

Adventure Learning



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Winter Fun

We had some great trips this winter.

Moose Creek Reservoir

We had a multi age X-C ski trip to Moose Creek Reservoir. We built a snow cave, skied through the forest, had snowball fights and learned a little about backcountry survival from search and rescue guide Donal Wilkinson.



Moose Creek Group

Weir Hot Springs

The next trip was a kids only (except leaders Donal Wilkinson and Eileen McGovern) trip to Weir Hot Springs on a day off of school. We hiked in the half mile to the 98 degree pool with the help of ropes to get up and down the snowy inclines.



Group at Weir Hot Springs

Stanley Hot Springs

The very next day Donal brought two guys from Northern Idaho on a 7 mile backpack to Stanley Hot Springs. We started our backpack along the Lochsa River in tee-shirts. It was a beautiful day to be hiking in the mountains. To reduce the impact to the springs, we camped a half mile away on a ridge that overlooks the watershed. Teaching minimum impact camping is one of our goals at Adventure Learning. We had the hot springs to ourselves for the weekend, as no one else braved the elements to be

out there. We got a little bit of weather (snow as we sat in the 104 degree water) but on the whole it was pretty warm. We brought snow shoes but never ended up needing to use them.



Don and Mike on Stanley Trail

Grand Canyon National Park

The Spring break trip to the Grand Canyon ended up being very multicultural. We led three kids (10, 11, & 12), and two post-doctoral students in Hydrology – one from Iran and the other from Germany. We had some incredible weather on our nine day trip. After two days of day hikes along the rim and down the Kaibab trail. Then we were ready for the Hermit trail, our 10 ½ mile backpack down to the river at Granite Rapids – one of the bigger rapids on the Colorado River. We camped there in the dunes, where it was so warm that guide Donal Wilkinson slept on top of his sleeping bag!



Group at the rim of The Grand Canyon

It was 96 degrees down at the river and we spent much of one day swimming in the chilly 50 degree water of the Colorado. During our stay we saw deer, elk, big horned sheep, bats, lizards, endangered California condors and many more animals. We were also treated to 22 species of plants in bloom! On our way home we stopped at Glen Canyon Dam to get our second Jr. Ranger Badge of the trip. A fun and challenging time was had by all.

2007 Summer Camps

May 3 rd Moscow Mountain Cedar Grove, Idaho	\$20*
May 5-6 Renaissance Faire, Moscow	Free
May 12-13 Backpack Kirkwood Ranch	\$40
May 26-28 Canoe Bonnie Lake, E. Washington	\$60*
June 2-3 Backpack Lake Estelle	\$40*
June 7-8 Robinson Park	\$20* each day
June 11-15 Journey to the Heart of Nature	\$100*
June 18-22 John Day River Canoe Trip	\$125*
June 26 to June 30 Pacific Crest Trail 50 mile backpack	\$100
July 1-5 Pacific Crest Trail 50 mile backpack	\$100
July 9-14 Mt. Rainier National Park	\$120
July 16-18 Seven Devils Backpack, Idaho	\$60
July 31 st to August 3 rd Farm Camp, Idaho	\$80*
August 6-10 Idaho History week, Boise	\$150*
August 13-18 Crater Lake National Park	\$165*

* 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

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New Board Member



Board Member Eileen McGovern and her kids

Though she lives in Moscow Idaho, Eileen currently works as an attorney in Lewiston, Idaho, having graduated from the University of Idaho Law School in 2006. She holds an undergraduate degree in English and Philosophy. She is active in her community, having been on the Board of Directors for the Moscow Civic Association, and now volunteers time to help local residents facing various legal concerns. When the weather is warm she can be found mountain-biking or hiking on Moscow Mountain. In winter months she enjoys skiing and sledding with her children, Maggie (7) and Quinn (4). She holds an abiding faith in the power of wilderness experience to shape and enrich children's lives.

We had a great board meeting in February, working mostly on developing a strategic plan of where we want Adventure Learning to go in the next 1, 3, 5 and 10 years.

First year goals (2007)

- Start a Farm Camp
- Target Low Income Families
- Serve families & Children
- Develop affiliations with other organizations
- Include historically focused trips

3 year goals

- Work more with "At Risk Kids"
- Initiate a Healthy kids initiative
- Target women in Domestic Violence Recovery
- Target Foster Children
- Provide Rites of passage trips
- Provide Vision quest trips
- Provide Women's trips
- Develop Outdoor Component to Alternative schools
- Market to Healthcare organizations
- Obtain Office Space

5 year goals

- Target Urban Families
- Start Elder Hostel Program
- Provide Business Retreats
- Provide Wellness Programs to businesses

10 year goals

- Replace P.E. in school

We added Kristy Wolf, and Eileen McGovern to the board. Kristy was elected the Treasurer.

We currently have two positions open on the board. Please let us know if you are interested in becoming part of our team!

Chris Peery (president)	Biologist
(president elect)	Open
Karen Peasley (secretary)	Non-profit administrator
Kristy Wolf	Treasurer
Donal Wilkinson	Exec. Director
Kris Freitag	Non-profit administrator
Maureen Maguire	Env.Educator
Eileen McGovern	Lawyer
Larry Volpe	Teacher

**How can you help
Contribute to the Scholarship Fund**

We have started a scholarship fund to send children on trips who otherwise can't afford it. When you donate to this fund you can designate a community or an individual that you would like to support.

Birthday 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.

Volunteer Opportunities

We still need volunteers to fill the following roles:

- Flyer posting
- Tabling at events
- Grant research and writing
- Scholarship program Manager
- Helping with mailings
- Publicity and press releases
- Newsletter writers and editors
- Data entry
- Marketing Director
- Grant Specialist
- Geographic Area Directors

....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.

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, GPS unit, satellite phone.

Members

You can help by telling everyone you know about Adventure Learning. 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

- The Bently Family
- The Werner Family
- Donal Wilkinson
- James Wilkinson

Adventurer

- Mike Browne and Marguerite Thoreson
- Janice Boughton
- Dickinson Family in memory of Christel Dickinson

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
- Hawthorn Circle
- Fabrycki Family
- Norton Family
- Jennings Family
- The Caisley Family
- The Whitney/Reeder Family
- The Wolf 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 Gibler
- Elise Ngo
- Leeanne Erickson
- Roger and Judith Wallins
- Pat Scott