

# Adventure Learning



Adventure Learning Camps  
"Where learning is fun"

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## One Year Review

It has been an interesting and challenging first year for Adventure Learning Inc. Most of the trips last fall had to be cancelled due to my lung collapsing and my recovery from that.

We had a couple of winter trips go; one week backpacking in the bottom of the deepest canyon in North America, Hells Canyon. It's warmer there than anywhere in the west in the winter.



Dusty Allen at campsite in Hells Canyon

The a winter camping trip to Lolo Pass sleeping on the same ground that the Lewis and Clarke expedition traversed.

Over spring break we had a great trip to the grand canyon. We backpacked down the seldom used Hermit Creek Trail to Granite Rapids. We had a group that ranged in age from 42 to 9.



Group on hermit trail

We started off the spring with a short backpacking trip to historic Kirkwood Ranch in Hells Canyon.

Then we started the summer off in

Wenaha Canyon in the Blue Mountains of Washington. From there we went to Glacier National Park, a 50 mile canoe trip down the John Day River in Eastern Oregon, Newberry Caldera National Monument in E. Oregon, a 150 mile backpacking trip in the Pacific Crest Trail in S. Washington and we wrapped up the summer with 6 days at Crater Lake National Park in Oregon.



Karl and the Peery girls in Hells Canyon

We have already started our fall trips. Next year we plan on getting the newsletter out in August, December, and March so that you can plan well in advance.

## 2006 Fall Camps

Seven Devils Wilderness, Idaho, September 2-4	\$60
Yakima River Canoe trip, Washington, September 16 & 17	\$65 *
Introduction to Camping September 23 & 24 Spring Valley Reservoir, Idaho	\$45 *
Canoe Fishtrap Lake, Washington, September 30 to October 1	\$65 *
Yellowstone Backpacking trip October 4-8	\$140
Cape Lookout, Oregon Coast October 13-15	\$80 *
Mirror Lake Day hike, Mt. Hood, Oregon October 17	\$20 *
Old Growth Forest Hike, Clackamas River, OR, October 19	\$20 *
Opal Creek Wilderness, Oregon October 20-22	\$60 *
Priest River Canoe Trip, Idaho October 28 & 29	\$60 *
John Day Fossil Beds, Eastern Oregon	

November 9-12 *	\$110
Ape Caves, Mt. St. Helens November 14	\$20 *
Salmon River Day hike, Mt Hood Oregon November 16	\$20 *
Introduction to Camping, Clackamas River, OR, November 18 & 19	\$45 *
Olympic National Park, Washington November 22 – 26	\$140
Palouse Falls, Washington December 2	\$20 *
Hells Canyon Backpack, Oregon / Idaho December 18 – 22 *	\$100
Utah National Parks, 5 National Parks December 26 to January 7	\$290 *
Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce and Zion	

\* **Base cost waived for parents accompanying children of 16 and under.**



This winter we will be offering cross country ski trips, Introduction to winter camping classes, trips to the coast and day trips to area wetlands on both sides of the Cascades.

This spring we will be offering 3 nine day spring break trips. The Grand Canyon, Death Valley National Park, and the Oregon Coast.

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 children of all ages.
- Provide affordable wilderness experiences for families
- Provide affordable wilderness experiences for adults

- Provide custom designed trips for families, clubs, and church groups...



Board Member Kris Freitag

We have put together an outstanding board of directors who have devoted a lot of time putting together the bylaws, personnel policies, website suggestions, a brochure, financial plan and budget, a marketing plan and the paperwork for our 501c3 status. There is a tremendous amount of paperwork involved with starting a non-profit and these folks have been a big help. We have a great team of folks from all walks of life. You may recognize some of their names.

Larry Volpe	Teacher
Chris Peery (president)	Biologist
Dusty Allen	Student
Kris Freitag	Non-profit administrator
Karen Peasley (secretary)	Non-profit administrator
(president elect)	
Marguerite Thoreson	Scouting
Maureen Maguire	Env.Educator
Ginger Duncan	Student
Greg Smith	Writer

## Board Development

Even though we have a great Board we are always looking for future prospects and special roles to fill. Currently we need someone who has talent and experience in finance, budgets and taxes. If you know of someone who values the outdoors and has these credentials please let us know, or encourage them to contact us. We hope to have this person join us in January.



## Marketing

As you may have already seen, the website has grown by leaps and bounds, and will continue to grow. We welcome any suggestions that you may have. Coming soon to the website:

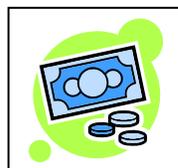
- ✚ Links page

- ✚ Brochure
- ✚ Photo Gallery

If you have not seen it yet check it out at: [www.adventurelearningcamps.com](http://www.adventurelearningcamps.com)  
We are looking for help with our website. See the article on Volunteering.

As you know we work mainly on word of mouth advertising, which has worked well, but we need more evangelicals out there. Tell friends and family, hand out brochures, volunteer to table at events for us, or put up flyers. Telling teachers and school administrators is a great way to make this opportunity available to more children and families.

## Fund Raising



While we are waiting for our 501c3 paperwork to come back from the IRS so we can start writing grants we are exploring other areas of raising money to do the important mission we have embarked on. Our current programs are

- ✚ **Raising money** for a van through direct donations. Volunteer Andrew Ackerman is heading that endeavor up and if you would like to assist him call him at 208-596-6165. We hope to have a 15 passenger van by our trip to Utah in December.
- ✚ **Membership.** You can help here by letting everyone you know who you feel cares about getting kids and families out into the wilderness. Our goal is 300 members by January. You can send people to our website for more information and the membership form. Join at whatever level you can, everything helps.
- ✚ **Scholarship.** We have started a scholarship fund to send folks on trips who otherwise can't afford it. You can donate to this fund, designate a community that you would like to support, or an individual.
- ✚ **Corporate Sponsors.** We have already had meetings with some corporations and small businesses to get their support. We can work directly with their wellness program making their employees more healthy, productive and creative. You can help us here if you know of a corporation who we can give a presentation for. Help us through your personal and professional contacts!

### Programs for the future include:

- ✚ Grants
- ✚ Endowments
- ✚ Living wills and trusts
- ✚ Silent Auctions
- ✚ Dinner / Wine socials

## Volunteer Opportunities

Like most non-profits volunteers are vital to us meeting our mission. We are just starting to embark on our volunteer programs. We need to start with a volunteer coordinator. Please visit the website for volunteer job descriptions. Here are the ways that you can volunteer:

- ✚ Volunteer Coordinator
- ✚ Webmaster
- ✚ Flyer posting
- ✚ Tabling at events
- ✚ Grant research and writing
- ✚ Managing the scholarship program
- ✚ Helping with mailings
- ✚ Publicity and press releases
- ✚ Newsletter writers and editors
- ✚ Data entry

....and others that we haven't even thought of yet. If you know of a way that you would like to help please let us know!

## New Members

Marguerite and Mike Thoreson kicked off our fledgling membership drive and now we have had others follow suit. Become a member at whatever level works for you.

### Explorer

Donal Wilkinson

### Adventurer

Mike and Marguerite Thoreson

### Family

The Bauerlein Family

### Individual

Michael Irvine  
Joel Birch