

Wilderness Leadership Academy

July 4-6, 2021 – Opening Adventure (For ages: 12-13)

Leadership in the modern world is a complex, multi-faceted discipline that can no longer rely on a person's natural talent or skill. A leader today must possess values that are cherished by their society, be trained and experienced in skills appropriate for their tasks, and know the techniques of positively and effectively managing colleagues and those following their lead.

Leadership development is a long and difficult challenge to accept. It is rewarding, fulfilling and enables people to realize their true purpose. Development should start in adolescence, when youth are forming their identity, purpose and calling. It begins with leading oneself, being led by others and experimenting with leading others.

Leadership skills need to become habits that a leader employs without thought. They are learned and practiced until they become natural behaviors. The same is true with values; they must be learned and then practiced day in and day out.

The *Wilderness Leadership Academy* (WLA) is dedicated to developing the next generation of leaders, regardless of race, religion or gender. We begin with basic "life skills", like camping, outdoorsmanship, and survival skills. Hiking, building a camp, providing food and water for the group and organizing backpacks teaches participants the importance and value these skills have in their path to becoming leaders. These skills are universal and bridge between different ideologies and beliefs.

This summer, the *Wilderness Leadership Academy* invites eight 6th grade students from the Hand in Hand Galilee School to participate in the opening activity this summer. We will be hiking and camping in the beautiful Western Galilee, between the villages that populate the area around the Hilazon valley: Eshbal, Sachnin, Arabe and Harrarit.

When: July 4th through 6th, 2021 Where: Departing from Eshbal's Campgrounds / Ending in Harrarit (14km)

As an added surprise – and benefit, the **WLA** is excited and honored to welcome two guides who work with **Outward Bound New York**, one of the leading organizations working in leadership development through outdoor adventures. Jeff and Jonny will be arriving from the United States and participating in this adventure with **WLA**. For further information, please contact Rabbi Raanan Mallek at: <u>rabbi.mallek@gmail.com</u>

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