

CLUB FOSTERED COMMUNITY GRANT REPORT 2021

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ABOUT THE ACA

FOUNDED IN 1880, THE AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION (ACA) IS A NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING THE PADDLING PUBLIC BY PROVIDING EDUCATION RELATED TO ALL ASPECTS OF PADDLING, STEWARDSHIP SUPPORT TO HELP PROTECT PADDLING ENVIRONMENTS, AND SANCTIONING OF PROGRAMS AND EVENTS TO PROMOTE PADDLESPORT COMPETITION, EXPLORATION, AND RECREATION.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH L.L. BEAN, WE BELIEVE THE CFC GRANT PROGRAM'S ROLE IS TO SUPPORT PADDLING OPPORTUNITIES AND ACCESS FOR THE BIPOC COMMUNITY THROUGH THE FRAMEWORK OF EXISTING PADDLING CLUBS, NON-PROFITS, AND VOLUNTEER GROUPS. BY LEVERAGING THE EXISTING CLUBS AND PROJECTS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE (PERHAPS PROJECTS THAT WERE ONCE FUNDED BY A PREVIOUS CFS GRANT), THIS PROJECT WILL NOT NEED TO "REINVENT THE WHEEL." IN 2021, THE CFC FUNDING WAS USED TO AMPLIFY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION EFFORTS OF EXISTING GROUPS/PROJECTS, RATHER THAN DEVELOPING BRAND NEW PROGRAMS FROM SCRATCH. THE NEW PADDLERS ENGAGED BY THE CFC DEI EFFORTS NOW HAVE A COMMUNITY GROUP OR CLUB TO CALL "HOME," WHICH RESULTS IN LASTING RELATIONSHIPS AND A LONG-TERM INTEREST IN EXPERIENCING AND EXPLORING THE PADDLING WORLD.

CLUB FOSTERED COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW



SINCE 2002, THE ACA HAS PARTNERED WITH L.L. BEAN TO SPONSOR THE CLUB FOSTERED STEWARDSHIP (CFS) PROGRAM. THE ACA IS PROUD TO HELP LOCAL PADDLING CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS BUILD THEIR COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVE THEIR WATERWAYS. THROUGH FUNDS PROVIDED BY L.L. BEAN, THE ACA'S CFS PROGRAM HAS PROVIDED NEARLY \$175,000 TO OVER 185 DIFFERENT STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVES SINCE ITS INCEPTION. IN 2021, THE CFS GRANT WAS REFOCUSED AND RE-NAMED AS THE "CLUB FOSTERED COMMUNITY" PROGRAM; FUNDING WAS USED TO AMPLIFY DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION EFFORTS OF EXISTING GROUPS/PROJECTS THROUGH EDUCATION, STEWARDSHIP, COMPETITION, RECREATION, AND WATERWAY EXPLORATION EVENTS.

WITH THE CONTINUED SUPPORT OF L.L. BEAN, THE ACA WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT PADDLING CLUBS AND GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY IN THEIR EFFORTS TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE TO PADDLE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT:

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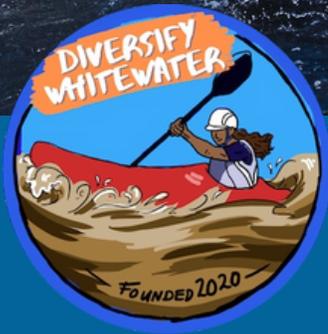
IN 2021, THE ACA FUNDED ELEVEN (11) ORGANIZATIONS AND THE FOLLOWING STEWARDSHIP PROJECTS:

COMMUNITY RIVER FLOAT & PADDLING SKILLS DAY

BY DIVERSIFY WHITEWATER



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ACA & L.L. BEAN FUNDING SUPPORTED TWO EVENTS THIS YEAR, WHICH WELCOMED 121 PARTICIPANTS AND 54 VOLUNTEERS TOTAL. TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS ESTIMATED AT OVER 300.

