

BODY SPIRIT COMMUNITY



GOD, COHESIVE CHRISTIAN

An AAI experience will not only dare to approach and to touch God's natural world —

COMMUNITY, THE SPIRITUAL

what humankind calls the *outdoor* wilderness — but also to encounter the wilderness

DISCIPLINES — ALL OF THESE ARE

within. It will challenge our basic values through shared group experiences, daring us

DEFINED, TAUGHT, PRACTICED,

to risk, to reflect, to act and to share openly and honestly who we are and *whose* we are.

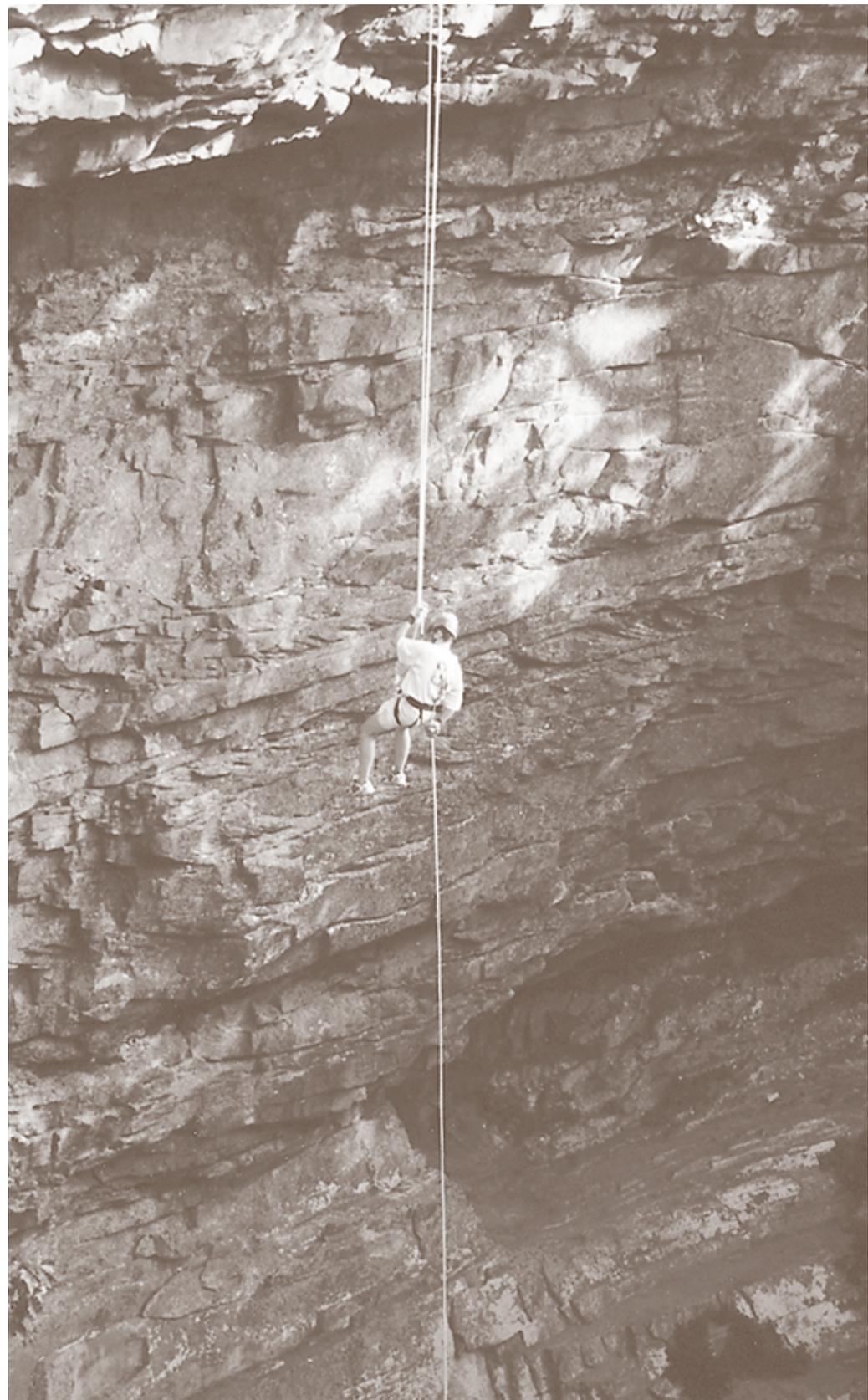
WORKED OUT AND PROCESSED

And maybe, for one brief moment, the spirit, the body, the soul, will be nourished as

WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF THE

we strive for oneness within ourselves, with others, with nature and with God.

WILDERNESS EXPERIENCE.



