

THE OTAGO MASONIC CHARITABLE TRUST

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Bayfield High School
Musselburgh Rise
Andersons Bay
Dunedin

Youth Development Course = 12 to 18 December 2019

Over the past ten years the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust has organised and sponsored a week long Youth Development Course via Elwing Discoveries, around Stewart Island.

The purpose of these courses has been to assist the participants in considering their future directions in life. Complimenting with this adventure aspect; is that of being part of a team, learning new and different skills, as well as visiting a very special place in New Zealand.

All the time living and sailing a 14m Yacht with eight new friends.

The course is for YEAR 13 School leavers.

The Trust sponsors this by \$750, making the **cost to participants only \$100.**

The course is open to any Year 13 student to apply, in particular it may appeal to any student who for various reasons may not have the financial resources available to other students, or have for personal circumstances, not been able to participate in similar out of school activities in recent years.

Attached are full details of the course, and we would like to ask that you bring this to the notice your Year 13 classes about this opportunity. A Poster is included for your Notice Board.

The course dates are **12 to 18 December 2019;**

This is immediately after Schools close for the summer break, and before Christmas, so hopefully students may not be committed at this time.

We think this is a great opportunity for deserving young people – boys and girls - to broaden their experience, and to get an opportunity for an adventure between school and the next phase in their lives. Past participants have invariably given really positive reviews of the experience.

If you, or a student, have any questions, please contact the Trust as per the contacts below.

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The Otago Masonic Charitable Trust in Association with Elwing Discoveries

Elwing Discoveries

Sailing Adventures & Boating Education

Elwing Discoveries is an adventure operation on board the 14m (46 foot) yacht *Elwing*.

Elwing Discoveries was established in 1997 to allow individuals and groups of all sectors of the community to take part in an adventure-based experience predominantly at Stewart Island.

The types of voyages and adventures offered by Elwing Discoveries vary considerably – from elementary adventure and boating education for young adventurers (from age 10+) to adventure and discovery expeditions for adults (both younger & much older). These voyages offered range from day voyages, over night / multi night voyages, party deliveries, family/group celebration voyages, education voyages for schools and tertiary groups. Elwing is designed and licensed to take up to 12 passengers on overnight adventures and 22 passengers for day excursions. Elwing Discoveries' programs can be tailor made to suit individual requirements.

Elwing Discoveries' skipper has a long background of boating history in all areas of aquatic activities, he also has a long background in teaching outdoor education, therefore making it possible to incorporate your ideas with the expertise of the skipper to design a programme, not only about sailing but all facets of adventuring in the outdoors.

Elwing Discoveries also has a large thrust towards environmental protection and working in with Department of Conservation, land owners and the ocean environment. Not only protection but also education in looking after our environment on a long term basis and appreciating and enjoying the experience of adventuring in our southern wilderness. Tourism and history can also be part of the overall experience, therefore this programme can be more than just an outdoor adventure experience. Elwing has many activities which may be available associated with the courses, eg kayaks, inflatable dinghy and outboard, snorkeling, trekking etc.

The combination of sailing a large vessel and experiencing other activities in the wilderness offer excellent opportunities for the participants (especially the younger ones) to, not only 'Experience Stewart Island' but to develop life skills, such as confidence, self esteem, teamwork and respect for others. Experiential learning is a proven form of learning which is recognised. The benefits are vast in that they cover many aspects of personal and social development. The programme is often used by schools, training centres, tertiary training centres and businesses and in each situation has been successful in team building. During the voyages students may have the opportunity to obtain NZQA Unit Standards in different areas. New Zealand Coastguard Dayskipper Course is offered to groups on board Elwing involving a large component of practical participation and theoretical learning.

Costings are available on request.
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NOTES for GUIDANCE OF APPLICANTS for the 2019 YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

❖❖ PLEASE READ CAREFULLY ❖❖

1. Applications must be on the official Application form, and must be received by the Closing date. - **APPLICATIONS CLOSE; Friday 4th OCTOBER 2019**
In fairness to all applicants - Late Applications may Not be considered.
 - 2 Applicants must live within the catchment of Otago-based Lodges.
 - 3 Each Application must be accompanied by a completed School Reference Form.
 - 4 All questions must be completed and all information requested, given in full.
 - 5 Applicants should have completed Year 13 by the commencement of the Course.
 - 7 Participants must be physically able to live on a boat, and be able to safely disembark and board the boat regularly over the duration of the course.
 - 8 Participants will be expected to supply the required suitable clothing and equipment as listed in the Elwing Discoveries 'Gear List'.
 - 9 Priority will be given to participants who are deserving of support, particularly financially.
 - 9 Successful applicants will be required to fully complete;
A Medical Declaration; A Declaration & Indemnity; A Voyagee Agreement,
and will be supplied with;
a Gear List, , A Safety Management Sheet;
and an Elwing Discoveries Course Information Sheet.
 - 11 The **2019** course will be for the **6 days**, from

