



## Details

Interviews are required prior to releasing an application. Applicants must be stable, use appropriate language and have appropriate behavior in order to qualify. Will's Hope is a non-smoking, no alcohol, no drugs (including marijuana) program. See website for more eligibility criteria.



## Veterans' Program 2021 Wildlife Day

**Fees:** There is a \$100 application fee & upon acceptance an additional non-refundable \$300 fee for a total of \$400 for 1st time attendees. Transportation to & from the Yellowstone region, lodging & meals are included.

Fees for veterans that attended in 2021 & want to attend in 2022 have not been finalized & will be published when they are finalized.



## Veterans' Program 2021 Thermal Features



## Questions? - Veterans please call or contact Mark Squire at:

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719-210-5625

[willshopeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:willshopeinfo@gmail.com)

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

Most photos in this brochure are from the 2021 Will's Hope Veterans' Programs. Brad Orsted is a professional wildlife photographer & will share his experiences at the Jun - Jul 2022 programs. Several of Brad's photos are in this brochure.

Program attendees must be able to hike 3 miles with an elevation gain of 600 feet. Participants should be ambulatory\*\*\*

Donations can be mailed or made online.

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. Donors have the option of supporting veterans, young adults with disabilities or both. To support a specific program please indicate this on your check. Thank you!

\*\*\* Physical fitness req'mts maybe waived on a case by case basis.

Will's Hope is not a medical or therapeutic program or for persons in crisis. However, several veteran participants have stated that they accomplished more during Will's Hope than thru many months of counseling and other treatments.

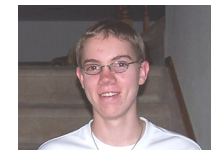
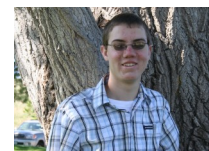


Brad Orsted Photo  
Instructor



## Will's Hope 2022 Our 10th Year!

## At the Greater Yellowstone Region



## An outdoor educational, growth & self-healing opportunity for veterans

## We are offering three Veterans' Programs in 2022

- ♦ **Mid Jun** - late Jun 2022 - Veteran Women\*
- ♦ **Late June** - early July 2022— Veteran Men\*
- ♦ **Early July** - mid July 2022—Returning Veterans for those that participated in the 2021 Programs\*

## Summary

Veterans have many strengths & capabilities that can be overlooked by society. This can lead some veterans to under appreciate their value to society. Will's Hope is an opportunity to help veterans frame their life experiences & see their situation in a positive manner while helping energize them for the future.

## Vision

To serve veterans & others (e.g. public safety, healthcare, etc.) with conditions such as mild PTSD, TBI, mild depression & other similar conditions. Provide a world class outdoor educational program that captures their interest & allows them to recharge while immersed in stimulating programs that highlight positivity. The program can help show them their value to their family, community and humanity. Down time allows for personal reflection and is an integral part of the program. Small group size facilitates participant success.



## Mission

Provide veterans & others a supportive atmosphere & opportunities to see their situation in a more positive way while using the outdoors, nature & Native Americans as mechanisms for self-enabling, self-discovery of interests & strengths; and self-healing. Other objectives include but are not limited to:

- Recognize individual uniqueness as a strength,
- Recognize the good in the world and the good in themselves,
- Use positivity as a tool to improve relationships,
- Enhance communication skills & social dynamics in a small group setting,
- Improve or foster the development of passions,
- Provide a limited structured environment to facilitate quality down-time, solitude & bonding.

## Venue for 2022

Will's Hope takes place in Yellowstone National Park (YNP) & the surrounding region 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 and dynamic regions.



Grand Prismatic Spring, YNP

Brad Orsted photos above & below.



Native American songs & culture applicable to veterans

### Key Dates\*

**18 Nov 2021 at 5 PM :** Annual Fundraising & Informational Dinner. Due to an expected large number of attendees **please RSVP** to Sarah Squire at **719-210-5808** no later than **17 Nov 2021**. If you leave a message please leave your name, number of attendees & phone number. **You can also RSVP to willshopeinfo@gmail.com** and provide your name, number of attendees and telephone number. The location of the dinner is in southern Colorado Springs at the social hall for St Joseph Catholic Church 1830 South Corona. We will be following public health agencies' guidance. If needed, we will have masks at the check-in table. There will be door prizes & items to raffle off.

The **18 Nov 2021** Annual Fundraiser/Dinner is for veterans, veteran family members and persons interested in finding out more about Will's Hope such as potential participants or volunteers.

Exact dates for 2022 programs will be posted on our website [www.willshopeopportunities.org](http://www.willshopeopportunities.org) when they are finalized.

**Jan 2022—Feb 2022:** Interested Veterans' Interviews

**Feb 2022:** Applications due.

**Feb - May 2022:** Training - Pls see website for details.

**17 Nov 2022:** Next year's WH Annual Dinner

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

Please see the "Veterans Tab" on the website for more info about the Veterans' Programs.

If you have questions related to the Veterans' Program please contact **Mark Squire at 719-210-5625**. Veterans interested in attending Will's Hope are encouraged to attend the **18 Nov 2021** Dinner in order to learn more.

\* **Program dates are not finalized and will be posted on the website once confirmed.** Each program needs a minimum of 5 participants for the program to run. If one of the veterans' programs does not make we may adjust dates on the other 2 programs to utilize the lodging, instructors and other resources. **Please contact Mark Squire or visit our website for latest info.** We will also post current information on the WH website.



Bison protecting calf from wolves



Brad Orsted Photo  
Instructor



Native American Instructors



Fly fishing