

Women's Wilderness LT 2010 Excursion Application Overview

Welcome! Thank you for considering joining us for WWLT'09. This year's trip is scheduled for Monday April 26th – Saturday May 1st, 2010. This will be our fourth year in the Smoky Mountains in Townsend, TN. Our time will include various elements including corporate worship, hiking, communion, fasting, prayer, solitude and silence. We will eat healthy all week and turn off our cell phones. Our motto is "we seek simplicity to find intimacy".

We will gather at a beautiful cabin, Wind Rider Lodge, (www.bluesmokecabins.com) to start our trip and unwind in the hot tub and in front of the fireplace. The next morning we will divide into our two tracks of Cabin and Camping. On Friday we will come back together for a celebration dinner and spend one more night together at the cabin before leaving Sat morning.

The main focus of the Camping track is solitude and simplicity. Each woman will need to bring her own tent so solitude is more achievable. We will do a challenging but accessible seven mile hike into the backcountry to a quiet location at the summit of a mountain. We will need to hike in all of our supplies for 3 days, excluding water. The camp area is set up near a water source, and a water filter will be provided. In the past, participants have been able to borrow nearly all of the gear they need, so don't let the expense of gear deter you. Two of our days in the backcountry will involve hiking and time spent in fellowship together. The two middle days will include a combination of fasting and solitude. The first of these two days will include both fasting and solitude. The second will be only solitude without fasting. The trip facilitator is Stacey Lovett from the University of Illinois. Stacey has extensive hiking experience and is trained in Wilderness First Aid. She values the simplicity of nature and how that simplicity can bring a refreshed perspective of how God is working in our lives. The total cost for the Camping track is \$300 plus a short food list you will need to purchase ahead.

The main focus of the Cabin track is refreshment. We spend more time together as a team with scheduled times of solitude, silence and hiking. The cabin is equipped with an amazing jet bathtub and a back porch with a stunning view. Our evenings are often spent around the fireplace in worship and prayer or laughing together. The trip facilitators are Sarah Brown from Texas A& M and Andrea Replogle from Ball State University. Sarah has a beautiful mercy/encouragement gift that blesses you just by being in her presence and she is really funny. Andrea has a strong prophetic/administrative gift that allows her to speak to the need and keep everything on track. She is also trained in Wilderness First Aid. The total cost of the Cabin track is \$350 with all your food provided.

Both tracks will have a day of fasting (24 hours) and have a list of required equipment to bring. There are only 10 spots available and the application deadline is January 31st along with a \$25 non-refundable application fee. Spots will be filled based on a list criteria, but largely based on God's leading in prayer. We have discovered that God leads this trip and we are just the facilitators. We desire to work with whatever plan He has for the trip, so plan to be flexible.

If you are looking to turn off the world's distractions and reconnect with Jesus in a meaningful way, WWLT is for you. All we do is designed to set you at the feet of Jesus and allow Him to minister directly to your heart. We have seen Him use a variety of ways to care for women's hearts and we always walk away amazed at the wonderful things He has done. We know it's hard to make time for a week long program, but we guarantee it will be worth it!

Please let us know if you have any questions; email us at andrea.replogle@gcmweb.org.