

## Member Needs

[www.KidsOutside.org](http://www.KidsOutside.org)

4/1/16: Additional needs updates are on hold during evaluation/development of a KOA software tool (“Nibble”) that will make it dramatically easier to be informed about member needs and to take action.

Visit the KOA web site and sign up for our infrequent newsletter to be informed when our new Nibble software tool is ready.

### **Please support these 501(c)(3) nonprofits that connect Seattle-area youth with nature!**

Below are some bite-sized needs that were submitted by KOA members (listed alphabetically).

Scroll down to find one or more needs to support...

...and please forward this document to a friend who you think might want to be supportive!

### **Contact organizations directly to support their needs.**

#### **Bike Works** | [www.bikeworks.org](http://www.bikeworks.org) | [director@bikeworks.org](mailto:director@bikeworks.org)

**Help Us Get the Word Out:** Bike Works has programs for youth ages 9 and up. We provide all necessary equipment as well as bicycles, and all program fees are on a sliding scale. We are particularly looking to reach out to immigrant and refugee communities in Southeast Seattle and surrounding neighborhoods.

**Donate To Our Bike Fund:** Help us add some new bicycles to our touring fleet this year so no child gets turned away. We are working to raise \$5,000 toward the purchase of bikes that will be used in everything from weekly rides around town to our week-long nature-based summer camps.

**Bring Us Used Bikes:** We gratefully accept any donations of used bicycles and parts. These are refurbished in our classes and by youth and adult volunteers, and then either donated to individuals in need or sold in our bike shop, the proceeds going to support Bike Works' programs. A little bit of Bike Works' magic and some elbow grease will turn your old bike into outdoor fun!

#### **Cascade Bicycle Club Foundation** | [www.cbcef.org](http://www.cbcef.org) | [info@cascade.org](mailto:info@cascade.org)

**Donate To Our Bike Fund:** We need to raise money this year to expand and update our ailing bike fleet. \$5,000 would replace 25 bikes. Anything helps!

**Find us a Youth Education Director:** We need to hire a youth education coordinator; we just lost our excellent current one.



**Introduce Teachers To Our Programs:** We need to be in all Seattle public schools (we are well on our way) and expand to other schools regionally. We specifically want **contacts** in public school districts on Eastside and south of Seattle.

**Environmental Science Center** | [www.envsciencecenter.org](http://www.envsciencecenter.org) | [tara@envsciencecenter.org](mailto:tara@envsciencecenter.org)

**Volunteer With Our Board Or A Program Committee:** ESC relies on the strength of its volunteer core. We are seeking individuals passionate about environmental education to join our Board of Directors and/or our Program Committee.

**Share Your Marketing Skills:** ESC delivers free public programs at its learning center in Seahurst Park, Burien. We need a marketing consultant to help us develop a marketing plan or bilingual individuals to connect us to diverse groups/organizations.

**Help Us Buy Beach Transect Equipment:** ESC will be developing a citizen scientist project to monitor beach changes at the newly restored Seahurst Park, Burien. We need \$2,000 for equipment including GPS devices, GIS software, range poles, and markers.

**Forterra** | [www.forterra.org](http://www.forterra.org) | [info@forterra.org](mailto:info@forterra.org)

**Help Us Connect With Youth:** Do you know a teacher who likes to take kids outside or a family who likes to explore? Let them know about our preserves and restoration events. Chances are there is an opportunity near them to connect youth with nature.

**Pay for 1 Group Bus Ride:** Often times, when we connect with teachers who are interested in bringing a group of students to a preserve or park, bus funding is the limiting factor. \$150 will pay for 1 round-trip bus ride for a group of students.

**Become Our Advisor:** Forterra is seeking volunteers to become members of our Regional Leadership Councils. One focus area in which we could use an active advisor is in the area of youth engagement to help us initiate a more robust program.

**Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust** | [www.mtsgreenway.org](http://www.mtsgreenway.org) | [info@mtsgreenway.org](mailto:info@mtsgreenway.org)

**Help Make the Mountains to Sound Greenway A National Heritage Area:** Legislation to designate the Greenway as a National Heritage Area made it much further than most land bills do in their first session last year and is well positioned for the new Congress. Sign our petition, submit a letter, or contact your elected official to voice your support.

