
2009 Grant Awards

Adventure, Risk, Challenge a Sponsored Project of the **University of California, Berkeley**

\$30,000 towards inspiring underserved youth to multiple natural environments, and wilderness places, envision success and become engaged empowered citizens.

Aim High for High School

\$30,000 towards the Headland Home project that teaches middle school students respect and responsibility for self, others and for our environment. Aim high is a unique program that combines experiential and self reflection to help students become stewards of their local environments.

Environmental Traveling Companions

\$30,000 towards intensive leadership opportunity for economically disadvantaged and disabled youth ages 14-18 to follow a watershed from the mountains to the sea, while incorporating whitewater rafting, sea kayaking, organic farm stay, and backpacking. ETC provides opportunities to build strong relationship with the environment and transform how students feel about themselves and rise above against the odds.

Girl Scouts of California's Central Coast

\$20,000 towards providing underserved teen girls with adult mentors and participate in adventure based leadership skill building The Artemis Leadership Training Adventure program. 100-150 girl scouts will participate in week-long activities that emphasize self development, teamwork, community involvement, environmental responsibilities, social responsibilities and academic excellence.

Mid Klamath Watershed Council

\$19,000 towards 55 underserved 15-18 year old youth to involve in watershed management and habitat restoration along the Mid Klamath Watershed. Students will gain a sense of ownership and a strong relationship to the watershed as they work on projects that enhance their community health, and culture.

Project AVARY

\$25,000 towards involving low-income teens whose parents are incarcerated. The program integrates outdoor experience into youth's life to build confidence, empathy, communicate effectively, conflict resolution, teamwork, and encourages adherence to positive social norms.

Seven Tepees Youth Program

\$30,000 towards a program that encourages youth to develop a personal, familial and community engagement through participating in wilderness trips, student-led park beautifications and recreation activities. All the high school students are mentors to younger students and are engaged in daily tutoring, mentoring, parent education, and counseling services.

Sierra Institute for Community and the Environment

\$20,000 towards establishing long-term stewardship and watershed monitoring sites for 7th through 12th grade students. Students will be integrating classroom and the field to learn sustainability, balance, restoration, monitoring, analysis of vegetation and land recovery.

Youth Community Services

\$20,000 towards students that will engage underserved youth to the Bay area wilderness and the American River. Students learn land and water ecosystem conservation, teamwork through whitewater rafting and gain self-efficacy and confidence from the challenges they will face.