62 PARTICIPANTS JOINED OUR SECOND ANNUAL COMMUNITY RIVER FLOAT ON THE CACHE LA POUDE RIVER NEAR FORT COLLINS, CO. OUR PARTICIPANTS NAVIGATED CLASS I-III RAPIDS ALONG THE FILTER PLANT SECTION OF THE POUDE RIVER WITH THE HELP OF OUR EXPERIENCED VOLUNTEER GUIDES. 37 VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED APPROXIMATELY 200 HOURS OF WORK TO FACILITATE THIS FANTASTIC OUTING. THIS EVENT OCCURRED ON JUNETEENTH, SO WE PARTNERED WITH OUTDOOR AFRO TO HONOR AND RESPECT THE HISTORIC DAY.

WE WELCOMED 59 NEW PADDLERS FROM THE COLORADO FRONT RANGE TO LAKE PUEBLO FOR A FUN DAY OF PADDLING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PUEBLO OUTDOOR PURSUITS. 17 VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED OVER 100 HOURS OF WORK TO BRING THIS EVENT TO LIFE. EACH PARTICIPANT WAS ABLE TO TAKE TWO 1-HOUR LESSONS WITH EXPERIENCED INSTRUCTORS. LESSON OPTIONS INCLUDED KAYAKING, CANOEING, AND STAND-UP PADDLING.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND THE GENEROSITY OF ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS, SPONSORS, AND DONORS, WE DELIVERED SPECTACULAR EVENTS THAT WERE 100% FREE FOR PARTICIPANTS WITH WORLD-CLASS EQUIPMENT, EXPERT INSTRUCTION, LUNCH, AND LOGISTICAL EASE. ACROSS OUR NINE EVENTS IN 2021, WE WELCOMED OVER 360 NEW PADDLERS AND 160 VOLUNTEERS. THESE EVENTS ARE CRITICAL TO OUR MISSION TO REMOVE BARRIERS FOR BLACK, INDIGENOUS, AND PEOPLE OF COLOR (BIPOC) AND ALLIES IN PADDLING, RAISE AWARENESS FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION IN THE PADDLESPOITS COMMUNITY, AND ULTIMATELY HELP DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF BIPOC PADDLERS.



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SALAMANDER ADVENTURE CAMP

BY THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER ACADEMY

THE SALAMANDER ADVENTURE CAMP (THROUGH THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER ACADEMY) TOOK PLACE FROM MONDAY, JUNE 28, 2021 TO FRIDAY, JULY 2, 2021. THE PURPOSE OF THE SALAMANDER ADVENTURE CAMP IS TO EXPOSE FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WHO ARE UNDERSERVED TO DIFFERENT EXPERIENCES IN THE OUTDOORS.

THE SALAMANDER ADVENTURE CAMP PROVIDES STRUCTURE, FUN, AND ADVENTURE TO THE LIVES OF CHILDREN. THIS YEAR, THE SALAMANDER ADVENTURE CAMP WAS ABLE TO SERVE SIX STUDENTS FOR ONE WEEK. WHILE THIS NUMBER IS LOWER THAN WHAT WE ANTICIPATED, WE BELIEVE THAT WE POSITIVELY IMPACTED THE LIVES OF THE STUDENTS WHO WERE ABLE TO ATTEND. AS IN 2019, FBRA PARTNERED WITH OUR LOCAL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WOODFIN ELEMENTARY, TO FIND STUDENTS IN NEED. ONE OF THE LEAD COUNSELORS FOR THE CAMP IS A TEACHER AT WOODFIN ELEMENTARY, WHILE THE OTHER TWO LEAD COUNSELORS WERE FBRA STAFF MEMBERS. IN ADDITION, 2021 SALAMANDER ADVENTURE CAMP HAD TWO FBRA ALUMNI SERVE AS JUNIOR COUNSELORS WHO VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME. THE PROGRAM BEGAN EACH DAY OF THE WEEK WITH THE CAMP COUNSELORS PICKING UP CAMPERS AT THEIR HOMES IN A FBRA SCHOOL VAN. STUDENTS WERE TRANSPORTED TO THE FBRA CAMPUS, WHERE THEY ATE BREAKFAST AND PACKED A SACK LUNCH FOR THE DAY. DURING THE WEEK, STUDENTS AND COUNSELORS WENT ON CREEK EXPLORATION WALKS TO COVE CREEK, THE DAVIDSON RIVER, AND THE EAST FORK OF THE PIGEON RIVER. IT WAS FREQUENTLY NECESSARY TO HIKE TO THESE LOCATIONS. CAMPERS PLAYED IN THE CREEKS, WHICH ALWAYS INCLUDED SEARCHING FOR SALAMANDERS AND TALKS ABOUT STREAM ECOLOGY.



