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## Summer Newsletter

### Puzzle Pursuit: Gold Rush

The 7th Annual Puzzle Pursuit benefiting Outdoor Outreach will be on Saturday, September 19th in Old Town. Join OO for this amazing race style event, and spend a great day solving puzzles and exploring Old Town!



This year's event will bring you to the bustling mining town of Buckeye Hill, where thieving and swindling are as common as finding gold and drinking whiskey. Go in search of the mother lode, but keep an eye out for claim jumpers who want nothing more than to steal your gold, and leave you with nothing!

For more information about the event, and to purchase

Find us online!



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## Program Highlight: Welcome to Our New LEADs



Outdoor Outreach is excited to announce that we welcomed 7 new LEADs into our Leadership Program last month. As LEADs, these youth will train to become paid outdoor instructors, and provide other youth with opportunities to connect to the outdoors. They will learn to use their personal experiences in the outdoors to encourage decision-makers to take action to open the outdoors for all Californians.



Thanks to a grant from [the San Diego Women's Foundation](#), this cohort of Leadership participants will have the resources they need to be successful in the program.

We are extremely proud of the work our new LEADs are accomplishing, and are looking forward to seeing the positive impact they will continue to have as outdoor leaders.

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## Donor Spotlight: Ashford University

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## Thank you to the San Diego Lions Club



Outdoor Outreach's partnership with The Monarch School is made possible in part by the support of the [San Diego Lions Welfare Foundation](#).

The grant from The San Diego Downtown Lions Club supports an intensive summer program that will provide youth from [The Monarch School](#) with opportunities to surf, stand-up paddle, kayak, and more!

The Monarch School is a long-time OO partner that serves homeless youth in San Diego.

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[Spring Adventures and Highlights](#)



[Ashford University](#) is a continued supporter of the [Lincoln High School](#) Adventure Club. Their support provides youth from Lincoln High School with the opportunity to attend over 30 outdoor outings a year. For many youth, these outings represent their first chance to surf, hike, mountain bike, and so much more.

Thank you Ashford University for your ongoing support of the Lincoln Adventure Club!



### **[Adventure Club Backpacking Trip to the Sierras](#)**



The Adventure Clubs had swim lessons in April to get ready for a summer of surfing, snorkeling, and SUPing.



Chapparral HS went to [Joshua Tree National Park](#) for a rock climbing and camping trip!



We had a blast at our Thanks to You BBQ in June!

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### **[Donate Your Old iPhone 4 or 5](#)**

Outdoor Outreach is looking for iPhone 4 and iPhone 5 donations!

[Optrix](#) recently donated iPhone cases to protect phones while out on OO trips! Your old iPhone 4 or iPhone 5 would give youth the opportunity to take photos and videos during our trips.

If you have an old iPhone 4 or iPhone 5 that you would like to donate, please email [info@outdooroutreach.org](mailto:info@outdooroutreach.org).

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Our Adventure Club youth recently had the chance to experience a life-changing backpacking trip in the Eastern Sierras. For all 9 of the youth who attended, this was their first time backpacking!

The Adventure Club students challenged themselves to cover 25 miles in 5 days, hiking 8 miles on the longest day. Although the trip encouraged participants to test their abilities and get out of their comfort zone, everyone had a blast! Trip highlights included catching and cooking trout from the mountain lakes, experiencing the beauty of the Eastern Sierras' sunsets, and camping out under the stars.

To see more photos from our backpacking trip, [click here](#).

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### **OO Partners with El Cajon Valley's Pride Program**



In July, Outdoor Outreach partnered with [El Cajon Valley High](#)

[School's](#) PRIDE Program to provide Iraqi refugee students with a day of stand-up paddle (SUP) and kayaking to help them learn more about their new home in San Diego.

Over 50 students participated in this fun day that also included an environmental stewardship project in Tidelands Park in Coronado coordinated by the [San Diego Coastkeeper](#). This was the second year that Outdoor Outreach provided outdoor programming for PRIDE participants. This day offers many of the refugee youth the opportunity to experience outdoor recreation for the first time since moving to San Diego.



Check out the event coverage from San Diego's local media:

[CBS8](#) - Local refugee kids treated to day of fun on the bay

[KPBS](#) - Refugee Students Experience Coronado Beach In Outreach Event

[KUSI](#) - Iraqi refugee students learn to stand tall in San Diego

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