**Join The Trek July 11<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2015:** Help us celebrate our 25th anniversary by joining us as we hike and bike across the full length of the Mountains to Sound Greenway, from Ellensburg to Seattle.

**Volunteer With Us:** "Many hands make light work." Each year, thousands of volunteers come together to restore natural areas and improve trails in order to keep the Mountains to Sound Greenway healthy and beautiful. With so much work to be done, we'd love to have your help.

**Nature Vision** | [www.naturevision.org](http://www.naturevision.org) | [info@naturevision.org](mailto:info@naturevision.org)

**Help Us With Our Branding:** NV needs our organization to be more visible. We are a team of forward-thinking educators, but our small income has made it difficult to show who we really are and what sets us apart from other organizations via our website.

**Join Our Board:** NV is seeking to round out our small board with varied levels of expertise in fundraising, marketing, sustaining staff, and much more.

**Help Us Find Funders For Low-income-School Programs:** NV serves as many low-income students as possible through contracts, but there are still areas we can only cover through grants. We seek funders who would like to help support this effort long term.

**North Cascades Institute** | [www.ncascades.org/signup/youth/YLA](http://www.ncascades.org/signup/youth/YLA) | [nci@ncascades.org](mailto:nci@ncascades.org)

**Help Us Reduce Attrition:** Students often don't apply, or drop out at the last minute due to family concerns or cultural or language barriers. Can you help us improve our outreach materials to bridge these gaps and reach every deserving student?

**Advise Us On Leadership Diversification:** Students connect best with the outdoors when they are mentored by someone who they identify with. We need your help in developing a more effective recruitment strategy to hire more diverse instructors.

**Help Us Broaden Our Student Recruitment Network:** Do you work at a high school? Do you know students who have never had an amazing outdoor experience? Share our programs with your network—be the one to connect great students with our life-changing summer courses.

**Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center** | [www.oxbow.org](http://www.oxbow.org) | [education@oxbow.org](mailto:education@oxbow.org)

**Help get kids to the farm:** To make Oxbow's farm education accessible to ALL children, we want to offer transportation to schools unable provide it for themselves. Donations of at least \$50 will help us reach our total goal of \$2,500.

**Join Our Staff To Improve Our Marketing (50% time):** At an exchange visit to IslandWood we realized that outdoor educators could amplify our collective impact by coordinating our offerings and key conservation messages to kids. We seek a 50%-time position to spearhead this collaborative effort.

**Find Us An Education Consultant:** Oxbow has been collaborating with Riverview School District to develop an outdoor-based education package where teachers can fulfill core curricular requirements. We seek technical assistance from an education consultant.

**Rite of Passage Journeys** | [www.riteofpassagejourneys.org](http://www.riteofpassagejourneys.org) | [info@riteofpassagejourneys.org](mailto:info@riteofpassagejourneys.org)

**Spread The Word:** We need awareness among targeted groups including teachers, parents, youth organizations and community partnerships

**Donate For Yurt Replacement:** We need cash funds of \$5,000 to support a one-time replacement of our community yurt. Anything helps!

**Volunteer With Us:** Recruiting volunteers to promote mentorship within a cross generational community.

**Seattle ICO** | [www.seattleico.org](http://www.seattleico.org) | [seattleico@yahoo.com](mailto:seattleico@yahoo.com)

**Volunteer Your Marketing/PR Skills:** We need to increase ICO's visibility in the Seattle community. We are an "easy sell" but often lack the time and/or expertise to sell ourselves. Are you game? Or, please share this with someone who might be. Contact us for details.

**Volunteer For These Key Roles:** We need a records keeper, grant writing coordinator and gear locker coordinator. Are you game? Or, please share this with someone who might be. Contact us for details.

**Donate \$50 For New Gear:** We need funds for new gear in categories such as rain suits, hiking boots, and snow boots within certain size ranges. Please consider donating \$50 or more.

**Sound Experience** | [www.soundexp.org](http://www.soundexp.org) | [mail@soundexp.org](mailto:mail@soundexp.org)

**Get The Word Out To Teachers:** Share with teachers/formal educators how Adventuress' on-the-water programs enhance classroom learning: Are your students fully engaged? Bring them aboard the 133' historic schooner Adventuress where they will raise the sails, take the helm and learn how what they do every day matters to the future of Puget Sound.