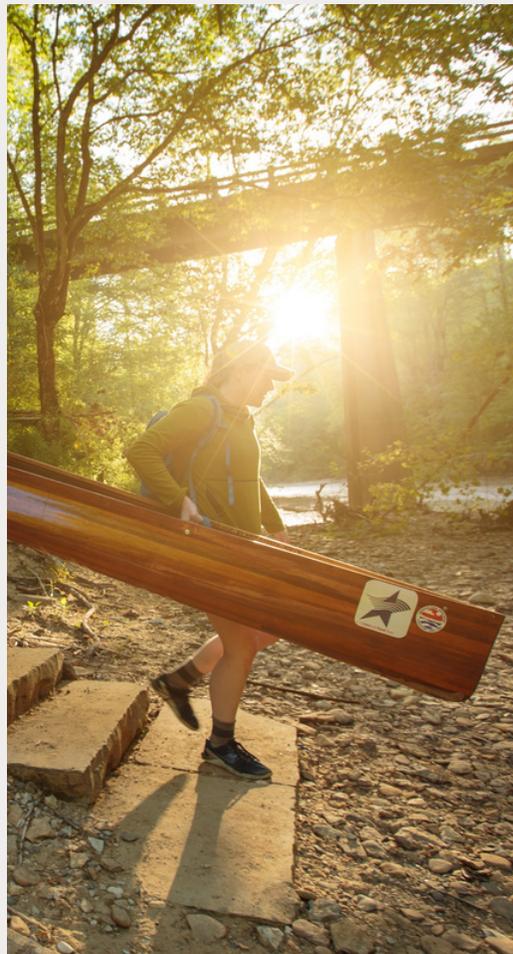
WILD & SCENIC RED RIVERFEST

BY FRIENDS OF THE RED RIVER / KENTUCKY WATERWAYS ALLIANCE

FRIENDS OF RED RIVER'S 4TH ANNUAL WILD & SCENIC RED RIVERFEST AND THE REVIVAL OF THE HISTORIC 29-MILE RED RIVER CANOE RACE (RRCR) WAS A GREAT SUCCESS! OUR IN-PERSON EVENT WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS YEAR BECAUSE OF COVID-19 BUT WE WERE ABLE TO ADAPT BY ALLOWING FOR THE IN-PERSON FUN PADDLE AND RACE ON MAY 15 WHILE HOSTING OUR FESTIVAL PRESENTATIONS IN A VIRTUAL FORMAT IN JULY AND AUGUST. ULTIMATELY, WE WERE ABLE TO CONTINUE OUR WORK TO PROMOTE CLEAN WATER AND ENGAGE MORE STEWARDS OF THE LAND AND WATER THROUGH THIS EVENT.

ON MAY 15 WE HOSTED 96 PADDLERS ON RED RIVER AND OVER 75 PEOPLE AT THE AFTER-PARTY. BOTH THE RACE AND FUN PADDLE STARTED FROM COPPERAS CREEK CANOE LAUNCH. 61 FOLKS PADDLED 7 MILES TO RED RIVER ADVENTURE AND THE 31 RACERS CONTINUED ALONG THE ADVENTUROUS ROUTE TO POWELL COUNTY LION'S CLUB PARK - 29 MILES! WE HAD PARTICIPANTS FROM 10 STATES - MICHIGAN, TENNESSEE, MASSACHUSETTS, MARYLAND, OHIO, FLORIDA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TEXAS, LOUISIANA AND OF COURSE NUMEROUS LOCAL/REGIONAL REPRESENTATION FROM KENTUCKY. WE WERE THRILLED TO DRAW PEOPLE FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY, MANY WHOM HAD NEVER BEEN TO KENTUCKY, TO THE RED RIVER TO SHARE OUR UNIQUE, ADVENTUROUS, & BIODIVERSE WILD & SCENIC RIVER.

