



Trail Guide Application

To be considered for the Boundary Waters Experience (BWX) staff, this application and two completed reference forms must be sent or e-mailed (BWX@mac.com) to the Boundary Waters Experience office. Please call (612) 743-7700 if you have questions regarding this process.

Two people who know the applicant well and can give an objective evaluation of the applicant must complete the reference forms. At least one reference should be someone who is familiar with your work in ministry. References include: a former or present BWX staff person, pastor or other spiritual leader, employer, or another person who has been in a position of authority over you. We recommend that you include a stamped, Boundary Waters Experience addressed envelope with each reference form to aid your reference in returning their confidential form promptly. Send to: Boundary Waters Experience, Staff Selection Committee, 6304 Brookview Avenue, Edina, MN 55424. A member of the Staff Selection Committee will contact you when all forms have been received to set up an interview. We recommend you check with the BWX office to make sure all application materials are received by the deadline.

Name _____ Date _____

Birth date _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you currently enrolled in school? ___ Where? _____

Years of schooling completed ___ Degree(s) _____ Occupation, if not student _____

PLEASE TYPE THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. LIST THE QUESTION FIRST, THEN STATE YOUR ANSWER.

1. Give a brief autobiography of your Christianity, including your current patterns of life with Jesus the Christ.
2. What is servanthood? How would you like to see it practiced in a community?
3. Are you active in a church community? If so, where?
4. What involvement have you had in Christian ministry? Describe the experience(s) including what your responsibilities were and the length of time you were involved?
5. What do you think are the most important points, which, need to be communicated concerning Christianity?
6. What are your thoughts about women in ministry leadership positions?
7. What involvement have you had with BWX? What attracts you to BWX? Be specific.
8. Briefly describe your family, who makes up your family and the role you play in your family.
9. Why do you want to be a part of the BWX staff?
10. List any specific skills, training, education, experience, gifts, talents or knowledge you have which would help you in the position(s) you are applying for and/or might contribute to the base camp community (e.g. any special interests, hobbies, etc.).
11. Briefly describe your previous wilderness, camping and canoeing experience, if any.
12. Are you prepared to attend the two training weekends and trail training week, complete the assigned homework and make the two-summer commitment (in many ways the first summer is preparation for more effective ministry the second summer)? If you cannot make the two-summer commitment or the training weekends explain why and provide suggested alternatives to the training weekends.