



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

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How long have you been volunteering for Outdoors for All? What year did you start volunteering?

I've been volunteering for 2 years now. I started in 2010 with the Rock Climbing program.

How did you learn about Outdoors for All and what prompted you to get involved?

I was listening to my friends talk about the winter program and how rewarding and fun it was. I was curious about Outdoors for All and they convinced me to sign up for the summer rock program.

What keeps you coming back to volunteer each year?

I keep coming back because of the people I've had a chance to meet. All the volunteers are great people, and the participants always make the programs so much fun to be a part of.

What do you enjoy most about your volunteer experience?

I enjoy watching the participants succeed. They always try so hard and it is so rewarding to see them progress throughout the programs. It is such a great feeling to know that I was able to help someone achieve their goals.

Do you have an inspirational story you can briefly tell about your volunteer experience?

Every participant I've worked with has inspired me in some way, but I have a specific story from this winter. Our student was starting his first year in the mono-ski and had previously been in the bi-ski. He was very reluctant to try the mono-ski at all, so we had to work hard to build his confidence. It was truly awesome to watch how quickly he progressed throughout the program. The first day he was continually falling on the magic carpet, but his last day he went speeding the whole way down a blue run without falling - I even had a hard time keeping up. I was so proud of him!

