

# Adventure Learning



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## Five Trips Go Our First Fall!

We had some great trips this fall, two canoe trips and two day trips, and one backpacking trip. We started off the fall with a backpacking trip to Lake Estelle in Northern Idaho, just west of Sandpoint. We had a 4 ½ year old participant that did wonderful. We hiked 2.7 miles in to a beautiful lake and had the whole place to ourselves for the entire weekend. We swam, did some rock climbing and made rock sculptures.



Mark and Karun

The next trip was a canoe trip on the Yakima River in Eastern Oregon. A quarter of the participants were from the Portland area, and we had a beautiful fall weekend on the river.



Ned and J. on the Yakima River

Over Then it was over to the west side for a couple of day hikes in the Mt. Hood Wilderness. One day we climbed up to Mirror Lake, pressing plants and finding lots of mushrooms!



Mom and Daughter pressing plants

A couple days later we were hiking through the old growth forest on the Clackamas River, dodging hundreds of newts, finding lots of frogs to play with, and face painting along the river.



Donal painting Heidi's face

We finished off the fall with a canoe trip on the Priest River in Northern Idaho. The day we started off it was beautiful and warm.....the next day we got snow. We had a great camp though and had contingency plans if the weather got bad and within a couple of hours we were out of the snow and drinking hot chocolate in the town of priest river.



Michael, 3 year old Nikita, and Tina

## 2007 Winter/Spring Camps

December 26 to January 7 Utah National Parks, 5 National Parks Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce and Zion	\$260 *
January 13-15 Oregon Coast	\$60*
January 20 <sup>th</sup> Cross County Ski at Elk River	\$20*
January 26-28 Winter camp at Winchester	\$60
January 29 <sup>th</sup> Hike at Fishtrap Lake	\$20*
January 30-31 Winter Camp on Mt. Hood	\$40*
February 16 <sup>th</sup> Weir Hot Springs day trip	\$20
February 17-19 Stanley Hot Springs, Adult only backpack	\$60
March 3-4 \$40*	
Winter Camp at Lolo Pass	
March 10-18 Grand Canyon National Park	\$180
March 24 <sup>th</sup> to April 1 <sup>st</sup> Death Valley National Park	\$180*
March 31 <sup>st</sup> to April 8 <sup>th</sup> Great Basin National Park	\$180*
April 12-15 Olympic National Park	\$80
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> Moscow Mountain Cedar Grove	\$20*
May 4-6 Kirkwood Ranch, Hells Canyon	\$60
May 11-13 Mothers Day Trip to Opal Creek	\$60
May 26-28 Canoe Bonnie Lake	\$60*

\* **Base cost waived for parents** accompanying children of 16 and under. Transportation can be provided, cost determined at the time of the trip. Food can be provided at a cost of \$10 per day. Check the website or contact us for detailed itineraries: 208-310-3010, [www.adventurelearningcamps.com](http://www.adventurelearningcamps.com), [adventurelearningcamps@yahoo.com](mailto:adventurelearningcamps@yahoo.com)



Board President Chris Peery

Chris Peery has done a great job of guiding us through our first year. He is a Fish biologist at University of Idaho and directs a majority of the salmon related research in the Columbia River Basin. His wife and twin daughters have been on more Adventure Learning trips than anyone else.

We had a great board meeting in September, solidifying many of our policies, updating the bylaws we approved almost a year ago. We have also recruited a few new board members and have said a thankful goodbye to board members who have moved on. New members who will be joining us in January include; Marshall Gibson, Kristy Wolf, Brenda Bently, Joel Birch, and Eileen McGovern.

Chris Peery (president)	Biologist
Marguerite Thoreson (president elect)	Girl Scouting
Karen Peasley (secretary)	Non-profit administrator
Kristy Wolf	Treasurer
Donal Wilkinson	Exec. Director
Kris Freitag	Non-profit administrator
Maureen Maguire	Env. Educator
Marshall Gibson	Student
Brenda Bently	Mediator
Joel Birch	Student
Eileen McGovern	Lawyer

## We Got Our Van!

In October we were alerted by a local non-profit, Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute, that they were selling a 15



passenger van for a reasonable price. We alerted our mailing list that if everyone donated \$8 we could purchase the van. So many people

responded and with a few extremely generous donations from the Bently Family and James Wilkinson we have realized this

part of our dream. The van will increase participation for those who can't drive or would rather ride share. Thank you to all who contributed:

The Bently Family, James Wilkinson, Tarabulski Family, Bonnie Spencer, Faunce Family, Gabe Gibbler, Jennifer Whitney, Veronica Lassen, Jonna Moore, Jordan Family, Eileen McGovern, Peery Family, Yeager Family, Leeanne Erickson, David Martin, Elise Ngo, Beth Hemmer, Norton Family,

## The Scholarship Fund is started!

We have started a scholarship fund to send folks on trips who otherwise can't afford it. When you donate to this fund you can designate a community that you would like to support, or an individual. The first \$300 was donated in the form of pledges when Executive Director Donal Wilkinson ran the Boise Marathon. Thank you to all who contributed:

Marguerite Thoreson, Mike Browne, Veronica Lassen, Stephen Hopkins, Jonna Moore, Denny Carder, Ray Hartenberg, Yeager Family

## New Members

While we didn't meet our goal of 300 members by January, we are on our way with generous supporters. You can help here by letting everyone you know who you feel cares about getting kids and families out into the wilderness Send people to our website for more information and the membership form. Join yourself at whatever level you can, every contribution helps us reach our goals.

### Explorer

Donal Wilkinson  
James Wilkinson  
Bently Family

### Adventurer

Mike Browne and Marguerite Thoreson  
Janice Boughton

### Family

The Bauerlein Family  
Cheeseman Family  
Landon – Dahl Family  
Donald Stanziano  
Sara and John Holup  
Tarabulski Family  
Purkeson Family  
Yeager Family  
Moore Family  
Peery Family

Bjorn-Janovich Family  
Fabrycki Family  
Norton Family

### Individual

Michael Irvin  
Joel Birch  
John Pool (Lifetime)  
Sandy Hathaway  
Kris Freitag  
Eileen McGovern  
Veronica Lassen

Ray Hartenberg  
Denny Carder  
Stephan Hopkins  
Bonnie Spencer  
Beth Hemmer  
Gabe Gibbler  
Elise Ngo  
Leeanne Erickson  
Roger and Judith Wallins

## Volunteer Opportunities

We'd like to welcome our volunteer coordinator Jennifer Whitney and our new webmaster Gabe Gibbler. Jennifer is the mother of three, a healer. Gabe is a computer technician and jack of all trades at Mary Jane's Farm in Moscow. We still need volunteers to fill the following roles;

- ✚ 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!

Please let us know if you do not want to receive this newsletter from us, or if you know of someone else we could send it to.

You can also request as many copies as you want to give to friends, neighbors or family members who you think might be interested.

### Holiday Gifts

Give the gift that keeps giving. Give a child an experience that will change their lives, an outdoor experience with Adventure Learning. We sell gift certificates of any dollar value, give to our scholarship fund in someone's name, or purchase a membership for a loved one.

### Wish List

2 or 4 drawer file cabinet, Any camping gear; tents, sleeping bags, stoves, water bottles, binoculars, meskits, raingear (children or adult), kids or adult hiking boots, canoes, paddle jackets, backpacks, snow shoes, XC skis, snow pants and jackets, CD player for a car, sleeping pads.