



Wilderness Wind

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Planning a trip

The information and steps below will help guide you through the process of organizing and scheduling a wilderness canoe trip with Wilderness Wind.

General information for planning a trip:

1. **Plan early.** The Forest Service accepts a limited number of groups into the Boundary Waters each day. Wilderness Wind (WW) starts reserving these permits in early January. The sooner we know the dates of your trip, the more likely we can get a permit that cares for your interests. To apply for a permit, WW needs all the information on the reservation form. We add trips to the schedule as late as June and get permits in August, so please don't assume that it is too late, call us first to find out availability.
2. **Group configurations are endless.** A combination of friends, family, work cohorts and church groups work well. Some church's traditions include: a 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 WW. 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.**

Steps in planning a trip:

1. **Talk to us:** call 316-217-1129 and let us know you want to organize a trip and we can talk about possible dates.
2. **Talk to your group:** familiarize yourself with the information included in this mailing then sit down with your group.
 - ◆ Hand out copies of the brochure and philosophy and fees sheet
 - ◆ Decide what week works best for the group. Talk about the interests and expectations of each group member. This helps bring the group together and gives us a better understanding of the group make up.
 - ◆ Complete the reservation form, and make a copy for your records.
 - ◆ Collect the deposit. You can choose to pay the entire deposit yourself or collect \$50 deposit from each participant. **Make checks out to Wilderness Wind.** The deposit is applied toward the total trip fee.
 - ◆ Send the reservation form and the deposit to: **Wilderness Wind, 511 West 11th Street, Newton 67114.** It is helpful if this step is completed as early as possible. Calling with this information will allow us to apply for a permit sooner.
3. **We will call you** to talk about the Boundary Water entry point options. Once a permit has been reserved the permit itself will be sent to Wilderness Wind. You may as the trip organizer receive a confirmation by email.
4. **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.

5. **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. **Before May call 316-217-1129 and after call 218-365-5873.**