FRIENDS OF RED RIVER UTILIZES FUNDS FOR HOSTING RED RIVER CLEANUPS, CONSTRUCTING IMPROVED RIVER ACCESS POINTS, AND OTHER FUN & ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION EVENTS. THE ONLY WAY WE COULD PULL OFF THIS COMPLEX EVENT IS BECAUSE OF THE 60+ VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE IT HAPPEN! EVENT VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED 480 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME!



NUESTRO RAPPAHANNOCK PADDLE TRIPS

BY THE FRIENDS OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK



FRIENDS OF THE RAPPAHANNOCK (F.O.R.) INITIATED NUESTRO RAPPAHANNOCK (OUR RAPPAHANNOCK), A STEWARDSHIP EFFORT BRINGING MESSAGES ABOUT RIVER SAFETY AND CONSERVATION CONCEPTS TO THE WATERSHED'S GROWING SPANISH-SPEAKING POPULATION. THIS GRANT ENABLED F.O.R. TO PROVIDE FOUR PADDLE TRIPS, HOSTED BILINGUALLY, AT NO-COST TO 40 PARTICIPANTS. BY PROVIDING THE TRIPS BILINGUALLY AND REMOVING A FINANCIAL BARRIER, WE REACHED AN UNDERSERVED POPULATION WHO HAVE HAD LIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN CONFIDENCE IN PADDLE SKILLS, LEARN MORE ABOUT RIVER SAFETY AND CONSERVATION CONCEPTS. EACH PADDLE TRIP WAS HOSTED BILINGUALLY IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGES. IT INCLUDED A BEGINNING LESSON ON LAND FOCUSED ON BECOMING FAMILIAR WITH EQUIPMENT, THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFE JACKETS AND AN INTRODUCTION TO PADDLE SKILLS. WHILE ON THE WATER, PARTICIPANTS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO TEST CERTAIN STROKES AND LEARN ABOUT RIVER ECOLOGY. EACH PARTICIPANT LEFT WITH A PAMPHLET IN SPANISH THAT REINFORCES THE SAFETY AND CONSERVATION CONCEPTS THEY LEARNED DURING THE TRIP.

OUTREACH TO THE SPANISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY IS AN ONGOING AND LONG-TERM PROJECT FOR F.O.R. APPROXIMATELY 10% OF FREDERICKSBURG'S POPULATION IS SPANISH-SPEAKING AND THIS PROJECT ENHANCED FOR'S ONGOING EFFORTS FOR OUR PROGRAMS TO BE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE WITHIN OUR WATERSHED COMMUNITY.



OPWWE URBAN FISHING SUMMER CLINIC

BY ONE MORE, ONE LESS MENTORING INC.



OPERATION WATERWAYS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION (OPWWE) WAS IMPLEMENTED IN AN OUTDOOR HYBRID LIVING CLASSROOM. OPWWE IS AN EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROGRAM FOR 4TH - 11TH GRADE, DISADVANTAGED, BIPOC STUDENTS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED AS OVERACTIVE, LACK OF FOCUS, AND IN NEED OF AN ACTIVE, STRUCTURED HANDS-ON, OUTDOOR CLASSROOM SETTING DURING THE SUMMER. WE USE FIELD TRIPS AND ON-CAMPUS SERVICE LEARNING THAT IS FOCUSED ON WATERSHED PRESERVATION THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

RIVER BY RIVER AND STREAM BY STREAM, 4TH - 11TH GRADERS, FOR THE SUMMER EXECUTED ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECTS TO HELP RAISE PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT THE HEALTH OF STREAMS, RIVERS, THE CHESAPEAKE, COASTAL BAYS AND ABOUT THE STEPS THAT CAN BE TAKEN TO RESTORE AND PROTECT THEM. THROUGH THIS SUMMER PROGRAM, OPWWE SEEKS TO INCREASE BIPOC INCLUSION, STUDENT AWARENESS, ANGLING PROFICIENCY, AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE RESTORATION AND PROTECTION OF THE BAY ITS LOCAL STREAMS AND RIVERS. OPWWE WAS THE VEHICLE TO INCREASE BIPOC STUDENT'S ACCESS TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDED MEANINGFUL MARINE LEARNING EXPERIENCES.