PHILOSOPHY

We strive *not* to be your average summer camp. An Aslan Adventures Inc. wilderness experience will take your Junior or Senior High youth group from a complacent and unchecked consumer wasteland to a vibrantly alive relationship with their God and with each other. An AAI experience strips away the walls and roadblocks to true relationships. You and your youth will not come away from this experience unchanged. God's working in and through their lives will not only be more evident, but also more abundant.

It's not just high adventure.

Combining provocative seed thoughts (devotions), meaningful and Scriptural worships (youth led), teachable moments, practical wilderness skills and some strenuous activity. Wrapping these all together, we involve the youth in a process designed to bring the spirit, body and community together as one.

If you've been considering taking your youth group on a wilderness experience, but are unsure — give us a call. We will help you consider the myriad of options, details and concerns; we will walk you through, step by step, everything you should look for and desire from a Christian wilderness experience. We feel confident that you will be convinced of our expertise, abilities, enthusiasm and genuine love for the kids.

HISTORY

Aslan has been in business since 1994 without spending a single dollar on advertising. Yet through word of mouth, God has brought so many groups to us these past years, we could barely handle the demand. This coming summer, AAI plans to work with only 10 youth groups — keeping numbers low in order to keep quality exceptionally high — and never more than one group at a time.

THE DETAILS

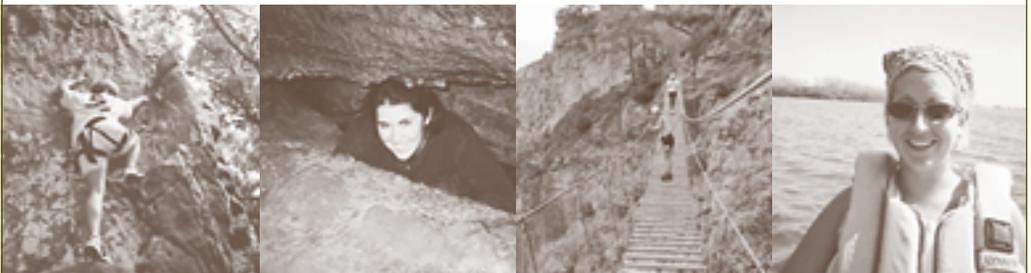
Each group has the option of experiencing their Aslan Adventure on the Cumberland Plateau of Tennessee or in the George Washington National Forest of Virginia. Your Junior or Senior High church youth group (between 12 and 35 members at a time) can join AAI in the wilderness between April and September.

COST: \$300 per person (includes all group equipment; i.e. tents, kitchen supplies, food, climbing/caving gear). Canoeing and white water rafting are \$20-\$60 per person (optional). **DISCOUNTS:** One free person with 20 paid; two free people with 31 paid. **DEPOSIT** (non-refundable): \$500 for groups of 20 or less; \$750 for groups 21 or more.

ACTIVITIES

NEW THIS YEAR: *The Via Ferratta*! "Hands down, the greatest group experience on the planet," Pat Fend, Orangewood Girls Soccer Coach. AAI provides an unforgettable, six-day, single-group wilderness experience:

- SUN** Group arrives at 6pm at either Virginia or Tennessee base camp where they will be met by the AAI staff.
- MON** *Backpacking* in Savage Gulf, TN or Ramsey's Draft, VA
- TUES** *Backpacking* in Savage Gulf, TN or Ramsey's Draft, VA
- WED** *Rock climbing/Rappelling* (Via Ferratta in VA)
- THUR** *Caving*
- FRI** *White water rafting* the New River in WV or the Ocoee River in TN or *Canoeing* the Shenandoah River in VA or *Tubing* the Cowpasture River in VA
- SAT** Group departs in the morning



GUIDES

Outdoor professionals with over 50 combined years of wilderness leadership and dynamic group involvement. No poorly-trained and -equipped college kids. Only top-of-the-line, highly-trained professionals with documentation to prove it.

DAN VELKER, above all else, loves his God and youth. A professional member of the American Mountain Guides Association, the American Alpine Club and the Wilderness Education Association and a certified SOLO Wilderness First Responder, Dan has been guiding in the outdoor field for more than 14 years. Having climbed and traveled all over the world, and possessing exceptional group processing skills, Dan is a highly sought after outdoor leader.

PAUL HANSEN also loves youth. As the Assistant Ski Patrol Director at Massanutten Resort for the past 18 years, Paul has distinguished himself as a capable and powerful outdoor leader. With backcountry rescue, survival skills, and a fondness for Wendell Berry and fast cars, Paul brings a uniquely-talented palette of traits to bear on youth. They cannot help but come away feeling both love and awe.

MARK VEERMAN brings a hard won wilderness leadership education from the prestigious Honey Rock Camp* in Northern Wisconsin to the table. An ice climber, mountain biker, and general outdoorsman extraordinaire, Mark desires to see youth transformed by the same purity of spiritual experience he received while learning in the wilderness. Mark is also our cave master — if it's cold, wet and muddy, he likes it.

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