

## **Wilderness Trek**

### ***Most Frequently-Asked Questions***

Below are the answers to the questions people most often asked. If you don't find the answers to your questions, feel to call us at **1-800-833-4218** or e-mail us at [shawn@wildernesstrek.org](mailto:shawn@wildernesstrek.org). We are eager to assist you.

#### **1. Where is Wilderness Trek located?**

The Wilderness Trek base camp is located at 7870 West Hwy. 50 in Salida, Colorado (75 miles west of Pueblo, Colorado, 90 miles southwest of Colorado Springs, Colorado). The home office for Wilderness Trek is in Franklin, Tennessee (just South of Nashville). Our mailing address is PO Box 682949, Franklin, TN 37068-2949.

#### **2. Does Wilderness Trek operate programs in other locations?**

No, Wilderness Trek Christian Camp, Inc. has only one base camp located in Salida, Colorado. There are other organizations referring to themselves as "Trek" and conducting programs similar to Wilderness Trek. If you would like more information concerning the differences between Wilderness Trek and these other organizations, please contact Shawn Ballard at **1-800-833-4218** or [shawn@wildernesstrek.org](mailto:shawn@wildernesstrek.org).

#### **3. What age groups can participate in Wilderness Trek?**

There are Treks for children, teens and adults of all ages. Our most popular program is Teen Trek for students, ages 14 – 19, and their adult sponsors. (Note: Students may be 13, if they are going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.) We also have Treks for young adults (18 – 25 years of age) and adults of all ages. In 2005 we started our Pack & Paddle Program. These Treks are available to all age groups and include white water rafting. Also in 2005 we started our Family Trek program for family groups with 10 or more participants. Children must be at least 8 years of age to participate and must be accompanied by at least one parent or legal guardian. Two or more families from the same church or home-school organization may join together to form a Family Trek group of 12 or more.

#### **4. Can I (or my student) register for Trek as an individual, or do I/they have to be part of a group?**

Anyone ages 14 (or going into the 9<sup>th</sup> grade) and up can register on their own to participate. There are Teen Trek groups going out every week of the summer. Teens registering individually are added to these existing groups. If a student is under 18 years of age their parent or legal guardian must give written permission for them to participate. If you want to register individually for a College/Young Adult or other Adult Trek, check with us first to see what groups are available for you to join. In many cases there are groups traveling from (or near) the city where you live. Often they have room for you to ride with them. Call us and we'll put you in touch with their group coordinators. Or, you can fly to Colorado Springs Airport and we'll pick you up, as long as you arrive and depart after 2:00 p.m. on a Saturday. Of course, you are always welcome to drive to our base camp. Download a copy of our [Individual Reservation Form](#) and the [map](#) to our base camp.

#### **5. What are the group size limits for Wilderness Trek?**

The normal group size for Wilderness Trek is 15 – 20 participants. For Teen Treks and Adult Treks groups must have at least 12 people, unless you are willing to be combined with a group from another church. Family groups must have at least 10 participants from one church or home school organization. Groups cannot exceed 20 participants. If you need to bring a group larger than 20 you will need to divide your group into smaller groups, 12 – 20 participants each.

#### **6. How long are Trek programs?**

Most Wilderness Trek programs are six days in length. Groups and individuals arrive at the Wilderness Trek base camp at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday and return to the base camp on the following Thursday or Friday. In 2005 Wilderness Trek launched its 5-Day Trek Program. Five-day Treks start on Saturday or Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and end on the following Wednesday or Thursday evening. To view the itineraries for our six-day and five-day Treks visit our [homepage](#).

#### **7. How much does Trek cost and what is included?**

Each Trek program is priced according to the services provided by the WTCC Outfitter. Included in the cost of all Treks are the following: use of all equipment (pack, sleeping bag, insulite pad, tent, cook gear, etc.), trail food, guide fees, spiritual training journal, T-shirt and banquet meal.

