



**Details**

A **Pre-Application**, interview and other requirements must be submitted/met 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 & requirements.

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

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

**Will's Hope 2024  
Our 12th Year!**  
In the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem



**Women Veterans' Program 2023**

**Veteran Programs are for & include:**

**Military Veterans, Active Duty,  
First Responders, Public Safety,  
Healthcare Personnel & Others**

**Programs in 2024**

**26 May - 3 June 2024 - Women\***

**7 June - 15 June 2024 - Men\***

**20 June - 29 June 2024—TBD**

**Fees:** There is a \$400 fee for first time attendees. Fees for participants that have previously attended Will's Hope & want to attend in 2024 are \$800.00. Participants must pay least \$200.00 of the required fees. Transportation to & from the GYE, lodging & meals are included.

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.

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

**An outdoor educational,  
growth & self-healing  
opportunity**



**Geology field class with Dr. Paul Doss**



**Men Veterans' Program 2023**

**Vision**

To serve **military veterans, active duty, first responders, 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. Provide opportunities for to strengthen themselves and promote self-healing.

## Mission

Provide individuals affected by PTSD, TBI, depression and other conditions 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. Please see the website for additional objectives and requirements.

## 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 and dynamic regions.



## Key Dates\*

**9 Nov 2023 at 5 PM** : Annual Fundraising & Informational Dinner. **Please RSVP** to Sarah Squire at **719-210-5808** no later than **8 Nov 2023**. The dinner is free & donations will be accepted but are not required. The location of the dinner is in southern Colorado Springs at the social hall for St Joseph Catholic Church 1830 South Corona. There will be door prizes.

**You can also RSVP to [willshopeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:willshopeinfo@gmail.com).**

The **9 Nov 2023** Annual Fundraiser & Informational Dinner is for veterans, active duty, first responders, public safety, healthcare personnel, family members, the public and persons interested in finding out more about Will's Hope.

Tentative dates for the veterans' programs:

**20 Jan 2024: Pre-Applications due military veterans\*\***

**3 Feb 2024: Pre-Applications due from all others\*\***

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

**8 Mar 2024: Mandatory Orientation**

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

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**7 Nov 2024: Next year's WH Annual Dinner**

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

If you have questions related to the Veterans' Program please contact **Mark Squire at 719-210-5625**.

\* **Program dates are tentative and may shift slightly.** Each program needs a minimum of 6 participants for the program to run.

For Will's Hope Programs **the term veteran includes participants that are** military veterans, active duty, first responders, public safety, healthcare personnel and others

\*\* Military veterans have first preference for pre-applications until 20 Jan 2024. After 20 Jan 2024 participation will be opened up to active-duty, first responders, public safety, healthcare & other personnel