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## Outdoor Youth Connections Fall 2023 Newsletter



We were pleased to collaborate with <u>Granite Falls Boys and Girls' Club</u>, extending our <u>Outdoor Adventure Club</u> into it's third year. The after-school program offered opportunities to learn about the 10 Essentials and how to be a "safety-first"-"earth-friendly" hiker. The kids also enjoyed two field trips: one to the Granite Falls Fish Ladder and another to Lake Roesiger. Both were lots of fun, full of exploration and discovery for about 25 enthusiastic kids.

Unfortunately, the Boys and Girls Club curtailed field trips due to requirements of their Childcare License application. OYC is proud of our accomplishments with this great partner and hope we can resume the program once regulatory issues are worked out.

Giving Tuesday is November 28th!

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As you plan your end-of-year gifting, consider the unfilled need for outdoor education. While educators report noticeable physical, social, and academic improvement after only a few days of properly structured outdoor study, many either lack the finances for outdoor programs or the ability to prioritize their finances, accordingly.

We've connected hundreds of kids, schools and youth groups with outdoor programs and the resources they need to take part. Thank you in advance for considering us on this Giving Tuesday, either by donating directly or by a continuing gift though your workplace donation program.





OYC was onboard for this year's "Back to School" event, held by Granite Falls Community Coalition.

We welcomed dozens of grade schoolers at our booth, engaging them in nature art while sharing information about local outdoor programs with the adults accompanying them.

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## **Call For Volunteers**

Our small team of dedicated volunteers needs a Secretary, a Fundraising Coordinator, and an infusion of fresh ideas. Help us leverage the formative power of immersing youth in nature--THEY NEED YOU!

If interested in joining our Board or contributing in other ways, please reach out to <u>Sandra</u>.







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