63 STUDENTS PARTICIPATED
400 POUNDS OF TRASH REMOVED
1300 SQ. FT. OF RAIN GARDEN PERIMETER INSTALLED
4 TONS OF STONE INSTALLED
10 AQUACULTURE TANKS IMPLEMENTED
40 NATIVE PLANTS PLANTED
100 SEED OYSTERS RAISED



MOHICAN AND KOKOSING RIVER CLEAN UPS

BY PADDLE FOR HEROES VETERANS NONPROFIT



THANK YOU TO THE ACA AND LL BEAN FOR PROVIDING PADDLE FOR HEROES WITH THIS THE CFC GRANT TO HELP US CLEAN OUR RIVERS. ON SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2021 MANY MEMBERS OF PADDLE FOR HEROES AND VOLUNTEERS JOINED TOGETHER TO CLEAN THE MOHICAN AND KOKOSING RIVERS IN OHIO. WE WERE ABLE TO CLEAN 11 MILES OF THESE RIVERS. WITH THE PURCHASE OF GRABBERS, REUSABLE AND RECYCLABLE GARBAGE BAGS, AND LIFE JACKETS, WE WERE ABLE TO SAFELY REMOVE OVER 30 TIRES AND 2,000 BAGS OF TRASH. WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE A SAFE AND CLEAN ENVIRONMENT FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF OTHER PADDLERS AND TO HELP THE ENVIRONMENT.



ADDITIONALLY, PADDLE FOR HEROES HAS BUILT AND INSTALLED 10 REUSABLE AND RECYCLABLE GARBAGE BAG DISPENSERS ALONG THESE RIVERS. THOSE PADDLING THE RIVER CAN PARTICIPATE IN KEEPING IT CLEAN BY UTILIZING THE BAGS TO PICK UP TRASH ALONG THEIR PADDLE. WE BELIEVE BY PROVIDING THESE AT RIVER ACCESS POINTS, WE WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF GARBAGE THAT IS BEING PUT IN OUR RIVER.

THE GRANT FUNDS PROVIDED WENT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF BAGS, MATERIALS TO MAKE THE UNION BAG DISPENSERS, AND PFD'S FOR THE CLEAN-UP. WE HAD 20 VOLUNTEERS THAT PUT IN A TOTAL OF 200 HOURS OF SERVICE. THE TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS CLEANED 11 MILES OF RIVER.



THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THIS FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR RIVERS. YOUR GENEROUS AWARD ALLOWED US TO BE SUCCESSFUL IN OUR ENDEAVOR THIS YEAR.

GUN LAKE PADDLE PADDLE, SKY AN OAR FOR GUARDIAN ANGELS, PADDLE FOR YOUR CAUSE, & RUBBER DUCKIE REGATTA

BY SHAKA SUP RACING



FROM THE BEGINNING, SHAKA SUP RACING WAS CREATED TO ENCOURAGE OUTDOOR FITNESS, TRYING SOMETHING NEW AND ADVENTUROUS, INCORPORATE FAMILY PARTICIPATION, AND BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER FOR LOCAL CAUSES. AT ALL OF OUR EVENTS WE OFFER FREE TO SMALL FEE EQUIPMENT RENTALS, MANY PARTICIPANTS OFFER THEIR OWN EQUIPMENT FOR OTHERS TO USE FOR THE BEGINNER RACES.

OUR VOLUNTEER OPTIONS OFFER LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND OTHERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE EXPOSED TO OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, TO ACHIEVE NEEDED VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE, AND WAYS TO GIVE BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITIES.

SHAKA SUP RACING BELONGS TO MIDWEST PADDLE LEAGUE RACING SERIES WITH THE MUTUAL GOAL OF COMMUNITY FIRST/COMPETITION SECOND, WHEREIN WE ARE CONSTANTLY CREATING WAYS TO ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO TRY THE SPORT, BRING A FRIEND. AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER. PADDLING IS A WAY FOR AN INDIVIDUAL TO BE FIT, INCREASE THEIR CONFIDENCE, FIND A WAY TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS, AND PASS THEIR LOVE OF PADDLING ALONG TO OTHERS.



NASHVILLE COMMUNITY SUP YOGA

BY SMALL WORLD YOGA



SMALL WORLD YOGA
Connecting People. Creating Community.

