

# International Wilderness Youth Leader Training

## The Use of the Bible in the Outdoors!



Nexus International / Wilderness Ministry Institute  
In partnership with  
Scripture Union Austria / Scripture Union Europe



**Saturday 18 th of April 2020 – Friday 24th of April 2020**  
**In Bad Goisern, Austria**



## Vision:

To see a generation of local leaders who have the character, confidence & competence to engage their local mission field and be effective in reaching youth with the good news of Jesus Christ. Through the wilderness, Gods beautiful creation!

## PURPOSE:

The purpose of this conference is to explore, as leaders, the Biblical basis & call for youth evangelism & discipleship and consider strategies in light of these principles. We will focus on incarnational evangelism & Great Commission style ministry that aims to invest in a few to reach the many. We believe that an opportunity to share ideas, pray & seek the Lord together will be invaluable in refining efforts in the unique ministry context of each participant. We will also share a Biblically authentic vision for outdoor and experiential ministry with leaders from across Europe and provide practical ideas for employing these strategies in their ongoing work of evangelizing and disciple youth.

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Since the beginning of time, the outdoors has been a special place God has used to transform people and bring them closer in their relationship with Him. In modern Europe, we have experienced time after time, that outdoor and adventure activities provide unique opportunities to share the love and truth of Christ with young people whose lives are inundated with media influence, and who have largely adopted the post-modern worldview of secularized society. In this week we explore opportunities God give us in the outdoors. Jesus rhythm of ministry, even in first century Palestine, included regular times of adventure & retreat -- times when Jesus taught his disciples important truth about the Kingdom and prepared for ministry in an urban environment through intentional retreat with His heavenly Father.

## OBJECTIVE

In partnership with Scripture Union, our objective is to provide a one-week training course designed to introduce youth leaders to key theological and practical principles of outdoor ministry and equip them with introductory skills they can use in their ministry.

Emphases of this course will include.

### *Specific topics will include:*

- Heart of guiding
- Full Spectrum Youth Ministry
- Theology & History of Youth Ministry
- Framework for experiential learning
- Youth culture and the value of risk
- Regional & National youth ministry strategies

## OUTCOMES

- ❖ Refreshment in Christ through times of personal & group worship, & times for quiet reflection with Christ in the outdoors.
- ❖ A refined & focused vision & strategy for reaching youth in your local ministry context
- ❖ Practical ideas & principles you can immediately apply
- ❖ A strategy for developing a healthy, mature & effective ministry team
- ❖ An understanding of the value of outdoor & experiential ministry as a tool for both equipping leaders & reaching youth.

## COURSE LEADERS:

*Hans Widmann (SU Austria) & Joel Vermillion (Nexus International / Wilderness Ministry Institute)*

## TRAVEL INFORMATION:

**Arrival:** Saturday 18.<sup>st</sup> of April 2020 noon (before 1 o'clock p.m.) in Bad Goisern  
**Departure:** Bad Goisern 24.<sup>th</sup> of April 2020 after breakfast.  
**Cost:** 260.-Euro (lodging, food, provision and training). Financial support is possible!  
**Language:** English (Airport to fly in is Salzburg)

## APPLICATION:

Send to Scripture Union Austria, Obere Marktstrasse 18; 4822 Bad Goisern (Wehrenfenniggasse 6) Email: <a href="mailto:info@bibellesebund.at">info@bibellesebund.at</a> Add Address, Personal Inform., Youth ministry experience and Travel Information to Scripture Union
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