

OYC awarded \$2,100 to Aki Kurose Middle School Mountain Workshops.



Aki Kurose is a Title I middle school in the Rainier Valley neighborhood of Seattle. Many youth from this school have no access to the outdoors and have never left the boundaries of the city. The goal of this program is to expose youth to the natural world, to instill a love of the outdoors in places they are familiar with, in the hope of opening new doors for the future.

The youth participated in six Mountain Workshops over the course of three months. The program began with a classroom visit where the students learned about about public lands and were introduced to map and compass. Participants then visited the Mountaineers climbing wall, state parks, and other local rock climbing areas.

The Mountain Workshops consist of “hands on” learning opportunities about Leave No Trace, respect for nature, hiking and rock climbing. At the end of the three months, the students are expected to have gained enough skills and confidence to take their friends and family on an outdoor adventure.

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