



## Quarterly Newsletter

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### OUR 2015 IMPACT

2015 was a remarkable year for Outdoor Outreach. We served more youth and ran more trips than ever before, providing 1,244 youth with 331 outdoor recreation outings and an additional 63 team-building, advocacy, and instructional programs.

However, the true impact of our programs is rooted in the individual lives that are positively impacted by experiencing the outdoors with supportive peers and mentors.

At the end of the year, we asked our Adventure Club participants to share their favorite memory from the past year's trips. One student's response, in particular, stuck out to us:

"My favorite memory was learning to ride a bike. At first, I was scared to admit I had never been on a bike before, but when I did everyone helped and encouraged me. Now, I know how to ride a bike and it makes me really proud to know I accomplished this!" - Refrain Joseph, Crawford High School Adventure Club

For teens growing up with significant challenges, the discovery of a new skill - like riding a bike - can open their eyes to a whole new world of possibility. The impact of Outdoor Outreach is in our ability to give teens the tools to dream big and take on life's obstacles. To see the impact Outdoor Outreach made in 2015, we invite you to view the photo gallery below. We are grateful for your continued support, without which we wouldn't be able to provide these life-changing experiences for San Diego teens.

## PHOTO GALLERY

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### The Entrapment - Will You Escape?

From the creator of Puzzle Pursuit, The Entrapment is a new and unforgettable experience coming soon to San Diego!

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### Attend San Diego Winter Brew Fest

The San Diego Winter Brew Fest is back, and Outdoor Outreach is excited to once again have been selected as the beneficiary of this can't-miss event!

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### Support Miguel's Recovery

Miguel is a promising 18-year old from San Diego, who joined Outdoor Outreach's Leadership Program in May 2015. Through the Leadership Program...

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### Donor Spotlight: S. Mark Taper Foundation

Outdoor Outreach is honored to have been awarded a grant of \$30,000 from the S. Mark Taper Foundation to support the organization's four core youth development programs.

### Donate Your Car to Kars-R-Us

Outdoor Outreach partners with Kars-R-Us! Donating your car to Kars-R-Us is tax-deductible and directly benefits Outdoor Outreach programs. For more information or to donate your car, call 888-325-4155.



## Port of San Diego Helps San Diego Play, Learn, Serve, and Share Outdoors!

In 2015, the Port of San Diego partnered with Outdoor Outreach to introduce youth from underserved communities to San Diego waterways through outdoor recreation, education and environmental stewardship activities.

Throughout the year, Outdoor Outreach led stand up paddle boarding and kayaking trips at Tidelands Park for youth from around San Diego County. In addition to outdoor recreation, participants also learned the importance of protecting the places where they play, completing a number of environmental stewardship projects.

Notably, Outdoor Outreach partnered with El Cajon Valley High School's Pride program in July to provide Iraqi refugee students with a day of stand-up paddle and kayak at Tidelands Park; for many, their first experience in the outdoors since coming to San Diego. Through the Port of San Diego's generous support, Outdoor Outreach was able to help more than 50 Pride students overcome traditional barriers to outdoor recreation activities -- such as lack of financial resources, transportation, equipment, and gender barriers for females -- as well as complete their graduation requirement for geography. Outdoor Outreach also partnered with nonprofit San Diego Coastkeeper to provide an experiential environmental stewardship project in Tidelands Park as part of the day-long program.

Last year, Outdoor Outreach also partnered with The Monarch School -- a school serving youth impacted by homelessness -- to kick off the 2015 - 2016 school year with a trip to Tidelands Park, giving 60 students a chance recreation in the bay -- many for the first time.

We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with the Port of San Diego to connect event more San Diego teens to the wonders of San Diego Bay.



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