

1829's ENCOUNTER ROCKY MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

1829's Encounter Trip is certainly an adventure but more importantly an invitation to Worship. We plan to spend the first half of the week split into hiking groups out immersed in the Shoshone Wilderness followed by coming together at a lodge located just East of Yellowstone National Park, in North-West Wyoming. It is our hope and prayer that this amazing opportunity will be a catalyst for renewal, reflection, and growth in your walk with God as well as build bonds of friendship in community.

DATES: Saturday, August 6 7:30am departure - Sunday, August 14, early afternoon return

DESTINATION: Shoshone Wilderness area / Back country of Yellowstone National Park.

TRANSPORTATION: Church vans for flexibility and mobility when we are out there

BASE CAMP: Wednesday PM through Saturday AM - We have a lodge just East of Yellowstone.

FOOD: Purchased ahead & provided by us; 2 travel meals coming & going will be covered by everyone individually

EMERGENCY: each hiking group will be equipped with a Satellite phone for emergency.

INFORMATION:

1. We are asking that you pack all your gear in your backpack. There are a few packs that could be borrowed on a first come - first served basis and many to borrow from others within our church. I do not recommend you go out and buy one for this trip. Also, please pack separately a small duffel bag for the off-trail and travel days.

2. The morning of departure plan to eat breakfast before you come. The drive is about 26 hours. We will be traveling by vans. Plan to pack a lunch - and all \$ and anything you need for the first 26 hours separately and kept with you (rather than in the trailer with your gear).

3. Cost: \$380

Plan to pick up 5 or 6 travel meals in addition to the trip cost.

Also any spending \$ for souvenirs, snacks, etc.

Backpackers: Optional fishing license - \$14 / a day for license

Beyond this, all planned activity options, travel, and meals are covered in your cost.

4. Medical Note: Please alert staff of any special medical needs prior to the day of departure. We will have basic first-aid stuff with us. If you are allergic to bees, have Asthma, Diabetes or other allergies or any special health conditions please communicate with Steve Welch, Ben Phebus or Emily Wiarda.

5. Packing Tip: Don't bring your best of anything (clothes, shoes, bible, etc.) Pack and wear functional clothes.

*Think about packing clothes which will tend to dry faster and keep you warm if they are damp. Temps are likely to be warm but will dip considerably at night (as low as the upper 30's).

6. Hiker's Packing Note: Remember that as you think through packing your back-pack you will add approx. 1 cu ft of group food and equipment. Pack water bottle in your carry-on bag. ...any bottle packed in your pack for the ride - pack it empty. This saves on disappointing wet supplies that can happen when loads shift and tops loosen.

TIMELINE:

Now: Sign up online; Begin praying for this special week away; acquire hiking shoes and begin breaking them in.

Throughout June & July: get out walking, hiking and conditioning

August 3, Wed. 7pm: Come to church with full pack; meet your hiking grp; grp equipment & food divided; final check

August 6, Saturday 7:30am: arrive @ Church (Rockford) to load up. We will plan to depart around 8a.

August 7, Sunday am: Hit the trail

August 10: Groups coming out of the wilderness late afternoon

August 11-12 Base Camp: Thursday will likely serve up some options: Aggressive (summit a mountain peak) down to read a book in my hammock or go fishing. Friday we plan to enjoy a day together. Evening meals will be gathering times with fun together in the lodge & times of worship under the stars.

August 13 Depart for home; Arriving Home after church (early afternoon) Sunday, August 14.

1829's Encounter Rocky Mountain Wilderness '22 Packing List

A word on equipment: Think borrow before you buy when it comes to equipment. If you need help thinking this through - contact us. The one place you don't want to cheat is your footwear. If you invest anywhere - do it in good hiking shoes.

PERSONAL ESSENTIALS:

Trail Life SUNDAY THROUGH WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Backpack (internal or external frame that fits your torso; capacity range: 40 liter capacity is on the smaller workable end (60 - 70 most common) and would be on the high capacity end for 3 ½ day provisions)
- Tent, bivi, or tarp (light & compact 1-3 person; obviously not all need one)
- sleeping bag (a 20 degree bag is recommended; if you have the option - choose one that compacts well)
- water bottle
- small bowl & spoon (not a whole mess kit)
- 1 small bible
- tooth brush/paste, small biodegradable soap, deodorant, etc.
- sunscreen / lip balm
- good bug juice (avoid aerosols please) *muskol, deep woods off, or Cutters
- ziplocks for Bible, journal, & anything you want to keep dry
- garbage bags to place over your pack at night & to keep clothes in -inside your pack to keep dry during rain
- Foot care goodies (like moleskin for hot-spots and blisters) - your foot condition is critical!
- light sleeping pad
- 1 light towel
- small flashlight
- knit hat & gloves (for keeping warm on a potentially cold morning in the high country)
- bug head net - skeeters can be thick especially around dinner time for a couple hours each day.
- 1 pair good sturdy hiking shoes for hiking (rugged terrain - good ankle support; water proof is desirable)
- 1 pair comfortable lightweight sandals preferably with heel strap for water crossings & for around camp
- 2 pairs shorts (1 clean e/o day)
- 1 pair long pants (not jeans nor cotton)
- 2-3 t-shirts
- long sleeve shirt / sweater (Wool or poly-pro; anything that insulates when wet)
- lightweight rain gear (or water-proof jacket minimum) for rain and wind break
- 1 swimsuit
- underwear
- Socks - 4 pair (I double up and wear a thin breathable sock under a thicker wool sock; 4 pair thin - which provide a clean pair on my skin every day & 2-3 pair of wool socks)

Note: jeans / cotton - worthless when wet.

Think functional clothing that will insulate when wet (wool, synthetics).

Daytime temps - can be close to 80 - and nights can dip into the 30's.

Plus... 3 days of clothes (Thursday & Friday @ basecamp / out doing excursions & Saturday is travel) These should be packed separately from your trail gear.

*** Supplied Equipment:** Cook pots, ropes, food, water filters, bear spray, maps, toilet paper, GPS, Satellite Phone, etc.

PERSONAL OPTIONALS:

- sun glasses
- fishing pole (one that breaks down)
- primarily trout lures (not your whole tackle box)
- small pillow (or just create one with your clothes)
- small binoculars
- camera
- travel games / snacks to share
- small lightweight games (cards, etc)
- hiking poles

Please be diligent to prepare yourself physically and spiritually.

This week will serve up a special opportunity to hear from God and to grow.