



# JPII Outdoor Lab

## Catholic Outdoor Education

### Our Mission— *Encountering Christ in Creation*

Inspired by Pope Saint John Paul II's encyclical *Fides et Ratio*, JPII Outdoor Lab provides outdoor experiential education within the context of the Catholic faith. Immersed in an experience of the wonder, exploration, and study of creation, as well as in the sacraments, students are invited into an encounter with Christ, leading them to deeply reconciled, ordered, and adventurous relationships with God, themselves, others, and creation.

### Our Program

Founded in 2008, JPII Outdoor Lab is a three or four-day Catholic outdoor education program for 6th-8th grade students offered September through May. Students participate in inquiry-based lessons, exploratory day hikes, small-group discussions, campfire activities, stargazing, night hikes, Mass, Adoration, and Reconciliation.

JPII Outdoor Lab is a program of Annunciation Heights Catholic Youth and Family Camp in Estes Park, Colorado, two miles north of historic Camp Saint Malo. Our programs regularly make use of both beautiful properties as well as nearby Rocky Mountain National Park and National Forest trails.

### Choose a 4-Day or 3-Day Program

**4-Day Program | Includes Four Optional 2.5-hour Lessons and 2 Hikes | \$300/student**

**3-Day Program | Includes Three Optional 2.5-hour Lessons and 1 Hike | \$225/student**

#### Every program includes:

#### Optional 2.5-hour Lessons:

Lodging & Meals

Animal Survival

Altum Institute Missionary for each small group of 10-12 students

Archery

Sacraments

Botany & Pollination

Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration

Colors of Creation with JPII

Lessons

Elk Ecology & Environmental Stewardship

Four Relationships

Forestry

Hike at Camp Saint Malo or Rocky Mountain National Park

Geology & Mining

Astronomy\* & Night Hike

Home Sweet Home: Ecosystems (Fall only)

\*when available, includes a visit to

Human Wilderness Survival

Estes Park Memorial Observatory

Low Ropes & Leadership

Mountain Meteorology

Orienteering

Water Conservation & Dynamics

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