

# Adventure Learning



Adventure Learning Camps  
"Where learning is fun"

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Campers at Opal Creek Wilderness

## Summer in Review

We started out with a two-day trip to Opal Creek Wilderness, a mix of history, geology, biology and fun. We spent most of the first day hiking in the three miles, eyeing beautiful waterfalls and 500-year-old trees! The camp was full and ranged in age from 3 to in their 50's. We had great weather and great fun – the only complaint is that it wasn't long enough!



Eagle creek gorge was a little cooler than we wanted for swimming – but of course that didn't stop us. It rained, but only while we were sleeping. I was amazed at the number of plants all the participants learned – over 100 species! On this trip we had folks from three different states; Wisconsin, Oregon, and Idaho.



The canoe trip was soooo fun! We swam until we were pruned; floated rapids in our float coats, learned about desert wildlife and plants, found fossils. By the end of the trip all the campers were more than proficient at canoeing. At Olympic National Park we did a

sampling of the many different parts of the park. These kids really went nuts learning their plants – one of them pressed and learned 152 different species! We started off exploring temperate rainforest for two days, seeing giant 1,000 year old trees around every bend and beautiful blue / gray water of the glacier fed rivers. Then we went to the beach and had a great low tide. Aside from the tide pool plants and animals we also were treated to a sea otter and a bald eagle.



How to hold a crab without being pinched

After a day at the beach we were back in the forest again – a younger one, only 300 years old. We finished the trip at high elevation wildflower meadows on Hurricane Ridge



Crater Lake from the summit of Mt. Scott

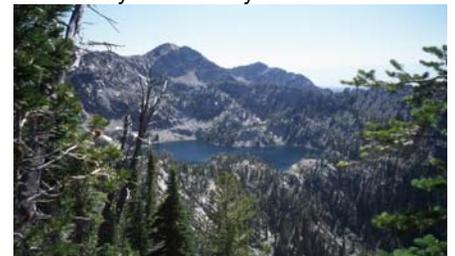
Crater Lake was my biggest camp of the summer, as it always is – with 16 participants. This year I made the camp 6 days instead of five and that worked out much better. We spent the week doing day hikes on all the trails in the park, taking a boat ride on the lake, and spending a day exploring Wizard Island – and of course swimming in the clearest water in the world. You can see down 125 feet! We also got to slide in the snow on a couple different days. Many of us became junior rangers – my second badge of the summer – watch out!



The Mount Rainier trip is a beginner-backpacking trip. We camped in the wilderness, but we didn't walk in the 2 miles to our campsite until after dinner. We didn't carry very much with us but we still got the wilderness experience. The rest of the time we spent doing day hikes in wildflower filled alpine meadows, through dense jungles with ferns taller than us! We also spent lots of time swimming, catching frogs and giant pacific salamanders – and of course looking at Washington's highest peak – the most glaciated mountain in the lower 48!



The Eagle Cap Wilderness trip was the first trip with all folks from Idaho. We hiked in to a beautiful lake, spent lots of time swimming, cooking, and enjoying the quiet. I enjoyed how entertaining these teens were. They kept me laughing all week. They learned a few flowers, reviewed the earth science they learned last year in school, and we had one adventurous day of bouldering while on our way to a nearby lake



I finished the summer season with my favorite trip – 100 miles on the Pacific Crest Trail. It was broken into two 50 mile trips with 4 campers doing the entire 100!



We had great weather – no rain and rarely a cloud in the sky. The mountain lakes were warmer than usual – great for swimming.



Everybody got to be in charge for a day, lead the group, pick the campsite, and navigate the trails.

Wow! What a summer. How can I go back into a classroom? I'm not. I have decided to develop Adventure Learning into a year round venture for me. I am doing the paper work to make it a non-profit organization so that I can write grants and keep my trips affordable for low to middle income kids and families.

The Mission of Adventure Learning is to provide an opportunity for people of all ages to learn about themselves and the natural world through exciting, challenging and interactive wilderness experiences.

The primary goals are:

- Provide affordable wilderness experiences for learners of all ages.
- Provide affordable wilderness experiences for families
- Provide affordable wilderness experiences for adults
- Provide affordable outdoor school experiences for children
- Provide trips to order for families, clubs, and church groups...

**In teaching... “A Joy Shared is a Joy Doubled”**  
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**Now I have a list of hoops to jump through:**

1. Develop a board of directors (let me know if you are interested)
2. Put together a website (let me know if you have expertise in this). I own a domain name – [adventurelearningcamps.com](http://adventurelearningcamps.com) – and have a website I haven't built yet through yahoo.
3. Make a brochure
4. Develop a marketing plan
5. Make all the legal paperwork and get liability insurance (I need a lawyer if you know one)
6. Write grants for scholarships, a small bus/van, and equipment.



## **Fall Trips Planned**

### **11/11-13 South side of Mt. St. Helens**

Mt. St. Helens is a wonderful place to be in the fall. We'll explore Ape caves, Lava Canyon, and some other trails, camping at swift water reservoir for two nights. Base Cost: \$60

Something at Olympic National Park over Thanksgiving break

### **12/12 – 12/16 John Day Fossil Beds**

We will tour all three sections of the John Day Fossil Beds, do lots of day hikes, and at night sleep in teepees! Base Cost: \$100

### **12/19 – 12/23 Backpack Hells Canyon**

5 days exploring the deepest canyon in America (8,000ft deep) on the same trail that Chief Joseph used in trying to get away from the U.S. Army. What better way to get away from the holiday rat race? Base Cost: \$100

## **Trips to Order**

You tell me what you want and I will plan and lead the trip. Do you have a group of friends you would like to go on an adventure with? How about some family you'd like to hang out with in a natural setting – church youth group? How about the most memorable birthday gift ever!



I'm working on a form that you would fill out that would include; menu, type of location (or a specific location), type and amount of programming you want, lodging (camping, cabin, yurt, lodge, teepee...).



### **Other Trips coming up this year:**

Ski and snowshoe trips in January and February

A 9 day spring break trip to the Grand Canyon

6/12 – 6/16 Glacier National Park  
Montana

6/21 – 6/25 John Day River Trip

6/26 – 6/30 Newberry Crater Nat. Mon.

7/6 – 7/10 Backpack around Mt. Hood

7/11 – 7/15 Mt. St. Helens Trip  
Camp and explore all sides!

7/16 – 7/20 Olympic National Park

7/31 – 8/9 100 mile on PCT in WA

8/14 – 8/19 Crater Lake National Park

8/20 – 8/24 50 miler on the PCT in OR