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School principals, counselors, and staff, we are proud this year to be able to offer a free summer adventure for 10 lucky Montana youth! Founded by a Montana school counselor, Project ASCENT is a non-profit corporation based in Thompson Falls, a pristine area of Montana surrounded by abundant rivers, lakes, and national forests. Project ASCENT has been offering free adventure education experiences for five years now in the northwest region of Montana. Our goal is to continue to expand our offerings to youth across our great state, and due to overwhelming support and success, this we are able to do just that!

Project ASCENT promotes community and individual wellness through experiential outdoor opportunities. Our aim is to encourage youth to increase awareness of their natural environment, challenge them with unique adventure education in the outdoors, and instill a sense of engagement and responsibility in preserving our natural world. Project ASCENT sets itself apart from other summer camps by offering all of our experiences free of charge to the camper! We provide a non-discriminatory field of applicants for all of our opportunities, maximizing our reach and impact. The holistic approach we take towards our camps achieves personal growth and positive relationship development. Opportunities to meet recreational and wilderness professionals in a service-learning atmosphere empowers youth with motivation to pursue career opportunities in fields that promote lifelong stewardship.

Exploring Our Scenic Waterways is a 4-day, 3-night kayaking pack trip designed to connect youth ages 12-17 to Montana's wild areas by immersing them in adventure activities. Campers will explore in kayaks over 30 miles of meandering river surrounded by breathtaking scenic views and ample opportunities for wildlife observation. Day one campers participate in preparatory and skill-based instruction. Our Swift Water and Flood Rescue Certified camp coordinators offer instructional sessions in basic kayak skills including paddling, reading and navigating water, water



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safety and rescue, and packing a kayak with correct weight distribution. Other lessons feature Leave No Trace, fire safety, as well as wildlife awareness and conflict prevention. Camp set up and tear down are exercised in a group setting, encouraging growth in teamwork and leadership skills. To ensure a sense of personal responsibility, kayakers will be in charge of packing, loading, and carrying their own gear each day. A representative of the local tribe will join us and share the history of the area during the first of three reflective campfire talks held over the course of the trip. Day two we embark on our 30-mile journey filled with challenges and opportunities to build self-awareness, on and off the water. During the next three days campers will visit carefully selected historical sites along the river in order to observe and record evidence of human impact on our watersheds. This, in turn, heightens the camper's awareness of a connection between the environment and their personal choices and actions.

This year, being our first to offer our opportunities state-wide, we can only award this experience to 10 applicants across Montana. We expect our application pool to be competitive. We ask that you choose no more than 3 candidates that you feel will most benefit from this opportunity. Please assist them in filling out the application for this amazing transformational opportunity to disconnect from electronics and meet new and dynamic people, all the while exploring the beauty and depth of not only their surroundings, but themselves.

Please check out our website, Facebook, or call or email us for more information about what we do and why! In the meantime, make a difference in a life by helping them apply for this experience today!!



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CAMP APPLICATION FORM

Congratulations!! You have been chosen to apply for a FREE summer adventure!! This summer, August 5-8, Project ASCENT is taking 10 lucky winners on a 4 day, 3 night kayaking and camping experience down 30 miles of pristine Flathead River at no cost to you!! Project ASCENT provides all of the equipment, food, and licensing needed for this opportunity. If you are interested, please ask your guardians, school counselors, or any trusted adult to help you complete the application as thoroughly as possible!

Project ASCENT is based in Thompson Falls, a pristine area of Montana surrounded by abundant rivers, lakes, and national forests. Exploring Our Scenic Waterways is a kayaking pack trip designed to connect youth ages 12-17 to these wild areas by immersing them in adventure activities. This excursion will include exploring the Flathead River flowing through Montana State Lands and the Flathead Indian Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT). Campers will navigate slow meandering river surrounded by breathtaking scenic views and ample opportunities for wildlife observation.

******Please check out our website for more camp info!!******

*In order to complete your application, please fill out all of the following forms accompanied by **2 brief letters of recommendation** and mail to our offices by June 10, 2019. If chosen, we will let you know by June 30, 2019!! Keep checking our website for updates!!*

Mail all applications to:

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c/o Project ASCENT
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Part 1: Guardian Information

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Cell phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____@_____.com

Second Guardian (Optional)

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Relationship to Camper: _____

Cell phone: _____ Other Phone: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____@_____.com

*****Transportation is the responsibility of the guardian*****

I can arrange to drop my camper off on 8/05/2019 at Ronan Sports and Western at 9:00 A.M. and pick them up on 8/08/2019 at the Perma Bridge Takeout around 6:00 P.M. for a celebratory hot dog roast. I also agree to attend a parent meeting via skype or phone conference prior to the camp.

Parent Signature: _____



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Part 2: Camper Information

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Gender (circle): M F Current Age: _____ Date of birth: _____

School Grade Entering this Fall: _____ School Attending _____

Please answer the following questions to the best of your ability (use another sheet if necessary)

Have you been on an extended (overnight) adventure trip before? If not, have you had any outdoor/adventure/recreation experience? (describe). (Totally ok to say "no"!!)

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

How would you rate your current level of experience (0-10)? (not scored)

Swimming: _____ Camping _____ Paddling: _____ Video Games: _____



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Health Information

1. Does the camper have any allergies?

If yes (Circle all that apply)...

