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### Fall Quarterly Newsletter

#### Give the gift of the outdoors

Seasons' greetings Outdoor Outreach supporters! We're excited to announce that this year your support has helped us provide **300 outings to over 950 individual youth in San Diego County**. Our impact, however, is about much more than numbers; it's about building confidence and self-esteem, as well as developing positive relationships all through the outdoors.



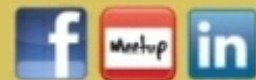
This holiday season, we're asking for your continued support to share the gift of the outdoors. Send your gift by mail to **5275 Market St. Suite 21, San Diego, CA 92114** or go online at [OutdoorOutreach.org](http://OutdoorOutreach.org) to give the gift of possibility and connection.

Your support has a huge impact!

#### 3rd annual Reach the Peak reaches new heights!

The 3rd annual Reach the Peak Trail Challenge and Mountain Festival benefiting **Outdoor Outreach** successfully raised **\$47,229!** This year's event welcomed over 200 race participants as well as 600 Mountain Festival attendees who enjoyed the sounds of The Big Decisions and a delicious catered lunch from Islands Restaurants.

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**OO highlighted in San Diego County Employees' Charitable Organization's campaign video**



**Thank you to our supporters who gave \$500+ between 10/1 - 12/15**

Alan Wiessner



[Smiles all around at Reach the Peak]

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Reach the Peak a success, including our outstanding volunteers and event sponsors. Make sure to check out all the action shots that our photographers took at the event [here](#).

### **Donor Highlight: Las Patronas and The County of San Diego**

We're happy to announce that with generous grants from [Las Patronas Foundation](#) and [The County of San Diego Neighborhood Reinvestment Program](#), Outdoor Outreach recently purchased a new passenger van! With a new van, Outdoor Outreach will transport youth on more trips and make lasting memories for years to come. Here is a photo of OO's new ride.



### **Our impact**

Outdoor Outreach has partnered with The Monarch School to provide a series of outdoor recreation experiences including hiking, rock climbing and mountain biking to high school aged youth impacted by homelessness. Take a moment to learn a little more about how Outdoor Outreach has impacted Abigail.



[Click image above to view video highlights of Abigail learning to ride a bike.](#)

### **OO Adventure Club awarded Outdoor Nation grant**

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In a generation centered around technology, youth often are not exposed to the great outdoors, however, this October, eleven Adventure Club participants and alumni attended the Outdoor Nation Summit at UCLA to collaborate with other outdoor enthusiasts. This is the 4th year that Outdoor Outreach has attend the Outdoor Nation Summit and we're proud to announce that **our participants were awarded a \$1,500 grant to fund the Community College Adventure Club!**



"Attending Outdoor Nation gave us a chance to continue our Community College Adventure Club. Most of us in the club are Adventure Club veterans from high school, and we all want to see our peers continue to be exposed to the outdoors. With the \$1,500 from Outdoor Nation, we will work to fulfilling Outdoor Nation's goal of having college students and minorities exposed to the outdoors."

-Niron L. Adventure Club participant

## Adventure Club youth help clean up and restore Tijuana River

This Fall, the Adventure Club Program partnered with [WILD COAST](#) for three lessons on conservation at the [Tijuana Estuary](#). Over 36 Adventure Club Students chose to spend their Saturday serving the community by participating in a river clean up as part of the Tijuana River Action Month. The students voiced being profoundly impacted by the sheer amount of trash that they collected. Students worked alongside other volunteers to remove enough trash to fill an entire **40-yard dumpster** and a small mountain of tires.



After working all morning, the students enjoyed the beach at [Border Field State Park](#) and the festival. At the festival, one of Outdoor Outreach's Adventure Club students, Liam, won one of the grand raffle prizes-- a brand new surf board!



## [ZOIC Clothing](#)

### Fall Festivities and Highlights!



OO Volunteer Coordinator, KJ, and El Cajon youth climbing at Dixon Lake.



Joe, OO Director of Operations, showing JCCS participant the "ropes" at Mesa Rim.



Mountain biking with Monarch at Mission Gorge.



Mario, OO Leadership youth, climbing at Mesa Rim with Chaparral.

Click [here](#) for more pictures!

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