THANKS TO THIS GENEROUS GRANT FROM THE AMERICAN CANOE ASSOCIATION AND L.L. BEAN, SMALL WORLD YOGA'S TEAM OF VOLUNTEER YOGA INSTRUCTORS TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND THEIR SERVICE IN THE NASHVILLE COMMUNITY AND ENJOY AN EVENING ON THE WATER. APPROXIMATELY 25 VOLUNTEERS MET ON THE EVENING OF SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 FROM 4 TO 7 P.M. AT LOCAL PADDLEBOARD AND KAYAK OUTFITTER, NASHVILLE PADDLE COMPANY, LOCATED IN THE HAMILTON CREEK RECREATION AREA ON THE BANKS OF J. PERCY PRIEST LAKE. THE TEAM WENT OUT ON THE WATER FOR 3 HOURS TO COVER A 2-MILE RADIUS OF SHORELINE DEPICTED IN THE NASHVILLE PADDLE CO MAP BELOW. THANKS TO THE GRANT FROM ACA/L.L. BEAN, WE WERE ABLE TO RENT OUT ALL BOARDS AND KAYAKS FOR THE DURATION AND SUPPLY EVERYONE WITH LARGE MESH BAGS FOR COLLECTING TRASH. IN ADDITION TO COLLECTING TRASH IN THE LAKE AND ALONG THE SHORELINE, SOME OF OUR TEAM WHO CHOSE TO STAY ON LAND, ALSO COLLECTED TRASH FROM WITHIN THE HAMILTON CREEK RECREATION AREA, A PARK THAT IS FREQUENTLY BUSY ON THE WEEKENDS, LEAVING BEHIND TRASH FROM PICNICS, PARTIES, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES. SMALL WORLD YOGA IS A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT EXISTS TO MAKE YOGA ACCESSIBLE IN THE NASHVILLE COMMUNITY, SO THE GROUP ENJOYED TRYING A FEW YOGA POSES WHILE ON THEIR PADDLEBOARDS. THE GROUP'S SENSE OF ADVENTURE WITH GETTING WET AND FLEXIBILITY THANKS TO YOGA WERE AN ASSET IN PADDLING ALONG THE SHORE AND FINDING CLEVER WAYS TO MAXIMIZE COLLECTING TRASH TO TOTE BACK TO OUR HOME BASE WHERE PROPER TRASH RECEPTACLES AWAITED. WE ESTIMATE THE TEAM COLLECTED OVER 100 POUNDS OF TRASH IN THEIR 3 HOURS TOGETHER.

27 VOLUNTEERS - 80 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER TIME - 2 MILES OF LAKE CLEANED - 16 INDIVIDUALS INTRODUCED TO THIS PARK FOR THE FIRST TIME - 6 INDIVIDUALS TRIED PADDLING FOR THE FIRST TIME.



LOST LOON TRIATHLON

BY TENNESSEE SCENIC RIVERS ASSOCIATION (TSRA)



THANK YOU ACA AND L.L. BEAN FOR SELECTING TSRA FOR A CFC GRANT THIS YEAR. THE FUNDS GRANTED WERE FOR TSRA'S LOST LOON TRIATHLON AT LONG HUNTER STATE PARK ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2021. THE RAIN SUNDAY MORNING ADDED SOME LIQUID SUNSHINE TO THE EVENT AND OUR ENTHUSIASTIC RACE TEAMS PARTICIPATED IN NINE MILES OF ROAD CYCLING, TWO MILES OF TANDEM CANOEING ON A BUOYED LAKE COURSE AND TWO MILES OF TRAIL RUNNING AROUND SCENIC COUCHVILLE LAKE.

