



Testimonies

Answers to the question, "How has Wilderness Trail impacted your life spiritually?" collected anonymously on our 2006 planning survey.

"[Wilderness Trail] has provided me with a place to be challenged personally and a place to witness the power of community and how the church should work." - Youth Leader

"It gives me so much motivation to want to grow closer & walk with God!" - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"Hiking w/ WT has given me a chance to refocus on the call God has on my life each time I've come. It also has given me the chance to bond w/ my youth and encourage them in their walk w/ Jesus." - Youth Leader

"It opened my eyes to the magnificent and glorious creation God has given us. Trail is where I made the truly conscious decision to accept Christ as my Savior & God as my maker." - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"There isn't another ministry like this. The fact that it is different is what makes it great!" - Youth Leader

"Before Wilderness Trail, I wasn't sure how to express my spirituality. W.T. helped me find a purpose in my faith. It helped me be a better leader." - Graduating Senior

"...to keep it short, I feel I am who God intended me to be when I am on Trail." - Youth Leader

"[Wilderness Trail] has brought into focus my spiritual life and helped me to realize God's power. I really believe it is an anchor in my spiritual life." - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"Just being away from the demands/distractions of everyday life & being in creation - forcing me out of my comfort zone - brings me closer to Jesus. :)" - Youth Leader

"WT always brings me closer to God and I try to keep that grown faith throughout the year." - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"I loved the "Little Foxes" and "Holy Ground" nightly, and plan on incorporating this into my daily rituals. I loved everything about this entire week - I can't wait to come back. This is really an awesome experience!!" - Youth Leader (first time)

"From the first time I hiked I thought it was the most amazing thing. It made me want to become a better person and live out my life with the Lord in my heart. Wilderness Trail has truly changed my life forever!!!" - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"I have been to quite a few retreats but nothing has impacted me spiritually like Wilderness Trail. I love to hike and to have that integrated with worship and fun young people is awesome!! So well organized! The staff is very well trained and friendly." - Youth Leader

"With my youth group ... Trail has been the most spiritually challenging thing I have ever done. It taught me how to be a servant and hopefully gave me the leadership skills I have today. The entire heart of Trail is in the right place and focused on the discipling of young and old Christians." - Youth Leader

"It has brought me closer to God and taught me to never give up, even when times are hard." - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"It was such a joy to see all these young people nurtured in the Lord. The Jr. Staffers are ministered to by the Staffers in many aspects of life. What a great week!" - Base Camp Participant (Adult)

"Wilderness Trail has opened my eyes to what God can do in others life. It motivates me to share God continually throughout the whole year. Also, it has shown me others who believe in God and believe in me." - Youth (Trail Blazer)

"This experience has provided me the simultaneous learning that I need to trust in God more fully and that He does provide me with the internal strength to overcome a long list of obstacles. The experience has also taught me how I can grow and learn in my spiritual life from youth!! I am sothrilled that I now have direct experience with the incredible opportunity provided by WT and cannot wait to share it with others." - Youth Leader (first time)

"It's why I'm in ministry." - Youth Leader

"W.T. has definitely impacted my life spiritually. There is something so peaceful about walking through the mountains. While it is always a good week, it also is one of the most challenging weeks of the year. It definitely takes me out of my comfort zone. It has enhanced my ministry ... because I gain great insights into my kids after spending a week in the woods w/ them. It has also helped me to be more of a servant and to learn how to be served by others. W.T. is great! I hope it's around for at least another 20 years." - Youth Leader