

## CONNECTING YOUTH TO THE OUTDOORS – FEBRUARY 3, 2010

### **WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?**

- Work with other YSPs to create a continuum of outdoor experience for youth by hooking up the students from our program with other opportunities that you all offer, and doing the same for the students who start their experience through your program(s).
- Improve the evaluation tools we use for our programs and to see how collectively we can improve the programs of all YSPs to better serve our youth.
- Put youth at the center of each of our programs and at the center of our network, so the efficacy of what we do is measured from their perspective.
- Find ways to synergize with other YSPs to share resources and capabilities, getting more done with less.
- Find paying project with organizations
- To learn more about the outdoor education experiences in the area
- To connect with potential volunteers
- To connect with sources of funding
- To identify new resources – environmental education programs, teens, other potential partners – to connect with my programs
- Get out involved to keep them (us) out of trouble and help make new relations with adults and people, so they are well-rounded and know there are options and opportunities to help the community
- I am here to offer my services and knowledge anyway I could be of help.
- I want to network with others that feel as I do. (7)
- To share and encourage participation in our outdoor education program
- Looking for community partners
- Learning what is going on in other programs
- Enjoying the experience of having our kids present
- Continue connecting with other organizations, to get our info out and have the knowledge. Open people's mind to more accessible programs for those who may have disabilities.
- Desire to create continuous access to the outdoors for youth
- I hope to connect with all other programs out there in Sacramento, so maybe in the near future we can do some sort of collaboration to help one another. Dolly Vang
- I would like to learn more about all the other programs and share about ours.
- Broaden our reach through networking. Continue with plans to develop programs for youth – getting outdoors, botany & habitat education, K-5+ education. Jack Tracey
- More resources for our youth. A chance to network and learn about what's going on in the community. Chris Chu
- I would like to know more about other organizations. I would also like to promote our organization Milagros Perez
- Tonight I came to learn what other groups are doing to get youth outdoors. Hear from youth themselves what the challenges and opportunities are for them. Future sessions – Would like to have sessions that address one or two obstacles at a time to getting youth outdoors (i.e. transportation, opportunity, resource “market” – what you have (site, bus, equipment) what you need sessions. Meg Gonzalez
- To learn about the network and determine what if any value it might have to me and my organization

- To learn about opportunities for youth currently existing and how we might partner with others
- Opportunities to meet and hear what others are doing with youth and outdoors.
- I like to meet the faces to stories of the people in the network. Not the same as a computer screen (2)
- Keeping up with getting a sense of how folds are getting kids outside.
- How organizations are getting kids to visit/participate in outdoor program
- Learning about environmental clubs.
- See how others help the earth to be a better place
- To see how other organizations work with youth in similar ways that I am with my program.
- Make more opportunities for youth to get together program-to-program, youth-to-youth
- I came to talk about GEO and know more what we do for the community
- Available youth transportation, money for food and equipment – Can we partner with public schools?
- To give out words about GEO.
- Learn to be more environmentally friendly
- Find out about funding opportunities
- Meet new YSPs, meet new youth, connect with current partners and make new partnerships, promote my program, get new ideas to incorporate into my program
- Learn new strategies, funding opportunities
- Find out of box thinking
- Get inspired by all of you
- Connect with informal organizations
- To find youth who might be interested/available to participate in our activities (BSA) or use our facilities
- I am here to get the word out to all groups that project wild is marking our community better and having fund while doing it.
- I, Marquis Bradshaw, am here to show youth voice, because a lot of programs are for youth, but there are more adults than youth.
- How about an “organizational highlights” section on the agenda to present what you do to the whole crowd. Quick way to network to the whole audience.
- Collaborate and connect. (2)
- To connect with youth groups to visit our property – Sacramento Valley Conservancy. Wanting to utilize the power of “numbers” for what we are aiming for; an organization of promoting youth to the outdoors
- To learn “best practices” or working with youth that would be transferrable to my program and that I can share with others.
- To learn cool icebreakers
- To not compete with friends for grants but instead collaborate
- To hear about policy and legislation affecting education and outdoor education
- Seeking outdoor ed for my students
- Seeding ops for myself to support outdoor ed programs/volunteer
- I am here to hear from the foundation to see what does the foundation have and how I can benefit it tonight
- To hear youth panel
- See how my organization fits into the grand scheme of things, what niche can we fill

- I am here because I think I can spread the word out about our program. I think that we can improve better and to get more youth involved.
- To find information if there are funds/grants to get youth outdoors
- Resources for other like projects and activities

- I am here because I was laid off my job as a literacy worker one year ago due to draconian State budget cuts. I do LOTS of pro-bono work with at-risk youth - organic community garden, holistic nutrition education, etc. I am an eco-literacy educator. My professional background is in permaculture, sustainable agriculture, and healing arts. 10 years on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. I worked for environmental NGOs doing legislative liaison, national coalition building, grant writing, community outreach. I am FED UP with our government and do not expect the solutions to society's problems being solved by politicians or government agencies. The power of NGOs, ordinary people, and community based projects which empower rank-and-file working class folks to take back out power is the key to global and community change. Colleen Whalen