



Wilderness Wind

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Planning a trip

Steps in planning a trip:

1. **Contact us:** call 316-217-1129 or email kathy@wildernesswind.org and let us know you want to organize a trip. If you know the dates, we will add you to the calendar. If you don't know dates yet, we can provide you with helpful suggestions for your next steps.
2. **Make decisions with your group:**
 - ◆ Familiarize yourself with the philosophy and fee sheet, the reservation form, and the instructions for completing the reservation form.
 - ◆ Care for the following with your group:
 - 1) Hand out copies of the philosophy and fees sheet.
 - 2) Decide what week works best for the group and discuss the group's interests and expectations.
 - 3) Complete the reservation form, and make a copy for your records.
 - 4) Collect the deposit. You can choose to pay the entire deposit yourself or collect \$100 deposit from each participant. **Make checks out to Wilderness Wind.** The deposit is applied toward the total (or individual) trip fee. A payment link is also available at the bottom of this page <http://www.wildernesswind.org/canoetrips.htm>
3. **Contact us:** call 316-217-1129 or email kathy@wildernesswind.org with the information from your reservation form. We will discuss Boundary Water entry point options with you and reserve a permit. The trip organizer will receive a confirmation by email from the Forest Service.
4. **Your work is done for now.** In spring we will send you an additional mailing that needs to be given to each trip participant to help them prepare for their wilderness experience (pack list etc.). These are also located on our website. Lastly, a staff member will call you a week or so prior to your trip. Please feel free to call with any questions before this time.

General information for planning a trip:

1. **Plan early.** We can add you to Wilderness Wind's schedule almost any time, however, entering the Boundary Waters requires a Forest Service permit. If you have a particular location you want to travel in, the sooner you call us the better
2. **Group configurations are endless.** A combination of friends, family, work cohorts and church groups work well. Some church's traditions include: an every four-year youth group cycle, an annual father/daughter trip when daughters reach the age of 15 or alternating annually between a women's trip and a men's trip. The options abound.
3. **Please keep in mind that you are the informational link** between your group participants and Wilderness Wind. Make sure each participant has a copy of any group materials you receive from Wilderness Wind. **If you have questions, contact Kathy at 316-217-1129.**