

Hi Sandra & OYC board,

We just finished up a camp with our partner Columbia Gorge Peace Village. There was a lot of outdoor time with a focus on developing leaders for Peace Village's summer camp! Many of the teens at this camp will be junior counselors at Peace Village's camp in August. This was a 3 day, two night camp with camp gear loaned from Peace Village supporters. We really had an amazing experience with these kids but instead of me telling you about it I thought I'd just include several quotes from the teen's feedback forms as well two of our favorite photos from the service project.

**Name the things you liked about the camp experience:**

- The solo moments in nature.
- I enjoyed the group "togetherness", I also like all of the activities and of course s'mores! I also loved the nature walks/adventure.
- I loved to go to the river and to the sky temple. I enjoyed singing and dancing with new people, playing fun games in the forest and loving 20 minutes alone with nature.
- Playing drums, group games, and learning to be alone with nature, trees, plants, sun with no phones or electricity.

**Do you feel the was a valuable experience? If so, what did you find of value?**

- Yes, the hard work [service project] and meaningful moments we experienced as a community.
- Yes, I enjoyed being away from the technological contemporary world we live in.
- Yes, I value the people I was with and the time to be one-on-one with nature. I also enjoy working on the land!



This is the pile of scotchbroom that is not longer growing on the land! If you look closely you'll see a pair of clippers being held up behind the pile. It's hard to tell in the photos but it was a big pile!



Thanks again for your support!

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