



JPII Outdoor Lab

Catholic Outdoor Education

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-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.

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

Every program includes:

Lodging & Meals

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

Sacraments

Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration

Lessons/Activities

Four Relationships

Beatitudes Hike at Camp Saint Malo or Rocky Mountain National Park

Evening Programs (Campfire, Solo Night Hike, and/or Astronomy*)

*when available, includes a visit to

Estes Park Memorial Observatory

Optional 2.5-hour Lessons:

Animal Survival

Archery & Motion Mechanics

Botany & Pollination

Colors of Creation with JPII

Elk Ecology & Environmental Stewardship

Forestry

Geology & Mining

Home Sweet Home: Ecosystems (Fall only)

Human Wilderness Survival

Low Ropes & Leadership

Orienteering

Water Conservation & Dynamics

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