



EarthkeepersTM

A powerful program for helping young people
live in harmony with the earth.

This internationally recognised 3 day program for 10 – 12 year olds,
is an intense adventure of discovery and magic, carefully designed
by The Institute for Earth Education.

EarthkeepersTM

- **develops** students with understandings of the key concepts of life on earth
- **helps** students deepen feelings of respect, awe, kinship and love for the natural world
- **equips** students to undertake wiser personal environmental lifestyle changes
- **motivates** students to share their of feelings for the earth and its life with others.

The program

EarthkeepersTM provides a springboard to further environmental education and habits back at school and at home that can be used by the teacher for up to a term or longer. The adventure begins in the classroom with the arrival of a mysterious package. Along with an ancient looking map, there is a hand-written invitation from E.M. (pronounced em), the keeper of the keys, to discover the “secrets” to becoming an Earthkeeper.

Once at the EarthkeepersTM Training Centre, **students learn about 4 key scientific concepts** that drive earth’s life support systems. As well **they experience a sense of wonder and place through** activities that encourage **first-hand contact with the natural world** in new and exciting ways. EarthkeepersTM provides **important time for students to process and review** new learnings and feelings.

Rather than pushing, EarthkeepersTM **pulls its learners along** on a journey of discovery and understanding that is **educational, challenging and fun.**



Four secrets

During the course of the program students partake in activities to earn 4 keys, that unlock the secrets of becoming an Earthkeeper...

- The **K Key** (Knowledge of understanding that all living things are connected).
- The **E Key** (Experience of discovering that getting in touch with the earth is a good feeling).
- The **Y Key** (Yourself will prove that actions make a difference).
- The **S Key** (Sharing to realise that helping others to improve their relationship with the earth is an urgent task).

When all 4 keys have been earned and the boxes opened, students find they are the keepers of some very special secrets. They are fully accredited Earthkeepers™ – Level 1 and can now begin the important task of helping others to renew their broken connections with the earth.

The goal

The aim of the Earthkeepers™ program is to **develop young people who possess some basic ecological understandings and good feelings for the earth and its life**. They will undertake not only to live more lightly themselves, but also to share their insights and behaviours with others.

Earthkeepers™ is for those teachers who genuinely want a learning adventure that will captivate and motivate their students, setting them off on a quest that must be completed for some time back at home and at school where they will complete other tasks to earn their last two keys.

Earthkeepers™ also **fulfils many of the key curriculum objectives** for the target age groups.

We are looking for teachers who share our commitment to delivering this extraordinary, highly stimulating educational experience and **helping our youth become more caring global citizens**.

We enjoy making this program simply a fantastic experience for kids, one they will never forget.

Costs & Commitments

Wild Mountains is committed to making Earthkeepers™ accessible to all schools by keeping costs to a minimum. We cater for no more than 40 students as we feel that smaller groups provide a superior experience with better learning outcomes.

Per-participant rates cover

- **Comprehensive Support** before, during and after your visit to the Earthkeepers™ Training Centre, to help you make the most of the program
- **Food & Accommodation** for three days and two nights at the Centre
- **Specialised Trainers** to guide you and your students through the program
- **All participant materials** including Earthkeepers™ Training Manual and an Earthkeepers™ Diary

Contact us

For up to date costs, details or to arrange a free information session contact us at Wild Mountains.