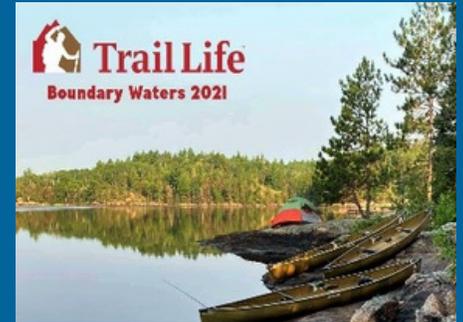
LOST LOON IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY TRIATHLON DESIGNED TO GET PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND ABILITIES OUTDOORS TO ENJOY OUTDOOR SPORTS IN A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT. LOST LOON IS AN UNTIMED EVENT AND AWARDS ARE BASED ON ENTHUSIASM VERSUS SPEED. IT IS A FUN WAY TO INTRODUCE CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO PADDLE SPORTS WHO WOULD OTHERWISE NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE. NEW THIS YEAR, TSRA WAS HAPPY TO HOST SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS, THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR TEACHERS FROM NEARBY WILSON CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL FOR OUR COMMUNITY TEAMS THANKS TO THE CFC GRANT. FOR SOME, THIS WAS THEIR FIRST TIME IN A CANOE. BY PAIRING A TRAINED TSRA PADDLER IN A CANOE WITH A SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENT AND A FAMILY MEMBER, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE AN ENCOURAGING AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR THOSE NEW TO PADDLING.

WE ESTIMATE THAT 35 VOLUNTEERS COMPLETED APPROXIMATELY 140 VOLUNTEER HOURS ON LOST LOON DAY. VOLUNTEERS PROVIDED ON-THE-COURSE SUPPORT IN ALL THREE SPORTS DISCIPLINES, THE WATERFRONT, SAFETY MONITORS DURING THE COMPETITION, AID STATIONS, SETUP AND CLEANUP. VOLUNTEER PREPARATION FOR THIS EVENT TOTALED OVER 240 HOURS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. IN TOTAL, WE ESTIMATE 150 PEOPLE PARTICIPATED IN LOST LOON THIS YEAR INCLUDING VOLUNTEERS, RACE TEAMS, COMMUNITY TEAMS, FAMILY MEMBERS AND PARK STAFF. THANK YOU ACA AND L.L. BEAN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND OUR OUTREACH IN THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE COMMUNITY AND TO OFFER UNDERSERVED GROUPS AN INTRODUCTION TO PADDLE SPORTS AND RIVER CONSERVATION.



N.E.A.T BOAT RESTORATION PROJECT

BY TRAIL LIFE USA



THE NE OKLAHOMA AREA TEAM OF TRAIL LIFE USA IS A GROUP OF ADULTS WORKING WITHIN TRAIL LIFE USA, WHICH IS A CHRISTIAN ADVENTURE-ORIENTED ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO THE FOUNDING STRUCTURE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. THE AREA TEAM PROVIDES ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE TO TROOPS AND LEADERS IN TRAIL LIFE AND OTHER SIMILAR GROUPS IN NE OKLAHOMA AND IN THE CASE OF CANOEING ACTIVITIES, PROVIDES ACCESS TO CANOES, EQUIPMENT AND INSTRUCTION, WITH CANOES AND EQUIPMENT TO WHICH THE AREA COMMITTEE HAS ACCESS.

BEFORE THE RECEIPT OF THE GRANT FROM ACA AND LL BEAN, THE NE OKLAHOMA AREA TEAM (NEAT) HAD ACCESS TO 9 CANOES, ALL OVER 20 YEARS OLD, THAT HAD BEEN WELL USED AND WERE NOT ADEQUATELY MAINTAINED. THESE CANOES AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT WERE THE AGGREGATE OF PROGRAMS, PRIMARILY BSA TROOPS, THAT CONVERTED TO TRAIL LIFE OR WERE DISSOLVED AND THEIR CANOES AND EQUIPMENT ENDED UP WITH TRAIL LIFE THROUGH GIFT OR PURCHASE BY INDIVIDUALS, WHO GRANTED THEM TO NEAT.

