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Since 1976 Wilderness Trek has been changing lives through adventure activities and wilderness travel. This year has been a momentous year as we have started our campaign “NEXT40” to guide the ministry into the next 40 years of life changing experiences for a new generation of leaders. In January of this year, we were invited to partner with Glorieta Camps in Glorieta, New Mexico for the summer of 2018. Glorieta Camps is one of the largest adventure camps in the world, and is part of the Camp Eagle family of camps that serve almost 60,000 teens and families per year.

This partnership has provided us with more opportunity for ministry, growth, connection and fellowship with other like-minded outdoor ministries. It has truly been a blessing to work with such a high caliber, kingdom minded organization.

That is why we are excited today to announce that we are forging a long-term partnership by merging Wilderness Trek and the Glorieta Wilderness department. This combining of services and resources will give us a larger footprint and allow us to reach more people with the **life changing message of the Gospel through adventure activities.**

Wilderness Trek will assume the full-time staff of the Glorieta Wilderness department starting *October 1, 2018*. In addition to this, Wilderness Trek will oversee all Glorieta wilderness programs (including the professional guide semester) and will continue to operate out of Glorieta Camp for many years to come. We will also be partnering with the Camp Eagle family of camps, which include: Glorieta Camp, in Glorieta, NM, Camp Eagle, in Rocksprings, TX and Black Diamond Youth Camps, in Seattle, WA. **Wilderness Trek will now become the fourth organization to partner with the Camp Eagle family of camps.** This will allow us the ability to sustain a working relationship with all the camps in the Camp Eagle family and share in the vast resources they have, while maintaining the freedom to work independently.

Paul Talley will continue to be the Executive Director of Wilderness Trek. Scott Chapman will be the Wilderness Program Director and Hunter Parrott will oversee the professional guide semester. Both Scott and Hunter will continue to work from the Glorieta location and will be instrumental in the continual operation of the long-standing programs both organizations have offered. *Wilderness Trek will remain its own 501c3 organization with its current board, mission, leadership and oversight.*

In addition to the programs already in place, this new partnership will allow us to:

- Utilize the facilities of all Camps in the Camp Eagle Family of camps in Texas, New Mexico and Washington



- Operate trips in 6 western states (California, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Washington and Texas)
- Offer year round trips
- Offer backcountry and “basecamp” trips in multiple locations
- Serve a wider range of ages

We are humbled and blessed to be joining forces with such a great organization and are excited to be gaining strong and experienced staff such as Scott and Hunter. God has tripled our footprint, our abilities, and our reach with this partnership and we cannot wait to see what the NEXT40 years have in store for wilderness ministry.

Blessings,

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