



## Summer 2017

Welcome to our quarterly newsletter! Outdoor Youth Connections has been busy this year. We have added new board members and partnered with other organizations to help the youth of our community experience nature. Read more about our activity below. Follow us on Facebook for outdoor adventure ideas. Have a safe and adventurous summer!

### Summer Fun for the Whole Family

Summer Beach Days  
 WSU Snohomish County  
 Beach Watchers

Jetty Island Programs  
 Port of Everett

Hike of the Week  
 Snohomish County

WA State Parks Free Entrance  
 8/25: National Park Service  
 101st Birthday  
 9/30: National Public Lands  
 Day  
 11/11-12: Veterans  
 Day Weekend

Every Kid in a Park  
 4th Graders, and their  
 families, get free access to  
 hundreds of parks, lands, and  
 waters for an entire year

### YMCA CASINO ROAD SCHOLARS PROGRAM



### Board Members

Sandra Ingalls, Chair  
 Dennis Miller, Director  
 Marina T Ball, Treasurer  
 Jill Thornton, Secretary  
 David Kidd, Director

OYC Director Dennis Miller organized an afternoon of adventure for the YMCA Casino Road Scholars Program. Volunteers guided 15 youth on GPS treasure hunts for MRE's which they cooked and ate. They also pitched tents and learned about the 10 essentials. A special thanks to the Everett Mountaineers who volunteered their time.

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## HELPING AT-RISK YOUTH EXPLORE NATURE

OYC recently created a Shoreline Exploration program in collaboration with the Snohomish County Juvenile Court's Snohomish Teen Evening Program (STEP). Youth ages 12 to 18 who have entered into a Diversion Agreement with the court will spend time on the beach with a trained Beach Naturalist. The STEP program's objective is to provide participants with opportunities to increase pro-social connection to the community and learn about the diversity of cultures that make up Snohomish County as well as increasing pro-social skills. During Shoreline Exploration youth will learn about beach etiquette, shoreline habitats and geography, what the shoreline means to our Salish Sea culture(s), and careers related to our shores. OYC is currently recruiting knowledgeable volunteers interested in spending time on the beach with the STEP youth one or two evenings a

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## Our Mission

OYC's mission is to connect youth with outdoor adventures. We provide financial support for activities that encourage love and respect for nature, leadership, and community involvement.

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## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Outdoor Youth Connections would like to express their gratitude to two volunteers who have each spent many hours dedicated to supporting Outdoor Youth Connections and our mission to get kids outside.

**Celeste Jean**, Creative Director at 2C Creative's, came to us looking to help improve many aspects of our brand. She has worked to create advertising, logo editing, and creations for our newsletters. She has provided us with insightful feedback that has helped us identify priorities. We are very grateful that Celeste has stepped in to guide us with her creative insight!

**Ron Riter**, retired engineer of Boeing and Snohomish County Children's Commissioner, has been supporting Outdoor Youth Connections for ten years! Ron has recently brought our partnership with the Y Casino Road Community Center into its second year, working with staff and volunteers to create days where kids can join together and learn about healthy outdoor activities.

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