IMPACT STATEMENT 2022
Letter from the Directors

Dear Friends,

The greatest joy that we experience from directing Wilderness Adventures is when we see our participants growing because of their adventure with us. The growth might be life changing or it may be more subtle, but no matter how big or small, we are always moved by the impact that these experiences can have.

This year has been a momentous one for us at Wilderness Adventures, as we celebrated our 50th season of providing these extraordinary experiences. To commemorate the occasion, we gathered with alumni and friends of WA, and we announced the creation of the Wilderness Adventures Foundation. This Foundation allows friends like you to assist us in lowering the financial barriers that might impede a child from having a transformative experience with Wilderness Adventures.

When we dreamt of this Foundation, and all the good it could do, we also had a goal of actively sharing with our donors the impact of their generosity. Consequently, we are pleased to present you with the Wilderness Adventures Foundation first annual Impact Statement.

In reviewing it, we hope you feel a similar joy knowing that your financial contributions have positively impacted the life of a Wilderness Adventures participant.

With gratitude,

Tom and Catherine Holland

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A Note from a Student

I wanted to say thank you for choosing me for such a special experience. Words can not explain how extremely blessed I felt to have participated in the WA trip of my choice, Hawaii. I appreciate your help and compassion. In the three weeks I was away, I was able to learn new things about myself, try things I’d never done before, make new and forever friends, and create special memories I’ll have forever. It’s all thanks to you. I’d do it all over again in a heartbeat. I hope that you continue to give students at Maplewood Richmond Heights this amazing opportunity.

Thank you again for one of the best summers of my life,

Jordynn, Maplewood Richmond Heights
2022 Hawaiian Islands Student, age 16

OUR MISSION: Do Something Wild - Inspire Growth and Wonder
Our Work: Highlights from 2022

16 Students Participated in WA Adventure Travel Programs
- $60,235 gifted
- Average gift covered 75.4% of tuition costs
- 2 partner organizations

42 Campers Participated in WA's Day Camp
- $6,750 gifted

1 Full Scholarship Gap Semester Student
- $15,750 gifted
A Note from a Parent

I cannot tell you how thankful I am for the experience that you gave my son over the summer. He grew SO much in so many ways that I was honestly not expecting. His confidence grew, his relationship skills grew, his willingness to try new things grew. I really don't know how to express what a positive change you made for my little boy.

My son receiving the "Bruce the Blue Goose" feather was, I believe, one of the most important things that has ever happened to him. He told me that it was "the best day of his life". He prized that feather in a way that I've never seen him cherish anything, and we even put it in a frame in his bedroom!

I could truly go on and on about our positive experience, just from the 4 weeks we had with you. You truly gave my son the summer that I wish I could give him if his Dad and I weren’t working. I truly can’t thank you enough. I’m going to end this now because I’m crying thinking about the amazing summer we had, thanks to WA.

With all the sincerity,

Susan
2022 Base Camp Parent, son age 6
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