



SUCCESS STORY

NO CHILD LEFT INSIDE

Outdoors for All recently received a grant from the Washington State Parks and Recreation No Child Left Inside program. As a result, we're helping to get hundreds of children with and without disabilities – along with their family members – to get into Washington's parks and exercise their abilities outdoors while river rafting, snowshoeing, hiking, kayaking and most recently, cycling.

Here's just one example of how a No Child Left Inside funded Custom Event held at Wenatchee Confluence State Park resulted in an awesome experience for participant Hailey Addington and her family:

"I just wanted to say Thank You for coming to Wenatchee with the bikes. I can now order my daughter (Hailey)'s new bike! I was having trouble ordering one out of the catalog without trying one to see if it was the right size. You guys are great!! I am also interested in finding out if I can help to get an Outdoors for All group started here. Please let me know what we have to do to get your services over here. Thanks again..." - Sharon Addington, Wenatchee, WA



Afterwards, we had a chance to catch up with Hailey's mom, Sharon and learned that they were hoping to get a cycle for Hailey to use for therapy at her new school. Sharon added "Now I can buy her a bike which she can use at school and at home during the summer!"

In this 30th anniversary year of delivering our mission, we recognize that there many ways that we enrich the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities, such as...

- * Multi-week ski lessons at The Summit, Crystal Mountain and Stevens Pass? Check!
- * Inclusive day camps for children with and without disabilities? Check!
- * Hiking the Iron Goat Trail? Check!
- * A weekend excursion to water ski at Banks Lake or raft near Leavenworth or ski at Whistler? Check, check and check again!

* And, what about a custom adaptive recreation event, where we bring amazing recreation experiences to people in communities across the state – coupled with a terrific, lasting "win" to give families the tools and knowledge they need to be successful and independently active on their own? CHECK!

It's this kind of synergy that supports the key vision from our Long Range Plan, that "People of all abilities will have access to outdoor recreation whenever and wherever they choose."

In today's troubling economic times, we rely on the support of hundreds of contributors. Now more than ever children and adults with disabilities are counting on us -- and on you, for your consideration of a contribution to support of our mission.

You can donate on-line by visiting our website and clicking on the "GIVE" button or by going directly to our giving page: www.outdoorsforall.org/donate.html

To those who have been past supporters, thank you. To those who today will consider making a contribution to support our mission– and especially to support participants like Hailey – thank you!

Sincerely,

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