



**Field Seminar in GTNP**

### Details

Please contact Sarah Squire, prior to requesting an Application, to answer any questions you may have, explain the process and confirm eligibility. Both first time and returning young adults should contact Sarah prior to **15 January 2024**. Interviews are required of all potential participants prior to release of an application. Please see the website for more information. **Fees: First time attendees:** \$400. \$100 due with the application & balance due after acceptance. **Participants that have attended Will's Hope previously:** \$1,500.00 due with the application.



**Wind River Reservation Bison Project**



**Grand Tetons**

**Questions? - Please call or contact Sarah Squire at:**

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At least 5-6 young adults are required for any young adult programs to run. Women & men are in separate programs. The Advanced Programs, which are open to qualified returning participants, require higher physical fitness standards & higher academic skills. Potential participants are able to hike 5 miles with an elevation gain of at least 1,000 feet & meet other prerequisites prior to acceptance for the Advanced Programs.

Regular Program attendees must be able to hike 3 miles with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Regular programs are open to first-time attendees as well as previous attendees.

Will's Hope was approved by the IRS as a stand-alone 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization in Feb 2013. Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowable by law. Tax ID: 46-1525821  
Donations can be made online or mailed to the above address.



**Will's Hope 2024  
Our 12th Year!**

**In the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem**



### Programs in 2024:

**10-18 August 2024: Women's Adv Program\***

**Additional programs will be developed if there is sufficient interest**

**An outdoor educational, growth & self-development opportunity for young adults with disabilities**

### Vision

To serve higher functioning young adults with emotional, cognitive, autism, mental illness & related disabilities or conditions. Will's Hope (WH) uses the outdoors, nature & Native Americans as self-enabling and self-discovery mechanisms for growth and self-development. WH provides opportunities for strengthening individuals and fostering the development of passions, self-confidence, positivity and other intangibles. Potential participants are in the approximate age range of 18 to 30+ years old. Small group size facilitates participant success. Mentors are assigned to each participant.



## Mission

Provide young adults with disabilities or related conditions a supportive atmosphere & opportunities to see their situation in a positive way, while using the outdoors, nature & Native Americans as self-enabling and self-discovery mechanisms which may:

- Improve or develop personal awareness, skills, passions & strengths,
- Cultivate individual strengths to see their value to their family, community and humanity,
- Build self-esteem, self-confidence, capabilities for independence, self-advocacy, resiliency of spirit and communication skills,
- Infuse & strengthen “Hope” in each person,
- Promote growth, self-development & leadership,
- Empower participants to see the good in themselves and the good in the world.

## Venue for 2024

Will’s Hope takes place in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE) in partnership with multiple organizations and native tribes. As a participant you will be able to witness & learn about one of the world’s most diverse regions.



## Key Dates

**5 PM Nov 9, 2023:** Will’s Hope Annual Fundraising and Informational Dinner. Dinner location is the social hall for St Joseph Catholic Church at 1830 South Corona COS, 80905. Dinner is free. Donations will be accepted but are not required. **Please RSVP to Sarah Squire at 719-210-5808.** You may also RSVP to [willshopeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:willshopeinfo@gmail.com) by **8 November 2023**. There will be door prizes.

Tentative dates for 2024 programs are listed below:

**15 Jan 2024:** Contact Sarah Squire if you are interested in participating in 2024. First time attendees will require several interviews with Will’s Hope prior to receiving an application. Returning young adults should also contact Sarah by this date.

**28 Feb 2024:** Applications due with payment of fees.

**15 Mar 2024:** Mandatory Orientation (medical forms due)

**16 Mar 2024:** Mandatory Hike (Cheyenne Mtn State Park)

**3 August 2024:** Mandatory Safety Training

**10-18 August 2024:** Advanced Women’s Program (additional young adult programs may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest by young adults & resources are available). These are tentative dates & maybe changed. Participants will be camping in a National Forest for part of this experience.\*

**7 Nov 2024:** Next year’s Annual Dinner in Colo Springs.

**\*Important note regarding program dates:** There is a possibility that the women’s program is moved to May/June timeframe depending on whether other Will’s Hope Programs are a go. We should have the dates finalized by early March 2024 prior to the Orientation.

More Info: [www.willshopeopportunities.org](http://www.willshopeopportunities.org)