Thursday 12 to Thursday 18 December.
 - 12 The Course will commence and finish at Bluff. Participants are expected to travel to and from Bluff, by their own means, and at their own expense.
Meeting at the Bluff ferry terminal. (*Shared travel may be able to be arranged*)
 - 13 The Trust (and Elwing Discoveries) have the sole discretion to decide which Applicants will be participants, and do not have to provide any reasons.
 - 14 Cost to Participants, School, or Sponsor. **\$100**,
Fee MUST be paid before the Course.
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Participants will receive a New Zealand Coastguard Day-Skipper Certificate as part of the course. (Eligible for Unit Standards points)

If you require more information; please contact;
any Masonic Lodge, or The Trust Secretary (03) 454 2533 - info.omct@xtra.co.nz
or View the Elwing Discoveries Web-site - www.elwing.co.nz

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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

APPLICATION FORM - 2019

In conjunction with Elwing Discoveries.

Full Names	
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Postal Address	
Postal Code	

Contact Phone	Day	Night	
Mobile Phone		email	
Family email			
Date of Birth		Gender	

Occupation			
Employer/School			Full time Part Time

Dietary Information

Food Allergies / Intolerances;

Do you have any of the following dietary requirements? Dairy Free, Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free.? If so please give details below ↓ details
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Behavior; Do you have any history of behavioral issues ? Such as ADD, ADHD, aggression or difficulty functioning with others
If Yes, Details;

Criminal History; Have you any criminal convictions, incl. youth court ? Y/N Are you under any current bail conditions, or have charges pending ? Y/N Note: If any charges arise after submitting the Application you are obliged to advise the Trust immediately.
If Yes, Details;

Medical Issues; do you have any health issues ? If accepted ALL Participants are required to complete a separate medical form.
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Disclosure of this information may not necessarily influence acceptance or declination.

Please Read the Guidelines before submitting Application

Why do you want to attend this course ? and what do you hope to get out of the Course ? ;

Course Dates; 13 to 19 December 2019

Please READ this Declaration and SIGN below;

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that the information provided in this application to be true and correct.

I agree to comply with the conditions relative to participating in the course.

I understand the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust is under no obligation to accept any application, and is not required to explain or justify the decision. The Trust will make its decisions based on the standards set for the objectives of the course.

I agree that my name may be used by The Otago Masonic Charitable Trust, in advertising, publicity, or in Reports.

All information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality at all times.

Signed; Date. / /

Name:

REMINDER:

The completed Application Form, must be received by the Secretary of the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust, by **FRIDAY 4th October 2019**.

LATE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.

Course Cost \$100 = Must be Paid before course commences.

Application will not be considered until a Reference form is received.

Please refer to the Course Guidelines for further details.

(If you need further details contact a local Lodge, or email info.omct@xtra.co.nz)

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To Accompany the Application Form for the Youth Development Programme

SCHOOL REFERENCE

An Associate may complete other than a Family member

REFEREE DETAILS

2019

FULL NAME

POSTAL ADDRESS

..... Post code

Telephone Mobile

Email

APPLICANTS NAME

Applicants Full Name

RELATIONSHIP WITH APPLICANT

At School how are you associated with the Applicant?:

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Are there any issues preventing you from commenting objectively on the Applicants character ?

YES NO

Has the Applicant been **unable** to attend similar out of school activities?

YES NO

GENERAL COMMENT

If you require more space, or it would be more convenient, please attach further pages to this form
Or you may wish to provide a separate letter

Please tick ✓ the most appropriate box regarding applicant's abilities:

	Excellent	Very Good	Good	Poor	Don't Know
Communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attitude	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maturity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helpfulness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to work with others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The information and opinion you provide on this form will only be used to assess the suitability of the Applicant for this Youth Development Outdoor Education course, and nothing else.

GUIDELINES: In this Character Reference, the Trust Selection Committee is looking not only for general background information about the Applicant, but also information to ensure that they will contribute to the Outdoor Education experience in a positive and meaningful way. An indication of why the Applicant is deserving will help the Trust. We would also like to hear about any reservations or perceived weaknesses in the Applicant that you may have. This will not necessarily affect their acceptance for this programme, as this course is designed to aid in the personal growth and development of participants.

Thank you for your assistance.

If there is any other information which you think the Otago Masonic Charitable Trust, or the course providers 'Elwing Discoveries', should know or be aware of. If so Please feel free to contact the Trust Secretary at any time, in full confidentiality.

DECLARATION

I confirm that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature Date

Name: (Please print)

PLEASE FORWARD DIRECT TO THE TRUST SECRETARY;
P O Box 315 Dunedin. or email to; info.omct@xtra.co.nz

We will be unable to process the Application until we receive this Reference.

For more information, please contact the Trust Secretary; P O Box 315, Dunedin
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