Winter 2009

Year End Report

It has been a great growth year for Adventure Learning Camps Inc! We doubled our working budget to \$40,000, and with that money we took 230 children and families on 27 trips. That's a whopping 22,080 kid days in the field! The best part is that 49% of them were scholarshiped, up from 10% in 2007. We received six of the ten grants that we applied for and built collaborations with Clearwater Youth Alliance, Deary School District, Latah County Youth Advocacy Council, Moscow Parks and Rec and Pullman Parks and Rec. This past summer we had our first intern assistant trip leader and then in August we added our second employee, assistant trip leader Erin Gerhardt. We recruited volunteers to perform vital jobs; Larry Bailey from Autolab in Moscow to maintain the van and Moscow accountant Karen Thomas to be our bookkeeper.



Yellowstone National Park

Elk River Falls

The first order of business is getting an office space. This will create the domino effect of being able to recruit volunteers, which will create an office staff to research funding opportunities,

What's In store for This Year

streamline our communication, bolster our evaluation process, and help us grow as an organization to serve more children and families.

Our goal this year is to build collaborations in the Portland Metro area to better serve that region. To do this we'll be recruiting one or two more board members from that area. We would like to boost the number of scholarshiped children to 75% this year drawing from this region.

We will also be increasing our training and effectiveness and training at least two interns who will be future assistant trip leaders.

## We need volunteers! Equipment Manager, Pre-trip and post trip logistics, Data Entry, Grant Research, Marketing, Fundraising, Volunteer Coordinator.

## Ways you can help

- Become a member—See the website
- Volunteer— See the website for opportunities
- Donate items on the wish list—See the website
- Contribute to the scholarship fund—See the website
- Come on a trip and bring a friend—See the website

www.adventurelearningcamps.org

### Our Funders:

- Members \$2,905
- Susan L. Kem Fund of the Oregon Community Foundation \$4,015
- LCYAC \$2.500
- Mardi Gras Foundation of Moscow \$900

- Cliff Bar 1,400 Z bars
- Paradise Creek Bicycles \$65
- Auto Lab \$500 in van work
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- City of Moscow \$750
- Deary Recreation District \$340



# Members

### Benefits of Membership

- \* 10% off on trips
- \* Pre-registration privileges

#### Sponsor

The Werner Family Donal Wilkinson Myra Hermann Larry Bailey and Autolab

#### **Explorer**

Molly Jennings Ellen Blunt The DePhelps Family Thomas Family

#### Adventurer

Janice Boughton
The Grieb Family
Meredith Arksey
Ellen Thiem
The Moore Family
The Purkeson Family
The Nebelseieck Johnson Family

#### **Family**

Mike Bauerlein The Irons Family The Lawrence Family The Beuhler Family Sara and John Holup The Yeager Family The Jennings Family (Moscow) Jennifer Whitney & Gabe Gibbler The Irvin Family The Schillberg Family The Holmes Family The Garrett Family The Jennings Family (Portland) Matt Kitterman The Sullivan Family The Wallins Family The Schillberg-Smith Family

### <u>Individual</u>

Joel Birch
Jim Hoar
Mark Winstein
John Pool (Lifetime)
Kris Freitag

#### Senior / Student

The Smith Family (Lifetime)
Sandy Hathaway

#### Join Today!

Benefactor \$5000 +
Sponsor \$1000—4999
Explorer \$250—999
Adventurer \$100-250
Organizational \$75
Family \$35
Individual \$25
Student / Senior \$10

## Family Trips

We will take your family or group of friends on a trip to anywhere you want to go. Last year we took a group of students from University of Idaho on a week long trip to Yellowstone National Park. And last summer we took an extended family to Crater Lake National Park. Want to get family or friends together for an experience the won't forget? Check the custom trips section of our website.

## Our Book Keeper

Hannah Thomas has been a participant on our trips for almost a year, and now her mom, Karen Thomas, has volunteered to be Adventure Learning's bookkeeper. With the hiring of more employees and our budget going up, this is no small job and we are grateful for her contribution! She is an accountant in Moscow.

## Winter and Spring 2009 Camps

We have lots of fun winter trips planned and we look forward to seeing you. The itineraries can be found on our website, or we would be glad to mail them to you, just give us a call. (208) 310-3010. One of the benefits of membership is that you receive notice of our upcoming trips a full month before the general public in order to give you the jump on sign-ups!

Smith Rock State Park, OregonFebruary28th to March 1stCost: \$100Ages: 8 years and upDifficulty Rating: 3 out of 10Grand Canyon National Park, ArizonaMarch 13th to the 22ndCost: \$495Ages: 10 years and upDifficulty Rating: 8 out of 10

Arches & Canyonlands National Park, Utah March 28th to April 5

Cost: \$370 Ages 8yrs and up Difficulty rating 5 out of 10

Eagle Creek Gorge Backpack, Oregon April 24th to the 26th

Cost: \$120 Ages 8yrs and up

Difficulty rating 4 out of 10

Wenaha Canyon Backpack, Eastern Oregon April 30th to May 1st

Cost \$80 Ages 6 years and up Difficulty rating 3 out of 10

<u>Kirkwood Ranch Backpack, Idaho May 8th to the 10th</u>

Cost: \$120 Ages 7yrs and up Difficulty rating 4 out of 10

### Wish List

We are moving into a new office and need office furniture, computers, phones, lamps, any camping gear, boots, winter stuff: hats, gloves... a digital camera, digital projector, file cabinets, binoculars, XC ski equipment, snow shoes, washing machine..

## Our New Mission Statement

Foster growth and enhance well-being of children and families through enjoyable, nature-based, active learning experiences. Adventure Learning believes that the foundation of a sustainable society requires children to learn resilience, cooperation, self-confidence, and connection between our everyday lives and the natural world.