



P.O. Box 2181  
Longview, Texas 75606  
(214) 663-3111  
(214) 276-6131  
(719) 486-0210

# WILDERNESS TREK CHRISTIAN CAMP

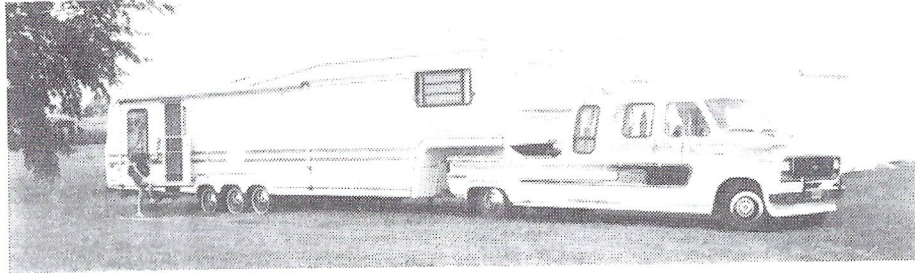


Wilderness Trek is a rugged six day adventure in self discovery. The trek is conducted in a mountain environment and includes experiences in mountaineering skills, survival skills, backpacking techniques, open fire cooking, map and compass skills, ecology, and other camping skills. The basic concept of Trek is that through backpacking, the stress of the unknown, hardship situations, difficult challenges, affirming opportunities, and the beauty of God's creation, people will discover qualities about themselves that are basic to good self-esteem, self confidence, and community life. People learn that "we need each other."

Wilderness Trek was developed to serve youth groups four areas:

1. Leadership growth
2. Strengthen relationships within group
3. Develop stress coping skills
4. Build character through courage and adventure





**OUTFITTER/GUIDES...**

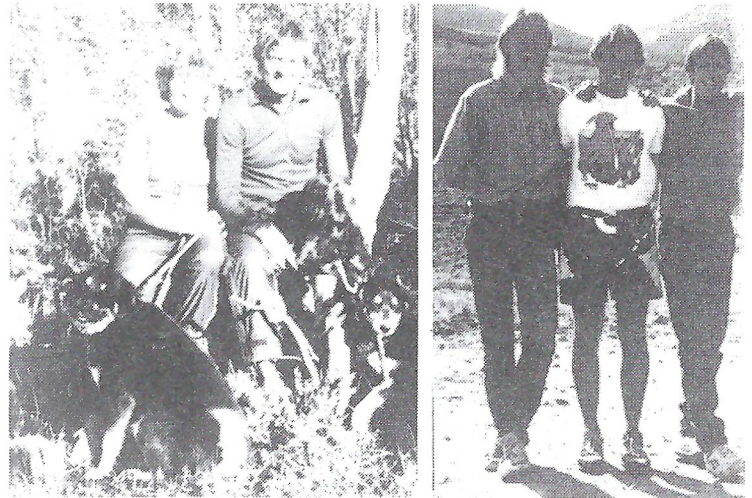
Woods and Trails, Inc., of Twin Lakes, Colorado, owned and operated by Bobby and Jolene Wood and Outdoor Expeditions, a mobil operation, owned and operated by Tommy Query and Jeff White, now serve as outfitters and guides to Wilderness Trek Christian Camp.

The Woods have a beautiful high country home near Twin Lakes, Colorado. The facilities are built on 40 acres nestled against National Forest on the west and south side of the property. Most of their treks will be within the Swatch Mountain range which contains 15 mountains over fourteen thousand feet high. Both the Collegiate and Mount Massive Wilderness areas are within hiking distance of their house.

Their plans are to build a multi-use building and add five RV camp sites to expand their outreach to different needs and ministries.

Bobby and Jolene have been involved in family camping for over 25 years. He organized and directed the first Wilderness Trek Christian Camp program while serving as a youth minister with Hillcrest Church of Christ in Abilene. Since that early beginning, the trek program has grown to serve over thirty congregations and youth groups in eight states. Currently, over 4000 people have participated in this type of wilderness stress camping. The concept has been in operation fifteen years and has successfully been operated full time since 1982.

Beginning the summer of 1989, Tommy Query and Jeff White, who have worked with Woods and Trails for many years, will conduct Wilderness Trek from a mobil concept. Their truck and trailer (see photo) will serve as their base of operation and they will be able to trek to any mountain or state where a trip is scheduled. This opportunity and transportation mobility will enable Wilderness Trek Christian Camp to broaden its ministry and reach youth groups not currently served.



Bobby served as a minister for churches of Christ in Arkansas and Texas for over sixteen years. He is a graduate of Harding University in Searcy, Arkansas and has completed 38 hours in human relations and management at East Texas State and Abilene Christian University.

Tommy Query, from Longview, Texas, has been active with Trek since 1979. He is a third year student at Abilene Christian University working toward a degree in Business and outdoor recreation. He attended the Alpine congregation in Longview and was very active in the youth group. Since 1983 he has served as a full time staff guide and has contributed many hours to the development of Wilderness Trek.