Trek fees are set by October 1 each year and are subject to change. The fees listed below are for **Summer 2010**:

**Teen 6-Day Treks** include all the items listed above.

\$ 345 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 370 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**College/Young 6-Day Adult Treks** include all the items listed above, plus upgraded trail food package and one night's stay in the Riverside Lodge at the completion of your week in the wilderness.

\$ 380 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 405 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**Adult 6-Day Treks** includes all the items listed above, plus upgraded trail food package and a night's stay in one of our area bed 'n breakfast inns.

\$ 425 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 450 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**Family 6-Day Treks** include all the items listed above, plus upgraded trail food package and a night's stay in the Riverside Lodge.

\$ 375 per adult or teen (age 14 and up), if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 400 per adult or teen, if paid after 5/3/10

\$ 325 per child (ages 8 – 13), if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 350 per child, if paid after 5/3/10

**Teen Pack & Paddle Treks** include all the items listed above (see Teen Treks), plus ½ -day white water rafting and group camping along the river.

\$ 405 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 430 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**College/Young Adult Pack & Paddle Treks** include all the items listed above (see College/Young Adult 6-Day Treks), plus ½ -day white water rafting on the Arkansas River and group camping along the river.

\$ 450 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 475 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**Adult Pack & Paddle Treks** include all the items listed above (see Adult 6-Day Treks), plus ½-day white water rafting on the Arkansas River and group camping along the river.

\$ 490 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 515 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**Family Pack & Paddle Treks** include all the items listed above (see Family 6-Day Treks), plus ½-day white water rafting on the Arkansas River and group camping along the river.

\$ 420 per adult or teen (age 14 and up), if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 445 per adult or teen, if paid after 5/3/10

\$ 375 per child (ages 8-13), if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 400 per child, if paid after 5/3/10

**Teen 5-Day Treks** includes all the items listed above (see Teen 6-Day Treks) but exits the wilderness one day earlier.

\$ 325 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 350 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**College/Young Adult 5-Day Treks** includes all the items listed above (see College/Young Adult 6-Day Treks) but exits the wilderness one day earlier.

\$ 360 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 385 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**Adult 5-Day Treks** includes all the items listed above (see Adult 6-Day Treks) but exits the wilderness one day earlier.

\$ 410 per person, if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 445 per person, if paid after 5/3/10

**Family 5-Day Treks** includes all the items listed above (see Family 6-Day Treks) but exits the wilderness one day earlier.

\$ 340 per adult or teen (age 14 and up), if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 365 per adult or teen, if paid after 5/3/10

\$ 285 per child (ages 8-13), if paid on or before 5/3/10

\$ 310 per child, if paid after 5/3/10

*(Pack & Paddle Treks are not available in the 5-Day format.)*

**8. What kind of curriculum is used on Wilderness Trek? Can we provide our own and just use your staff for guide/outfitting services?**

All Wilderness Trek programs are conducted under guidelines set by the Wilderness Trek Christian Camp Board of Directors. Wilderness Trek is not affiliated with any religious group or organization and does not discriminate as to who can participate. The spiritual theme for each summer is set by the Board of Directors. A spiritual training journal is developed and a copy given to every Trek participant. The Wilderness Trek staff will facilitate the theme each day during your journey through the wilderness. We will be glad to send you a copy of the journal before you decide to go/bring your group on Trek. Our Trek staff welcomes input and wants your group leaders to assist them in the daily applications of the spiritual theme. Other curriculum, however, cannot be substituted.

Currently we are finalizing plans for our 2010 spiritual theme.

**9. Are scholarships available for groups and individuals to participate in Wilderness Trek?**

Each year the Wilderness Trek Board of Directors raises funds to provide scholarships for teens and young adults from inner-city neighborhoods and children's homes. Contact our Executive Director, **Shawn Ballard**, at 1-800-833-4218. He will be happy to discuss your or your group's particular need.

If you would like to donate to our scholarship program, please make your check payable to Wilderness Trek and send to PO Box 682949, Franklin, TN 37068-2949.

You can also give via our partnership with **JustGive.org**. Just go to [JustGive.org](http://JustGive.org), type in "Wilderness Trek", select "Donate" and follow the on-line instructions. It is safe and, of course, free of charge.