WE USED GRANT FUNDS TO PROVIDE PARTS AND SUPPLIES TO REPLACE DAMAGED OR MISSING THWARTS, SEATS AND PAINTERS; REPAIR LEAKS AND CAULK SEAMS, DO MAINTENANCE ON THE TRAILERS, AND PURCHASED THREE NEW PADDLES AND THREE NEW LIFE JACKETS (PFD'S) FOR EACH OF THE NINE CANOES AS THE OLD WOODEN PADDLES AND OLD LIFE JACKETS WERE NEAR OR PAST THEIR USEFUL LIVES. SINCE THEN, THE CANOES, TRAILER AND GEAR HAVE BEEN USED FOR TRAINING AND PRACTICING CANOE SAFETY AND SKILLS, NOT LIMITED TO BUT INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING EVENTS:

- A TWO NIGHT CANOEING OVERNIGHT WITH TRAIL LIFE ON LAKE SKIATOOK.
- A TWO NIGHT CANOEING OVERNIGHT WITH AHG ON LAKE SKIATOOK.
- TRAIL LIFE SUMMER CAMP DAILY USE FOR ONE WEEK IN MENA, ARKANSAS.
- TRAIL LIFE SUMMER CAMP DAILY USE FOR ONE WEEK IN CAMP ASHER, NEAR ASHER, OK.
- BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA EXPEDITION IN MINNESOTA.

SEVEN TRAIL LIFE TROOPS COMPRISED OF OVER 200 BOYS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NE OKLAHOMA, ARE SERVED BY THE NE OKLAHOMA AREA TEAM. THE CANOES WERE ALSO USED AT TWO TLUSA REGIONAL CAMPS THIS SUMMER. THE SOUTH PLAINS REGION, INCLUDING OUR AREA, SERVES OVER 3,000 BOYS IN TEXAS, OKLAHOMA AND NEW MEXICO.



RIVER GUARDIAN PROGRAM

BY THE WILLAMETTE RIVER KEEPER



OUR WILLAMETTE RIVER GUARDIANS PROGRAM HAS BEEN BUSY THIS YEAR! STATS ALONE INDICATE A STRONG CULTURE OF STEWARDSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT. ON THE UPPER WILLAMETTE WE HAD 368 VOLUNTEERS LOG 1,326 HOURS IN RIVER CLEAN UPS IN LANE, LINN AND BENTON COUNTIES! FROM THE HEADWATERS RURAL COMMUNITIES OF OAKRIDGE AND WESTFIR, SPRINGFIELD, EUGENE AND CORVALLIS, OVER 181 YARDS OF GARBAGE AND 601 USED HYPODERMIC NEEDLES WERE REMOVED AND DISPOSED OF FROM OUR WILLAMETTE WATERSHED. ADDITIONALLY, AS PART OF ONGOING PARKS RESTORATION AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS, VOLUNTEERS REMOVED ENGLISH IVY FROM KEY RIPARIAN ZONES IN SPRINGFIELD, AND MULCHED TREES, TRAILS AND NATIVE PLANTS IN EUGENE AND CORVALLIS. MEANWHILE, ON THE LOWER WILLAMETTE, WE SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED 26 TRASH CLEANUPS IN MULTNOMAH, YAMHILL AND MARION COUNTIES, ENGAGING OVER 256 VOLUNTEERS, AND LOGGING OVER 428 VOLUNTEER HOURS! WITH YOUR HELP, WE HAULED AWAY AN ASTONISHING 53 YARDS OF TRASH, INCLUDING 94 NEEDLES! NEW THIS YEAR, WE'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO START EXPANDING OUR REGULAR CLEAN UP SITES AND CREATE NEW PARTNERSHIPS IN SALEM, KEIZER, ST. PAUL AND WHEATLAND. WE ARE BOTH EXCITED AND GRATEFUL TO SEE THE INCREASED AMOUNT OF VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENT! RIVER GUARDIAN WORK IN EUGENE AND CORVALLIS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE WINTER, AND WE PLAN TO PICK OUR ONCE A MONTH CLEANUPS IN THE SALEM AREA, AND TWICE A MONTH IN PORTLAND BACK UP IN MARCH. WE HOPE THAT YOU CAN JOIN OUR EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE WINTER AND INTO 2022 TO KEEP YOUR RIVER CLEAN!

WILLAMETTE RIVERKEEPER THANKS ALL OF OUR PARTNERS WHO HELP TO MAKE THIS WORK HAPPEN THROUGH OUTREACH, ENGAGEMENT AND FUNDING!

VOLUNTEERS ENGAGED: 624, VOLUNTEER HOURS: 1,754, YARDS OF TRASH REMOVED: 234, USED HYPODERMIC NEEDLES REMOVED: 695

Thank You!

L.L.Bean



FOR MAKING THE
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