



Valhalla Wilderness Program Academy CONFIDENTIAL TEACHER QUESTIONNAIRE

The Valhalla Wilderness Program (VWP) is a full year (8 credit) academic program that integrates curriculum with wilderness studies and outdoor living skills. We spend much of our time developing group interaction skills to enable our students to relate well with one another both in the classroom and outdoors. Much of our work is project oriented; we teach classes using a broad spectrum of strategies including role play, simulations, drama, co-operative group work, independent study and textbooks. There is often more homework than in a regular program and students need to be highly motivated and able to work independently.

The VWP is not a boot camp or a survival school, nor is it therapy. We do not “fix” kids; we do not correct errant juvenile behavior. The VWP is a mountaineering experience that offers a high level of personal challenge. For some the challenge is physical; for others it is working as a team. This program is demanding physically, socially and academically. In both the classroom and on out trips, students may find themselves dealing with adversity. We expect students to be committed to working hard, being supportive of their classmates, willing to try new things, and to consistently do their best. Students must be able to work independently and demonstrate self-discipline. Time is spent on interaction skills and group processing and we need students to be full participants in this process. Students must be willing to learn a lot, and to stretch themselves, both physically and mentally.

Your response to the following questions will enable us to ensure that the students we select are well suited for the program and are likely to be successful. Your comments will remain confidential and are not shared with students. Please be frank and honest in providing the appropriate information so we can develop a clear picture of the individual who is applying to our program. Thank you for your time.

PART A:

Your name: _____ Position: _____

School: _____ Telephone no. _____ Date _____

Student referred: _____

How long have you known this student? _____

In what capacity? (i.e. coach, classroom teacher, counselor) _____

PART B:

Please complete this Student Scale	Strongly Agree				Strongly Disagree
Consistently completes homework	5	4	3	2	1
Is willing to learn new things	5	4	3	2	1
Is able to work independently	5	4	3	2	1
Works well with others	5	4	3	2	1
Is enthusiastic about the outdoors	5	4	3	2	1
Is willing to learn in different ways (role play, simulation, projects etc.)	5	4	3	2	1
Needs a structured classroom in order to be successful	5	4	3	2	1
Is willing to accept responsibility for their behaviours	5	4	3	2	1
Is willing to learn from their mistakes	5	4	3	2	1
Shows initiative	5	4	3	2	1

Has this student has completed all core Grade 8 or Grade 9 academics and received passing grades? _____yes _____no

PART C:

What do you believe will be this student’s greatest challenges in the VWP?

What do you consider to be this student’s strengths and talents?

How does this student get along with:

A) Parents?_____

B) Peers?_____

C) Teachers?_____

How does this student respond to stress and what helps reduce the stress?

The VW Program involves out trips that require students regulate their behaviour.

- Is this student able to put the needs of a group in front of their own?
- Does this student respond to authority?
- Does this student deal with peer pressure in a manner that would keep them and others safe?
- Is this student prone to acting out in class and then resisting rule or consequences?

Does this student have a history of drug/alcohol abuse? If yes, please describe.

To the best of your knowledge, has the student come into a conflict with the law? If yes, please describe.

Is there anything else you think we should know about this student?

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