



Wilderness Challenge Program

THE EXPERIENCE:

TriCity Family Services' Wilderness Challenge Program was designed over 25 years ago for graduating 8th graders and 9th and 10th graders who wish to develop valuable life skills that can aid in preparing them for adjustment to high school and their young adult life.

Our canoeing and camping program takes place over eight days, (Thursday, June 10th—Thursday, June 17th) in The Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Northern Minnesota. With the guidance of trained staff and through a multitude of natural challenges, the focus of the trip is to enable teens to develop peer relationships, team building, and problem solving skills.

No prior camping or wilderness experience is required. Program initiatives are designed to match each teen's physical and emotional readiness.

WHO CAN APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM:

We are seeking teens, first and foremost, who feel ready to challenge themselves physically and mentally via the challenges of nature. The program has proven effectiveness for teens that have struggled in some fashion, either academically, socially and behaviorally or who could benefit from developing sound personal leadership and problem solving skills.

- Must be a graduating 8th, 9th or 10th grader
- Must attend a second interview consisting of team activities and a swim test
- Must be able to swim or keep afloat in water
- Must be willing to engage in team building and group interaction
- Must live within the Agency's service area (Aurora, Batavia, Big Rock, Blackberry, Campton, Geneva, Kaneville, St. Charles, Sugar Grove or Virgil Township)

Save these MANDATORY dates:

Thursday, May 13, 2021 6:30—9:00 PM Via Zoom: Video Presentation for teens and parents, Group Interview for teens, and Q&A for parents with WCP staff and volunteers. A Zoom link will be emailed to families who complete the online application.

Sunday, May 23, 2021 11 AM—4:30 PM Swim Test at the Norris Center in St. Charles and Teams-Course Activities at TriCity Family Services, 1120 Randall Court, Geneva

Following CDC guidelines, the agency has implemented COVID-19 safety procedures that all applicants will be required to follow. If your son or daughter has interest in the Wilderness Challenge Program, we strongly encourage you to complete the online application as soon as possible due to the program's limited capacity this year.

Apply Online

and watch the
Wilderness Challenge Video

[www.tricityfamilyservices.org/
wilderness-challenge-program/](http://www.tricityfamilyservices.org/wilderness-challenge-program/)

Application Deadline May 12th

There is
NO COST
for this program.

Once accepted,
a \$75 deposit is required.
(refunded after family's completion of
follow-up surveys in Fall 2021)



Have questions or need more
information?

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