

Dear Sandra and Outdoor Youth Connections:

Thank you again for making a \$3,000 scholarship gift for [Youth Leadership Adventures](#) in memory of your mother. We're thrilled to award scholarship assistance to students in need and we have some information about your students at the end of this letter.

We have currently enrolled 81 students into the program after receiving 229 applications and presenting to over 3,475 students this winter and spring. This year both our *Outdoor Leadership* and *Science & Sustainability* courses are 8 days long.

Three amazing young women, [Flor](#), [Lucia](#), and Mara, have joined us as apprentices this summer and they are already proving to be rock stars. They are excited about connecting others to the North Cascades and they will each be developing leadership skills this summer while they co-lead three field courses and pursue topics of interest to share with our participants.

We just finished our staff training this week, which included a four-day reconnaissance trip on Ross Lake where our staff, graduate students and apprentices have been mastering everything from program logistics and risk management to curriculum. We are especially excited to have a new food packing system in the Salal classroom foyer at the Environmental Learning Center so course leaders can pack their food and select their menus before their trips. This will significantly streamline the food packing process for staff while allowing them to tailor their food more specifically to the students on their trip.

Finally, our first *Outdoor Leadership* courses launch June 28. Three courses, each with 9 students, 1 apprentice, and 2 instructors, will be heading out to Ross and Diablo Lakes to canoe, backpack, camp and complete restoration projects. Thank you again for all of your support of North Cascades Institute and of Youth Leadership Adventures in particular. Please let us know if you have any questions. We couldn't do this without you!

Warm regards,

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