

## FACILITY

Wilderness Wind owns a 25 acre base camp located 6 miles west of Ely, MN. There are modern bathroom and shower facilities, three group campsites, a bunkhouse, staff housing, an equipment shed/work shop and a food preparation building. Prior to your trip, you will sleep in platform tents or in the bunkhouse, prepare some of your meals over a campfire, and eat at picnic tables at the campsites.

Most of our trips are canoe trips into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Minnesota or the Quetico Provincial Park of Ontario, Canada. Most groups spend one day at Pine Ridge for orientation before they begin their trip.

Wilderness Wind also has four acres on Armstrong Lake. The Lakeside property has four cabins and a yurt available for retreats and church and family gatherings. Family members of those who are canoeing in the Boundary Waters have also stayed in the Lakeside cabins.

## FEES FOR 2012

Part of Wilderness Wind's philosophy is to make wilderness travel available to everyone. Fees are set to cover basic program expenses. A large portion of staff time is donated on a voluntary service basis. Work for Wilderness Wind is done out of a love for the outdoors and a belief in service. Another way of keeping our fees low is that we ask each group to help clean their gear at the end of their trip.

Each trip starts with a day of orientation prior to the canoe trip. Orientation is usually a full day that includes canoeing instruction, reading map and compass, food packing, route planning, packing, a time for reflection, wilderness ethics and wilderness experiences. The fees below are listed according to the number of days of the actual canoe trip. Orientation is included in these fees.

GROUP SIZE	7-8 people	6 people	5 people	4 people	3 people
Cost of a <b>four-day</b> canoe trip/person	\$495	\$525	\$555	\$585	\$670
Cost of a <b>five-day</b> canoe trip/person	\$530	\$565	\$610	\$650	\$695
Cost of a <b>six-day</b> canoe trip/person	\$565	\$610	\$650	\$690	\$745
Cost of a <b>seven-day</b> canoe trip/person	\$610	\$650	\$695	\$730	\$795

(The above are prices for the most frequently taken trips. We offer shorter and longer trips as well.)

- A 30% discount is given to children under the age of 12 years old (two discounts per family)
- A 10% discount will be applied to youth 12-15years old and to families with four or more people.
- Trips into the Quetico cost approximately an additional \$12 per person/night on the water
- It is important that wilderness trips are available to everyone. Partial scholarships are available.

It is helpful though not required to know in early May of your interest in using scholarship funds.

**Payment Policy:** At time of reservation: a \$500 deposit is due. \$250 is refundable until April 15<sup>th</sup>. On May 15<sup>th</sup>, full payment is due, via check or credit card. If group size is still fluctuating or group is still being formed at this date, \$2,000 is due. Final payment is due once the group size is determined. (A note about credit cards: fees incurred to Wilderness Wind will be passed on to the credit card user. A 3% fee will be added to trip deposits and payments made with a credit card.)

### **Wilderness Wind fees cover the following:**

- A Wilderness Wind trip facilitator/leader
- Orientation/Instruction
- Lodging at Wilderness Wind
- All food and eating utensils
- Packs (Duluth and Kondo's) and dry bags
- Tents (Sierra designs, OR and North Face)
- Sleeping pads (Therm-a-rest)
- Liability and Limited Accident Insurance
- Equipment shuttle
- Route planning
- Forest Service permits and fees
- Spiritual leadership and wilderness ethics
- Canoes, paddles, life jackets and rain tarp
- Cooking gear, cook stoves, fuel, camp saw
- Shower bags, food bags and bear ropes
- Compasses, whistles, and maps
- First Aid Kit
- Water bottles and water purification



## Wilderness Wind

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**Wilderness Wind nurtures relationships with God and creation through wilderness living which promotes spirituality, cooperation and environmental sustainability.**

### PHILOSOPHY

Wilderness Wind is an experience and an education in the wilderness. Our over-arching goal is to lead each participant into the convergence of personal spirituality with the life-changing power of God in creation.

To facilitate the goal of our program, all Wilderness Wind staff are trained to help you integrate your faith with the experience of wilderness. Daily reflection and quiet time will center on themes of creation, faith and personal growth, interconnectedness, and community. It is our commitment to send at least one staff person on each trip organized through Wilderness Wind.

Several foundational tenants of our faith at Wilderness Wind follow:

1. God is the Creator and we serve God and all that God has made.
2. As created by God, all life is interconnected.
3. As followers of Jesus Christ, we live and teach peace and justice for humanity, for all creatures, and for this life-sustaining planet. We seek the salvation of the world.
4. All people are spiritual beings rooted in God's Spirit and held within the spiritual community of all creation.

Wilderness Wind does not have a set program for every group; instead we want to work with your interests and expectations. We hope you are challenged physically and spiritually, yet we respect your choices in these areas. We encourage communication between trip participants and Wilderness Wind staff prior to and during the trip and we are hopeful that the trip will be life-giving, challenging and nurturing to each participant's spirit.

### WHAT'S IN OUR NAME?

**WILDERNESS** is an important biblical theme. God met Moses in the wilderness and led the Children of Israel through the wilderness. John the Baptist preached repentance in the wilderness and Jesus retreated to the wilderness to be tested and to seek solitude with God. To encounter God in the wilderness was to return to society a changed person. To encounter God in the present day wilderness is to experience deep change from which we re-encounter our world.

**WIND** is the translation of the Old Testament Hebrew word, "ruach," which means 'wind' or 'spirit'. It is often used to refer to God's Spirit moving and accomplishing. In Psalm 104 verse 30 the New International Version reads, "When you send your Spirit, they (creatures) are created, and you renew the face of the earth." In the wilderness, wind is often a power that we face. Each encounter with this wind can challenge us to again let God's Spirit move through us.