

# PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

## Location:

Voice of Wilderness base camp is located North of Pagosa Springs, Colorado, high in the San Juan Mountains, totally surrounded by national forest. Mountain Light Lodge will serve as base of operations for the majority of our trips which will be conducted in the Weminuche Wilderness, just minutes from the lodge. For directions to the lodge, go to the "Trail Maps" tab and click on "from Pagosa to VOW Lodge". The meeting places for the trips in Idaho, Alaska and Arizona are explained in each trip description.

## Reservations:

We encourage you to register for the trip of your choice as soon as possible, as space is limited. Places will be reserved on a first come first serve basis, until the trip is filled to capacity.

The proper deposit must be sent with each registration in order to reserve a place.

Deadline for registration and balance of payment is 14 days prior to beginning of each trip.

## Cancellations:

Deadline for refund in the event you wish to cancel your registration, is 45 days prior to departure date. Cancellations received within 45 days of departure date will not be refunded unless you are able to find a replacement; in which case a refund will be granted.

V.O.W. reserves the right to cancel or alter trip locations and status due to insufficient reservations, unsafe conditions, or Forest Service Regulations.

If cancellation of a trip becomes necessary your payment will be fully refunded.

## Costs:

Total cost listed with each trip includes deposit, all team equipment and supplies, (except items on the following list of supplies) food while at lodge and on the trail, accommodations while staying at lodge, and insurance for activities during the trip, (policy limitations and exclusions will be made available for review upon request).

## Transportation:

You will be expected to arrange your own transportation. If you have difficulty arranging transportation, please let us know. Perhaps we can coordinate with others going your way. If you choose to fly, we will arrange transportation to and from the airport in Durango or Pagosa Springs.

## Arrival and Departure:

We will be expecting you to arrive between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the first day of your trip. Departure will be expected after breakfast on the last day of your trip.

## Participant Responsibilities:

We highly suggest you begin a physical conditioning program consisting of jogging, push-ups and sit-ups, as soon as you determine you will be participating in one of our trips. For maximum safety, participants will be expected to cooperate with staff in charge of their trip. Tobacco, alcoholic beverage or illegal drugs are not permitted on trips at any time. Participants will be expected to come prepared with those items on the following list of supplies.

## Leadership:

VOW was founded in 1973. Since that time, it has been a priority to maintain competency in the leadership of VOW. Continued experience in wilderness skills and programming, maintaining up to date emergency medical certification and continued training and study in biblical principles are hallmarks of VOW leadership. All staff members are chosen on the basis of their desire to pursue these same standards and qualifications. As a result, VOW has initiated a positive force in the lives of many youth and adults over these years and at the same time maintained an excellent safety record.

Bring only supplies listed below. All other equipment (backpacks, shelters, stoves, etc.) will be supplied. Make your choices as lightweight and compact as possible. Remember you will be carrying what you bring plus your share of team equipment. Pack supplies in stuff sacks or plastic bags within a duffel bag.

EQUIPMENT		TOILETRIES	
	Sleeping Bag 33°F. (preferably (synthetic insulation- must fit into waterproof stuff sack weigh under 4 lbs.)		Toothbrush
	2 lash straps for securing sleeping bag to pack		Toothpaste
	Sleeping pad		Toilet paper (1/3 roll in plastic bag)
	Metal cup, plate & spoon		Hand towel (for trail)
	Quart plastic water bottle		Bath towel (for lodge)
	Small flash light with extra batteries		<b>MEDICAL</b>
	Whistle		Moleskin
	Waterproof matches		lip salve
	<b>CLOTHING</b>		Insect Repellent (liquid)
	Hat or cap (crushable)		Sun screen
	Stocking hat (fleece or wool)		<b>EDUCATIONAL</b>
	Shell parka (waterproof)		Notebook (4x5)
	Fleece sweater-pullover-long sleeve		Pencil or Pen
	Fleece jacket - long sleeve		Pocket size Bible
	3 T-Shirts (synthetic)		<b>OPTIONAL</b>
	Gloves (fleece or wool)		Pocket knife w/can opener
	Rain pants (waterproof)		Tube of Snoseal
	1 long pants (fleece)		Gaitors (waterproof)
	2 hiking shorts (1 synthetic)		Mirror (metal)
	Belt		Sanitary supplies
	3 pair underwear		Sunglasses
	2 poly-pro liner socks		Liquid soap
	2 pair wool socks		Medication
	light athletic shoes (sandals/running)		Camera and Film
	Boots (should give good support and be waterproofed)		<b>Fishing Gear (compact)</b>
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