

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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