

WILDSIDE

-2023-

Dear **WILDSIDE** Applicant,

We are so confident that God has great things in store for the **Wildside** team this year. We are so thrilled to be able to have a trip where we are serving in a wonderful and unique capacity, while also spending time in fellowship with one another. This trip will be led by Clayton Mohler and Amy Atienza, the HSM Shepherds.

Please carefully read through the application and pray about this opportunity you have to serve the Lord on this unique trip.

Enclosed you will find the **Wildside** application. You must be an incoming freshman or sophomore to apply (class of 2026 and 2027 only). Please read all the instructions and fill out the application completely.

We won't accept late applications so please get your application in on time. Applications may be turned in no later than 6:00pm on Sunday, April 2nd. You can turn applications in via email to Clayton (clayton.mohler@fullertonfree.com) or Amy (amy.atienza@fullertonfree.com), dropping off at the church office, or bringing it on a Wednesday night.

It is important to note that **this trip has changed from what it was in the past.** Please read through the application carefully to understand what this trip is becoming.

We are looking forward to this trip. God has great things in store!

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What is Wildside?

Wildside is a trip for incoming 9th and 10th grade students from **July 30th- August 4th**. We do Wildside for two reasons. The first reason is being able to serve. We love that we get to partner with a ministry and help them run a program to reach people. This trip is designed for us to partake in the opportunity to share the love and care of Christ by serving others.

The second reason is for community and fellowship. We find that on our summer trips, walls are broken down and friendships amongst our students are built. We are excited to be able to spend time serving together, having fun together, and learning more about each other while on this trip.

This year, we have the opportunity to partner alongside Fullerton Free's Special Needs Ministry and help them put on Rainbow Express, which is a VBS for school-age kids with special needs.

What are our Goals?

- 1) Be a blessing to the special needs ministry and Rainbow Express team at Fullerton Free
- 2) Learn more about service and how we can be apart of the Church
- 3) Fellowship with other freshmen and sophomore students
- 4) Have a BLAST and make some awesome memories!

Trip Overview

- ❖ We will have an overnight team retreat where we'll focus on team building & service training. **(June 28th at 5:00pm- June 29th at 12:00pm).**
 - **From 5:00pm-6:00pm on June 28th, we will start off our retreat with a PARENT + TEAM MEETING. Pizza dinner will be served. We want to get to know you parents and let you know how the trip works. Please come if you can!**
- ❖ The team will begin our trip on Sunday, July 30th. We will have some training put on by the Rainbow Express team.
- ❖ We will serve each morning, Monday through Friday.

- ❖ After each service day, we will spend the afternoon doing something fun and unifying. Then, you will get picked up by your family.
- ❖ **This trip is NOT overnight - you are expected to show up each day of the trip, but it is not an overnight trip. We will share a more detailed itinerary with you as the trip gets closer.**

Required Dates:

June 28-29: Parent/Team Meeting & Team Retreat (5pm-6pm for parent meeting - 6pm-12pm for retreat. This retreat IS overnight at church.)

July 30-August 4: Wildside Trip

Expectations

- 1) Attend the training session and trip. Be committed to working towards team objectives with a servant attitude.
- 2) Be committed to actively pursuing personal spiritual growth.
- 3) Be an example of Christian conduct and character by striving to live your life in a way that pleases God. Be committed to growing in and practicing leadership characteristics, while being conscious of the responsibilities and influence you have as a leader in the youth group.
- 4) Respect the authority of the Wildside leadership team and Rainbow Express leadership team.
- 5) Be actively involved in Sunday and Wednesday programs as well as a Sunday worship service on Main Campus each week during the summer.

*Failure to adhere to these requirements at any time may result in removal from the Wildside team.

Please pray carefully about your motives and intentions before turning in a **Wildside** application. These mission trips are not for everyone. If you can meet the faithfulness required and desire to serve God and others...turn one in. If, after reading the complete application, you or your parents still have further questions, call or email Clayton or Amy.

The Team

The **Wildside** Team will consist of 20-30 high school students. We intend to take everyone who applies, however occasionally we have had to say no to students because of various behavioral concerns, medical issues, failure to meet the minimum requirements for the trip, or lack of space.

Applications are due April 2nd at 6pm. The team will be notified by email on Sunday, April 16th.

Cost Breakdown

The cost of the entire experience of Wildside Trip will be **\$75**.
(Scholarships may be available)

This covers:

- Team T-shirt
- Overnight training retreat in June
- Transportation to excursions
- Afternoon Fun Excursions

Payment Schedule:

➤ The payment of **\$75** is due by Monday, July 17th.

