



PURPOSE North Cascades Institute’s Youth Leadership Adventures builds the next generation of conservation leaders by providing a suite of transformational learning experiences for youth who lack access to similar opportunities. The goal is to provide a gateway for youth to jumpstart their lifelong engagement with nature, stewardship and community and to provide an opportunity for personal, academic, and professional growth. The program uses a tiered tuition structure with scholarships available.

 <p>Empower youth to make a difference through civic action, stewardship, sustainable behaviors and workforce opportunities</p>		 <p>Develop effective leadership, communication and public speaking skills</p>
 <p>Connect underserved youth to nature, wilderness and public lands</p>		 <p>Provide firsthand knowledge about ecology, field science and climate change</p>

FORMAT Youth Leadership Adventures backcountry courses take place in North Cascades National Park and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Transportation to the program site, gear, and food is provided. **Key program components in 2013 included:**

8-day OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP & STEWARDSHIP COURSES FOR 14-16 YR OLDS	15-day SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY COURSES FOR 16-18 YR OLDS	31-day LEADERSHIP CORPS COURSE FOR 18-22 YR OLDS	2-day YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE for all ALUMNI	1-day FALL REUNION IN SEATTLE for all ALUMNI
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2013 AT A GLANCE

\$495-\$1,845 Listed tuition

117

applications
received

78

students
participated
in courses

100

youth and
families
attended
the reunion

60

students
attended
the Youth
Leadership
Conference

96%

of students
received
financial
assistance

73%

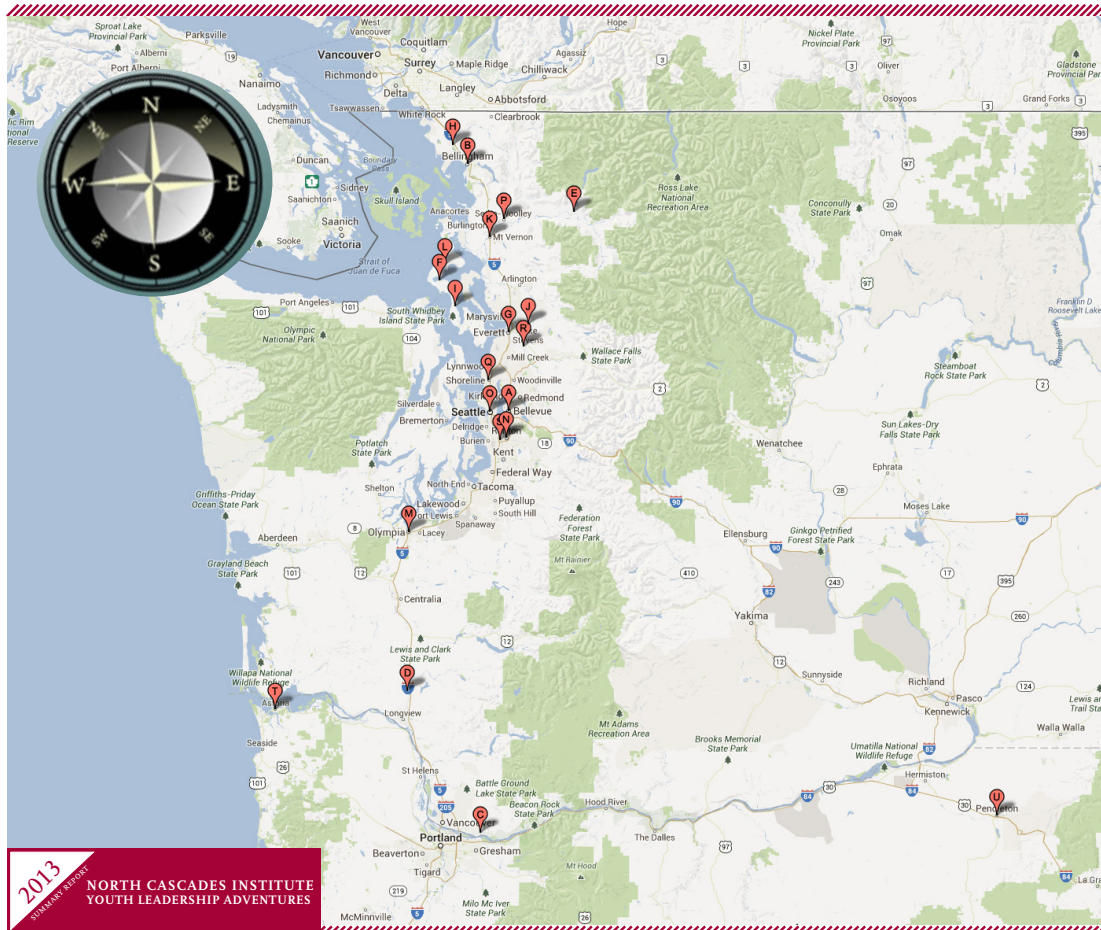
of students
qualified as
underserved

14-19

age range of
participants



PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES



Anacortes
Bellevue
Bellingham
Camas
Castle Rock
Concrete
Coupeville
Everett
Ferndale
Greenbank
Lake Stevens
Mount Vernon
Oak Harbor
Olympia
Renton
Seattle
Sedro-Woolley
Shoreline
Snohomish
Tukwila
Astoria, OR
Pendleton, OR

2013
SUMMER REUNION
NORTH CASCADES INSTITUTE
YOUTH LEADERSHIP ADVENTURES

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

78 students contributed 2,688 service hours benefiting ecosystems in North Cascades National Park and Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest. Service work completed included the following:



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5 fire rings installed

8 tent pads constructed or expanded

600 sq feet of illegal tent pad space decommissioned

650 feet of social trails decommissioned

12 miles of trail brushed and maintained

11 signs installed

430 feet of new trail constructed

3 pounds of invasive reed canarygrass removed

15 pounds of invasive rush skeletonweed removed

33 drainage ditches cleaned and maintained

1 water bar and **1** check step constructed

8 food storage boxes installed at Baker Lake

EVALUATION



91% of participants reported being very or extremely interested in pursuing other opportunities to protect or restore the environment, either by volunteering or as a career.

FROM THE STUDENTS



"I want to thank you for your support of programs like this, because they are so vital, not only to the growth of young people individually, but also to the future of national parks and natural areas."

– Leadership Corps participant



"Over the course of fifteen days, I became more open and willing, worked on my sense of place and connection to nature, and transformed into a more positive, passionate, and appreciative person"

– Science and Sustainability participant



"I am so grateful to have had this opportunity! It has re-sparked my interest for science, and I feel more of a call to go into some field in botany....I have learned that I am a part of nature and not just a visitor."

– Leadership Corps participant



"I have learned so much while on this trip....how to canoe, pack a backpack efficiently, different types of forest fires (crown and ground), watersheds, climate change, and many other things...."

– Outdoor Leadership and Stewardship participant

2013 PARTNERS

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