSURANCE, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, SNACKS, TIPS, BREAKFAST ON JULY 12, DINNER ON JULY 23.

R**EFUND POLICY:** A 50% PAYMENT REFUND WILL BE ISSUED IF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION IS CANCELLED BEFORE JULY 1, 2026.

I**NSURANCE:** PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE VALID TRAVEL HEALTH INSURANCE.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES: THERMAL HOT SPRINGS, WATERFALLS, BIRDWATCHING, COFFEE AND AGROECOLOGY TOURS, AND CONVERSATIONS ON CLOUD FOREST ECOLOGY AND LOCAL CONSERVATION.

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT: PLEASE REGISTER FOR THE WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER (WFR) IN THE TROPICAL ANDES BY FILLING OUT THIS FORM AND MAKE YOUR PAYMENT BY USING THE FOLLOWING LINK OR SCANNING THE QR CODE:

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