**Donate A \$29 Scholarship:** Leave no child on shore! Your donation of just \$29 will ensure that one child/teen will climb aboard Adventuress for a day of learning – about themselves, each other, and our precious marine environment.

**Volunteer As An Ambassador:** Could you be a great Ambassador? Adventuress visits a dozen ports each year throughout Puget Sound. It's great fun to build community in each Port we visit, including Seattle, Tacoma, Everett, Bainbridge Island, Bellingham, Anacortes, Port Townsend, Olympia and Gig Harbor, among others. Do you have a network of friends, businesses, and other folks you think would like to support our work through outreach and advance work in each community Adventuress visits? Be a Port Ambassador for Adventuress and the mission of Sound Experience to educate, inspire and empower all to care for Puget Sound.

**Terra Forma Education** | [www.terra-forma.org](http://www.terra-forma.org) | [caveman@terra-forma.us](mailto:caveman@terra-forma.us)

**Donate \$50 To Help Fix Our Bus:** Our biodiesel bus engine has given up the ghost and we want to replace the engine rather than scrap the bus. Every \$50 you donate will pay for one child's bus expenses for a week of camp this summer!

**Volunteer Your Specialized Skill:** A little help would go a long way if you are a professional looking to help underserved youth get outdoors. We could use support for redesigning our website, bookkeeping, expanding our Board of Directors, and even helping to fix our bus engine.

**Introduce Youth To Our Programs:** We have great outdoor programs for youth as well as available scholarships, but we need more underserved youth to hear about us. Tell your networks of youth groups, homeschoolers, tweeners looking for year-round adventure, and others about us!

**The Mountaineers** | [www.mountaineers.org](http://www.mountaineers.org) | [kristinac@mountaineers.org](mailto:kristinac@mountaineers.org)

**Volunteer:** Do you enjoy outdoor activities and teaching new skills to youth? Come volunteer with The Mountaineers!

**Donate Scholarship Funds:** Often when we connect with groups who are interested in bringing their youth groups to participate in our programs but funding for transportation, equipment or course fees is a limiting factor. Your scholarship donation ensures that more groups can participate in our outdoor programs regardless of ability to pay.

**Introduce New Youth Groups to The Mountaineers:** Do you know a teacher, mentor or chaperone who takes groups of kids outside? Let them know about The Mountaineers Mountain Workshop program.

**Washington Trails Association** | [www.wta.org/volunteer/youth](http://www.wta.org/volunteer/youth) | [info@wta.org](mailto:info@wta.org)

**Spread The Word To Kids:** Are you a school counselor, teacher or youth group leader who works with young people? Tell the kids you work with about volunteer opportunities at WTA and spark a lifetime of outdoor exploration.

**Connect Us With Young Women Volunteers:** Do you know an organization that serves young women? Empower the next generation of female outdoor leaders. Tell the organization's leaders about youth volunteer opportunities at WTA.

**Donate To Support Creative Adventures:** Your donation of at least \$50 toward our \$5,000 goal will enable WTA and ReelGrrls to partner and offer media training for teens on the all-girls youth vacation at Mt. Rainier. The girls will document experiences throughout the week and share their stories via media.

**Wilderness Awareness School** | [wildernessawareness.org/about](http://wildernessawareness.org/about) | [wasnet@wildernessawareness.org](mailto:wasnet@wildernessawareness.org)

**Volunteer As A Summer Camp Instructor:** We hire lead instructors to run summer camp groups, 1 for every 11 kids. To lower this ratio to 1 to 6, we need 122 qualified volunteers every summer. Team teaching provides safety and variety. Volunteers learn to be Coyote Mentors.

**Donate To Our Scholarship Fund:** Please contribute one or more of the following: \$345 for a week of summer camp. \$200 for one tent for an overnight camper. \$500 for a bus for a contract school field trip.

**Introduce Parents To Us:** We earnestly advocate for children's health and stewardship. We want to enable every child everywhere to experience kinship with wild nature. We want allies in creating effective, sustainable, and scalable models for doing so.