

Wilderness Team Application Form

Name _____ Phone _____

Year at UD? So / Jr / Sr /5th

Have you attended a Wilderness Retreat before? Y or N When? _____

Have you led a Wilderness Retreat before? Y or N When? _____

Campus Address _____ Religion _____

E-mail Address _____

Thank you for your interest in serving on team. Space is limited. You have a lot to offer, so regardless of whether or not you are on team for a Wilderness Retreat, we still want you to be active within Campus Ministry. It is important for team to be people who are enthusiastic about sharing their faith, willing to take risks, open minded, dedicated, committed to being a servant leader in a team setting and lastly, dependable. Please take some time to reflect upon and answer the following questions. Please be specific (but please keep your application no longer than 2 pages).

***The Men's Wilderness Retreat is schedule for September 30th- October 2nd.
Team applications for the men's wilderness retreat must be submitted by September 13th at Noon to Mike Bennett.
If you have any other questions please contact Mike Bennett at 937-229-4241 or email at mbennett3@udayton.edu.***

Also, remember that being on the Wilderness team is a significant time and energy commitment. Team meetings will be on decided based on the availability of all team members. Typically there will be four meetings leading up to each retreat. These meetings will provide the opportunity to walk through the retreat schedule, discuss different jobs and roles within the team, prepare each team member's talk, and prepare the retreatants by handing out materials and communicating details. You do not have to have attended the retreat in order to lead, however any experience you have in backpacking, camping, or in the wilderness as well as other experiences with retreats or Campus Ministry activities is helpful.

Please be mindful of spelling, grammar and usage. While you will not be “graded” on these things, proper writing reflects the time and care put into the application. Completed application should be no more than two type-written, double-spaced pages in length.

1) In no more than one page describe what you gained from the Wilderness retreat (or a different experience outdoors/ camping/ backpacking) and why you would like to be on the team. What special qualities/talents/ideas do you have to share?

2) Briefly describe your faith and what you believe. What has helped you grow spiritually? How will you share this growth with retreatants?

3) What does it mean to be a leader? What is your leadership style and how do you see your role as a retreat leader? How does self-care play a role in your leadership? What methods or practices do you use to remain balanced and healthy in life?

4) If you have been on the wilderness retreat, how open are you to leading a retreat that looks different than the current one? What would you like to see done differently with team and with the retreat than last time? Please feel free to list any ideas you have to better the retreat experience.

5) What is your comfort level in giving a talk? Each team member is asked (but not required) to give a talk on the retreat based on one of the four themes of Earth, Sky, Water, and Fire. If you feel comfortable, please describe some of the elements of your story that you'd include in your talk and how your talk might fit into one of these themes. In what ways would you provoke conversation that is both community building and related to each individual's faith journey?

6) What are your major time commitments this semester, and what priority would you be able to give to the Wilderness team? What other organizations, commitments do you have? As you know, attendance at all team meetings is vital. Will you be able to be flexible and attend all team meetings?