***You can pay online at www.fullertonfree.com OR
on Sundays/Wednesdays by check OR
send it to:*

*First Evangelical Free Church, 2801 N. Brea Blvd. Fullerton, CA 92835
Attn: Miriam Mohler*

APPLICATION

ATTN: Along with this application, you MUST fill out an application for Rainbow Express. This will be sent via email at a later date.

Please answer the following questions using the reverse side if necessary.
The following application will remain confidential.

Name: _____

****Email:** _____

Parent's Email _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home): (____) _____

Phone (Student Cell): (____) _____

Year of Graduation (circle one): 2026 2027

Discussion Crew Leader: _____

Mothers' Name _____

Fathers' Name _____

Guardians' Name(s) _____

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL XXL

**** Email will be the primary means of contact during the summer, so please give us an address that you will check regularly throughout the summer.**

Don't Turn in Application
without a Photo!

Feel free to use a copy of a
Photo

1) Please give your personal testimony of your relationship with Jesus Christ.
(use backside of this paper if necessary.)

2) Explain a recent situation in which you served someone else. What was the experience like?

3) How has God been working in your life? What has God been teaching you in your life?

4) What are 3 of your weaknesses and 3 of your strengths?

5) How do you think God will use the talents and gifts He has given you on the *Wildside* trip?

6) How long have you been attending Fullerton Free? Which services/ministries do you attend?

7) What do you think your role / contribution would be as a member of a team?

8) Why do you want to be on *Wildside* this summer?

9) What fears do you have about being on *Wildside*?

10) Please describe your home situation and your relationships with your parents and siblings:

11) Do you feel comfortable sharing the gospel? Yes No

12) How would you describe the gospel if a stranger asked you?

13) Are you comfortable working with children? Yes No

14) On a scale from 1 - 10 how comfortable are you working with people with special needs?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

15) On a scale from 1 – 10 how excited are you to go on Wildside?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

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- Have you read the Wildside Goals & Requirements? Yes No
- Do you agree to strive for these goals and to meet these requirements? Yes No
- Are you committed to providing necessary funds for this team? Yes No
- Are you committed to attending each and every meeting this summer? Yes No
- Have you answered all of the above questions honestly? Yes No

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS/CONCERNS?:

LEADER REFERENCE FORM: (CURRENT 8TH GRADE ONLY)

Applicant's Name _____ **Date** _____

Name of Reference _____ **Phone** _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____ **How well?** _____

The person named above has applied to join our *Wildside* program of the High School Ministries at Fullerton Free. We seek mature young people who will be an asset to their team. Therefore, we ask your honest appraisal of the applicant in answering the following questions. Please rate the applicant in the areas listed below according to the following scale. A (5) is representative of a strength and (1) as a weakness. If you have no knowledge circle D. Thank you.

	<u>WEAKNESS</u>	<u>STRENGTH</u>	<u>UNSURE</u>		
1) Manages time well D	1	2	3	4	5
2) Perseveres to fulfill commitments D	1	2	3	4	5
3) Works to do best possible job D	1	2	3	4	5
4) Follows directions D	1	2	3	4	5
5) Is an initiator D	1	2	3	4	5
6) Is teachable D	1	2	3	4	5
7) Listens well D	1	2	3	4	5
8) Responds well to authority D	1	2	3	4	5
9) Handles conflict constructively D	1	2	3	4	5
10) Relates appropriately to opposite sex D	1	2	3	4	5
11) Cooperates with others D	1	2	3	4	5
12) Willing to assist others in need D	1	2	3	4	5
13) Handles direction and correction D	1	2	3	4	5

14) Is open to new ways of doing things D	1	2	3	4	5
15) Is flexible D	1	2	3	4	5
16) Has a positive and realistic attitude D	1	2	3	4	5
17) Perseveres under adverse conditions D	1	2	3	4	5
18) Respects others D	1	2	3	4	5
19) Respects property of others D	1	2	3	4	5
20) Spends time and money wisely D	1	2	3	4	5
21) Communicates openly and honestly D	1	2	3	4	5

Would you recommend this applicant? Why or Why not??

Are you aware of anything that would cause you to hesitate in recommending this person?

Signature

Date

PARENT REFERENCE FORM: ALL APPLICANTS (sign name on bottom)

Student's Name _____ Date _____

(Use the backside of this paper or additional paper if necessary)

1. How do you think your son/daughter would benefit by being a part of Wildside 2023?

2. Please describe to us the commitment level of your son/daughter in regards to Christ.

3. Please describe to us the general attitude your son/daughter demonstrates at home with his/her parents and his/her sibling(s).

4. Describe to us 3 of your teenager's strengths:

5. Describe to us 3 of your teenager's weaknesses:

6. How does your teenager respond to...
 - a. Authority:
 - b. Conflict:
 - c. Stress:
 - d. Disappointment:

7. After looking over all of the responsibilities of the Wildside 2023, do you think your teenager is ready for such an experience? Why?