

Hiking, camping, kayaking, climbing, and more.

## What is Roam Wild??

Roam Wild is a Dallas-based nonprofit that works to connect youth from diverse backgrounds in carefully designed outdoor adventure trips.

Each trip incorporates team-building, adventure sports (backpacking, rock climbing, rafting, etc.), lots of self-reflection, challenging preconceptions, and giving back to the community.

Through exposure to multiple geographic settings, wilderness experiences, and community service, participants will learn valuable skills that will serve them for years to come.

All participants pay on a sliding scale (based on household income) and are able to set up long-term payment plans.



## The Mission

Our mission is for youth to forge an understanding of themselves, others, and their connection to nature through adventure travels across the U.S.



Through the exploration of one's self and others in a challenge-by-choice environment, Roam Wild helps kids build healthy habits of self-care and self-confidence. In doing this work in natural environments we will create a diverse body of environmental advocates whose collaborative efforts will ensure a more equitable and sustainable future.



## Financial support commitment

Roam Wild is committed to being as generous as possible and making camp attainable for all who are interested, regardless of income.

Consideration will be given to any family that expresses a need for financial support.

Lastly, families may set up monthly billing cycles to pay for their child's camp over the course of several months.

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	Household Size: 2 - 3	
	< \$60K gross annual income	Partial 25-50% camper financial support
	< \$55K gross annual income	Partial 50-70% camper financial support
	< \$50K gross annual income	Partial 70-90% camper financial support
	< \$40K gross annual income	Full financial support
	Household Size: 4 - 5	
	< \$65K gross annual income	Partial 25-50% camper financial support
	< \$55K gross annual income	Partial 50-75% camper financial support
	< \$50K gross annual income	Partial 75-90% camper financial support
	< \$45K gross annual income	Full financial support
	Household Size: 6 - 7	
	< \$70K gross annual income	Partial 25-50% camper financial support
	< \$65K gross annual income	Partial 50-75% camper financial support
	< \$60K gross annual income	Partial 75-90% camper financial support
	< \$50K gross annual income	Full financial support





### FREE 1-Day Rock Climbing

#### June 4th & 18th, Sept 10th & Oct 1st

Adventurers will travel to Mineral Wells State Park where we'll meet with certified RockAbout climbing guides for a day of team-building, rock climbing and hiking. All food, water, gear and transportation is paid for. Ages 12-14 (unless registering as a group of 7 or more together, in which case ages may range from 5th - 12th grade).





# FREE 3-Day Adventure to Colorado Bend State Park

#### June 8th - 10th

Adventurers will travel from Dallas to Colorado Bend State Park where they'll spend 3 days learning the basics of camping, hiking, fishing and kayaking. This trip is a great opportunity for younger/novice campers. We'll spend time each day building relationships through fun team-building experiences, day hikes and games. Head to the website or sign up for an info session to learn more.





## **5-Day** Adventure to Buffalo River

### June 27th - July 1st

Adventurers head north to the Buffalo River for 3 1/2 days of paddling on the river. While on the river, campers will experience the joy of paddling soft currents, practice their fishing, learn to use a compass, as well as how to plan and pack for back-country trips. On the soft-skills front, campers will spend time each day reflecting both individually as well as a whole group during our evening circle-up time. We'll use our in the moment reflection and discussion protocols to walk campers through the challenges, and triumphs, of back-country canoe trips. Head to the website or sign up for an info session to learn more.





# **6-Day** Rafting Adventure in Santa Fe, NM

### July 18th - July 23rd

Currently our most popular trip, adventurers will leave from Dallas and drive to Palo Duro Canyon for the afternoon before heading on to the Santa Fe, NM area where we'll spend 2 days white water rafting. Both days will include instruction from professional guides on safety, paddling techniques, and gear usage. From there, we will head into Santa Fe for a day in town before heading on to the pristine wilderness of Valles Caldera National Preserve. No previous experience is necessary to join this trip, a willingness to step outside of our comfort zones. Early team-building activities will focus on campers building trust and collaborative skills. Like all trips, significant time will be spent on reflecting as a group as well as individually. Head to the website to sign up today!



## **Camper Expectations**

- Camper is motivated and willing to participate under the guidelines of Roam Wild.
- Camper is 12-18 years old.
- Camper expresses curiosity, integrity, and willingness to take healthy risks.
- Camper is respectful of others and able to follow guidelines of positive group norms.
- <u>Camper is able to work with the physical demands of the program</u> i.e. willing to carry a weighted backpack, try each activity (rock climbing, rafting, etc).
- Camper is interested in grasping a broader sense of responsibility and a larger understanding of the physical world, and is interested in acquiring greater self-confidence, know-how and leadership skills.
- Camper is committed to being a positive contributing member of the group, understanding that his or her commitment means full participation and completion of the program.
- Camper has a family/guardians who supports this child's attendance at Roam Wild.
- Camper has a recommendation from someone outside of the family,
- Camper makes a commitment to 5 volunteer hours (supporting graduation requirements from TX High School's). Campers may also commit to more hours as a way to off-load trip fees. Volunteer hours do not need to be completed prior to trip dates.



## Roam Wild...

- Roam Wild website
- **Income Eligibility Guidelines**
- **Interest Form**





nature. Not only those of a certain economic class or culture or set of abilities. Every child. -Richard Louv

## **Trip Application**

Looking for more info before applying? Sign up for a Family Info session - link below.

Upon registering for an info session, we will reach out with a link to the video conference & date info.

Roam Wild Camper Interest Form

For the application, campers are asked to submit references from at least one adult in the camper's life, either in school or outside of school; this could include teachers, counselors, coaches, administrators, mentors, employers, pastors, or the like. It cannot include family.