**10. I would like to reserve a date for my group to go on Wilderness Trek. What do I do?**

**Step # 1** – Make sure space is still available for the week you want to come. To view our Wilderness Trek summer calendar go to [Booking Information](#).

**Step # 2** – Download our [Group Reservation Agreement and Form](#). Read them carefully. Complete the Group Reservation Form and mail it, along with your non-refundable **Group Reservation Fee** (\$ 100 for groups 1-10 or 11 – 20, \$ 200 for groups 21 – 40 or 41 and up) to **Wilderness Trek, PO Box 682949, Franklin, TN 37068-2949** (make checks payable to Wilderness Trek).

**Step # 3** – That's it ! We'll send you written confirmation of your group's reservation and everything you need to promote Trek and get your group ready to come to Colorado.

**11. I would like to register my group on-line. Does Wilderness Trek have on-line registration?**

Yes, you can register your group for Wilderness Trek on-line by going to [Booking Information](#). Have your credit card handy. You will need it to pay the one-time \$ 100 or \$ 200 Group Reservation Fee.

**12. I am coming (or my student is coming on Trek this summer. What will be my schedule and what do I need to bring?**

See the **Participant Handbook** for your particular Trek program. To download the correct handbook click on the links below:

[Participant Handbook for 6-Day Teen Trek](#)  
[Participant Handbook for 6-Day College/Young Adult Trek](#)  
[Participant Handbook for 6-Day Adult Trek](#)  
[Participant Handbook for 6-Day Family Trek](#)  
[Participant Handbook for Pack & Paddle Treks](#)  
[Participant Handbook for 5-Day Treks](#)

**13. I have lost my Registration Form. Where can I get another one?**

Download: [Registration Form](#) (for all participants and all Treks)

Please do not mail your registration form. If you are coming with a group, give the form to your group coordinator. Make sure it has been signed on the front by you and your parents (if under 18). Make sure the physician's release statement has been signed on the back by your doctor.

**ALL WILDERNESS TREK PARTICIPATES MUST HAVE A COMPLETED  
REGISTRATION FORM SIGNED BY YOUR PARENTS, OR LEGAL  
GUARDIAN, (if under 18) AND BY YOUR PHYSICIAN.**

**14. My son/daughter had a physical this past year. Can I attach this form to their registration form in lieu of your signed physician's release statement?**

No. The statement on the back of our Registration Form must be signed by a licensed medical professional. This statement contains specific information unique to the physical activity of Wilderness Trek. We must have this signed form before you or your student can participate.

**15. My son's/daughter's group has already left for Colorado and he/she has left his/her registration form. What do I do?**

Fax the form to our base camp. The fax number is **719-539-4888**. Please call first to let our staff know you are sending a fax. You can also e-mail a copy of the signed form to [shawn@wildernesstrek.org](mailto:shawn@wildernesstrek.org).

**16. Is Wilderness Trek safe? What precautions do you take to insure the safety of my student?**

Wilderness Trek has been in operation for almost 30 years. We have an excellent safety record. Safety is priority for us. We operate according to the standards set by the USDA Forestry Service and the State of Colorado. You are welcome to download a copy of our [Safety Policy](#).

**17. Why use Wilderness Trek for my group's outdoor adventure programs? I can do my own Trek-like program a lot cheaper.**

Please consider the following advantages to using *Wilderness Trek* for your group's next adventure:

- 34 years of experience in programs with a strong spiritual emphasis
- Well-trained staff
- Fully-insured outfitter and excellent safety record
- Operates within the guidelines set by the USDA Forestry Service
- Price controls for large or small groups

**18. What is the best way to transport myself – my student – my group to Wilderness Trek?**

With fuel cost rising more groups and individuals are choosing to fly to Denver or Colorado Springs and rent a car or vans for the week they are on Trek. Please call us at **1-800-833-4218**. We'll be happy to give you transportation options best for you. Currently, we do not have shuttle transport from the Colorado Springs or Denver airports.