

## **Wilderness Instructor Leadership Development**

*Application for Spring 2016*

W.I.L.D is an instructional program for prospective Outing Club leaders, focused on building wilderness and leadership skills, team building, positive group dynamics, diversity training, and FUN! We are looking for enthusiastic, hardworking applicants dedicated to learning, getting involved in OC leadership and sharing their love of the outdoors with others! Though no wilderness experience is necessary, it will be helpful to have familiarity with basic outdoor living skills. W.I.L.D will not only instruct in necessary technical outdoor and group leadership skills, but will also familiarize "WILDees" with the operations and procedures of the Outing Club, through this we hope to enhance the Outing Club community. The class will meet for two and a half hours each week and consist of three MANDATORY weekend tutorials.

**Class will meet Wednesday nights 7:30-10:00pm**

(Class begins February 10)

**The Three Weekends are:**

**February 5-7**

**March 18-20**

**April 30-May 1**

The cost of the class will be \$165. This will cover a textbook, binder, transportation, food, and all gear rentals throughout the semester. If accepted, your payment for class will be due by the second class on February 17. Please do not allow the cost of this course to stop you from applying. Some scholarships are given to students on the basis of need.

If the cost of the class causes you to hesitate, please enclose an additional paragraph stating your financial aid situation. **Applications must be printed and are due Friday, January 29 at 4pm sharp to the Outing Club House at 8 Colchester Ave.** Thank you for applying for W.I.L.D. and we look forward to meeting you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Major: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Hometown: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you applied to WILD before? YES / NO If so, when? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you applying to BSAAP or Ice SMAC?  
 YES / NO If so, which? \_\_\_\_\_  
 If yes, and you are selected for both, which will you choose? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Have you previously participated in SMAC, or PFD? YES/NO If so, which? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions (vegan etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

We will be conducting interviews in groups of 3-4 students. They will be short and painless, we just want a chance to meet you and talk a little bit about your experiences and interest in the program specifically. Please highlight or circle ALL times that you would be available for interviews. We will notify you the night of January 29 with your interview time. **Note all times are PM.**

Sunday, 1/31	Monday, 2/1	Tuesday 2/2
3:00 – 3:15		
3:20-3:35		
3:40-3:55	7:25-7:40	7:25-7:40
4:00-4:15	7:45-8:05	7:45-8:05
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4:35-4:50	8:25-8:45	8:25-8:45
4:55-5:10	8:50-9:10	8:50-9:10
.	9:15-9:35	9:15-9:35
6:15-6:30	9:40-10:00	9:40-10:00

6:35-6:50		
6:55-7:10		
7:15-7:30		
7:35-7:50		

**Please type your responses to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this application.** Your responses are only the first part of the evaluation process. We will be conducting group interviews in conjunction with reviewing your application. Your responses should be relevant and relatively concise, but take the time to *thoughtfully consider* and answer these questions, as your responses will be the only information we have about you prior to your interview. Try to keep the total length of responses below two pages.

1. Indicate your strongest backcountry and wilderness skills and discuss a skill that you would most like to improve.
2. Why do you want to be an Outing Club Leader, and what do you hope to gain from WILD?
3. What are three adjectives that your best friends would use to describe you?
4. Tell us what leadership means to you and please give an example of a time when you exemplified strong leadership skills.
5. What are some wilderness experiences you have had, either on your own and/or with the OC or TREK? If you did TREK, who was your TREK leader?
6. Please list any other clubs and organizations that you are or plan to be involved with on campus as well as any time commitments that could interfere with WILD.
7. Why did you choose the University of Vermont?
8. Share your favorite body of water and list three adjectives to describe it.
9. What is one of your favorite quotes?

10. Please describe your ideal first date. Feel free to use the medium of your choice (drawing, dance, poetry, papier mâché).

The process of evaluating applications and interviews is an extremely difficult one.

We make a great effort to put together a well-balanced class compiled of people with a variety of backgrounds and attributes in order to create a dynamic learning community. Unfortunately, to maintain a manageable class size of 15 students and with so many well-qualified applicants, we must still turn people away that undoubtedly would be valuable additions to the class. So, please do not be discouraged if you are not accepted into the course. Keep doing what you love; play outside, go on some Outing Club trips, and reapply in the future. If you are accepted, keep in mind your spot is wanted by many others, and if you feel as though you cannot fully commit yourself to this course, please let us know as soon as possible!

Thanks for taking the time to fill out this application and for showing interest in our program!

*Happy Trails,*

The WILD Coordinators, Taylor Devlin, Kevin Foley, Holly Hoffman, Emily Peters,  
Charlie McKenna

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**We offer one fully paid Identity-Based scholarship per semester. If you are interested in an Identity-Based scholarship, and are a first generation college student; an African, Latino, Asian & Native American (ALANA) student; or a Gay, Lesbian, Bi-sexual, Transgender or Questioning (GLBTQ) student, please attach a brief paragraph explaining what you will add to the group.**

**Note:** If you want to receive confidential financial support, please sign the line below. This authorizes us to check your financial aid package to determine the appropriate amount of support. Please also include a paragraph or two about why you need financial aid.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_