Jeff White was raised in Los Alamos, New Mexico and began his trek experience as a young man in 1981. He is in his third year as an outdoor recreation major at Abilene Christian University. Jeff has worked as a full time staff member since 1986. His spiritual qualities set him apart as a special young man.





### SPIRITUAL...

Each season a theme is selected and a journal is printed with Bible Centered lessons, quiet time activities questions to be answered from the daily experiences and how they relate to the campers life, and other helpful hints on spiritual life. Spiritual lessons from creation and trail experiences are shared in small groups. Each night around the campfire there are sharing opportunities, singing, fellowship, and a theme lesson taught by one of the leaders.

### OPPORTUNITY ... WHEN ...

The summer activities begin on the last week of May and concludes with a college age trek in the middle of August. Woods and Trails offers a leader's course called Ranger Week the first week in June.

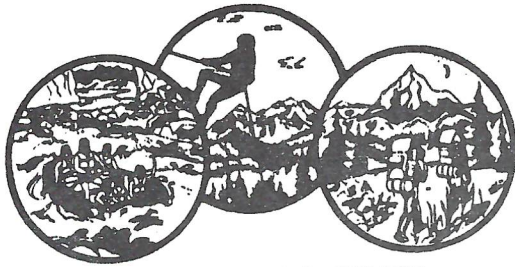
Each trek begins on Saturday with lunch, equipment and crew assignment. The staff teaches a session on mountain living and trek procedures to help prepare everyone before they "hit the trail." Dinner is prepared by the crew and then around the campfire the evening is eventful with songs, spiritual lessons, and sharing time. Sunday's worship is usually outdoors with a beautiful view of the mountains and surroundings. Afterwards the group spends several hours participating in mountaineering experiences, rappelling, climbing, etc. Late Sunday the group hikes to the first trail camp. Monday and Tuesday is spent hiking to different camps trying to reach a camp high enough to attempt the summit of a fourteen thousand foot mountain on Wednesday. Wednesday's climb is both a physical and spiritual challenge. The group hikes out of the high country on Thursday for showers, fresh clothes, banquet meal, and awards ceremony. The rest of the evening is spent around a fellowship fire sharing the week's experience. A mountain is climbed on Wednesday, but the summit is reached on Thursday night. Friday is an open activity day - sightseeing, horseback riding, river rafting, bicycle riding, and many others activities are available.

All participants under 18 years of age must have parents consent. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Everyone must have a medical checkup completed before the trek.

During the spring of 1986 Wilderness Trek Christian Camp became a non-profit organization with its office address in Longview, Texas. This made it possible for trek to grow because so many others became involved in its leadership, management, marketing, and organization. Gibby Gilbert, then of Longview, Texas became its first president, a responsibility he held until the summer of 1988. Edd Eason, 10 year veteran trekker, became the vice-president, and David Hines of Longview, became the secretary-treasurer. Many have contributed to a scholarship fund established to assist teens who desire to participate in trek. Bobby and Jolene Wood approved this arrangement in order that Woods and Trails could diversify its efforts as outfitter and guide. This made it possible for them to devote their energy to building the facilities, training their staff, and developing the concepts that make trek work.

Wilderness Trek programs are carefully planned and oriented to the student's spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional needs. Instructors and guides are selected and given special training so they can minister to the youth. Their educational background, camping experience, and dedication to teaching Christ, give students the assurance of a quality experience.





## WILDERNESS TREK CHRISTIAN CAMP

P.O. Box 2181  
 Longview, Texas 75606  
 (214) 663-3111  
 (214) 276-6131  
 (719) 486-0210

### APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Sex      \_\_\_\_\_ Age      \_\_\_\_\_ Height      \_\_\_\_\_ Weight

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 School now attending

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent's name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Address

\_\_\_\_\_ Home phone      \_\_\_\_\_ Office phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Health and accident insurance company

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Person to be notified in case of illness or injury

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number in case you are not at home

Fill out this form and mail it or hand it to the director with the registration fee of \$50.00. The full amount of the tuition (less the \$50.00 registration fee) is due and payable 30 days before the expedition begins. Make checks payable to "Wilderness Trek."

Amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### OUTFITTERS PROFILE ...

The best description of the outfitter/guides is that they love both young people and the outdoors. All the guides participate in skiing, rafting, backpacking, climbing, and other outdoor sports. The guides are certified in advanced first aid and have many years of mountaineering experience. They operate under a National Forest Service permit and are licenced in the states where they operate.



### EXPENSES ...

Each person will be responsible for his own personal equipment. The backpack, sleeping bag, crew equipment, meals, insurance, and tents will be furnished by the outfitter. Equipment lists, helpful hints, advice, spiritual journal, and other organizational information will be furnished by Wilderness Trek. A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit will be paid when each student registers. The package price of Wilderness Trek is \_\_\_\_\_.