Hay fever aspirin insect bites/stings penicillin nuts dairy/lactose wheat/gluten

other: _____.

*Please let us know if camper requires carrying an EpiPen: Yes No

2. Has the camper undergone any operations or sustained any serious injuries that may require specialized equipment?

4. Please specify below any dietary restrictions, including vegetarian/vegan, lactose or gluten intolerant, etc.

If chosen, the responsibility lies on the parents and camper to attend a parent meeting in person, digitally, or via phone before the camp begins. Project ASCENT will make necessary arrangements. Campers will also need transportation to and from camp. Please make sure this is an option before applying. No drugs, alcohol, electronics, or negative attitudes allowed!!!

We can't wait to explore with you!!



WHAT DO WE DO?

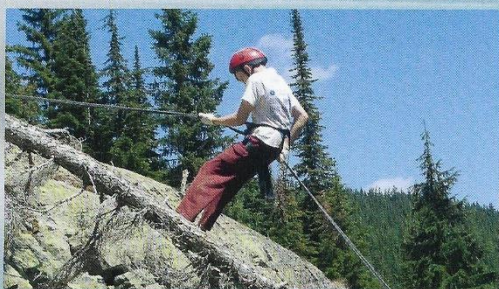
Our purpose is to offer recreational opportunities and outdoor education primarily to under served youth in our area and surrounding areas.

Project ASCENT works to advance personal responsibility, character development, health and well being, and stewardship through adventure-based experiential education, free of charge!

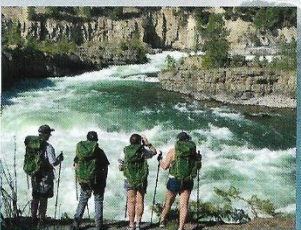
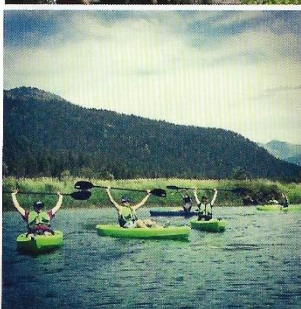
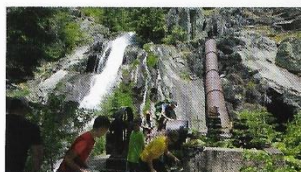
WHO ARE WE?

Project ASCENT is made of a team of professionals who have an expansive collective knowledge of outdoor recreation, and a passion for improving the community and protecting surrounding areas for future generations.

To find out more details about our volunteers check out our website!



*"Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt."
J. Muir*



CONTACT Us!

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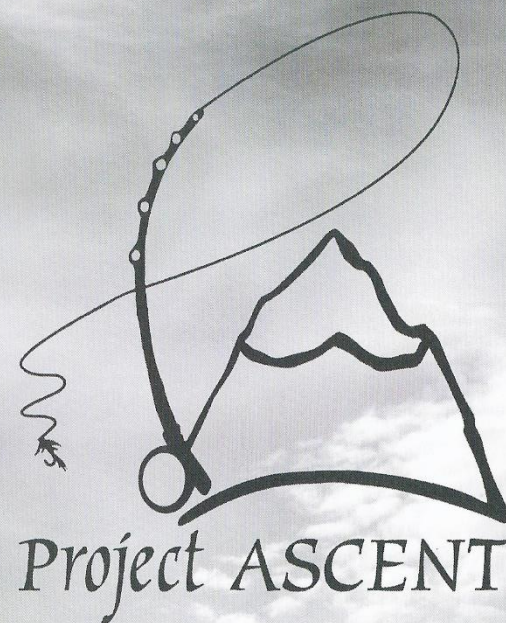
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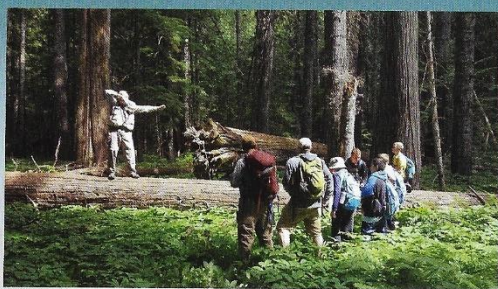


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ENVIRONMENT. NATURE. TEAMWORK.

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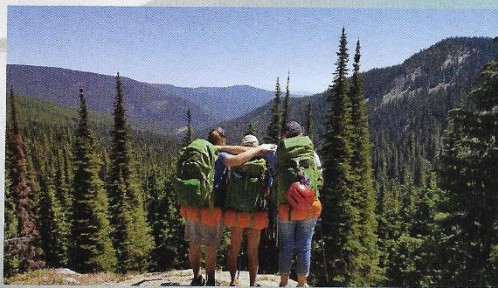
OUR GOALS

- Ⓐ To improve self-esteem, teamwork, communication, and leadership-skills
- Ⓐ To develop an appreciation and understanding of nature.
- Ⓐ To introduce participants to local professionals and job opportunities in science, sustainable energy, and outdoor recreational related areas.



Blossom Backpacking Camp

Throw your home on your back and haul it up to Blossom Lake, for 3 nights and 4 days. Experience rock rappelling, day hikes to Upper Blossom and Pear Lakes, fly fishing, and other camp activities. Enjoy the serenity that one can only find in such a secluded area. This camp offers a slower pace geared toward positive self-reflection, relationship and team building.

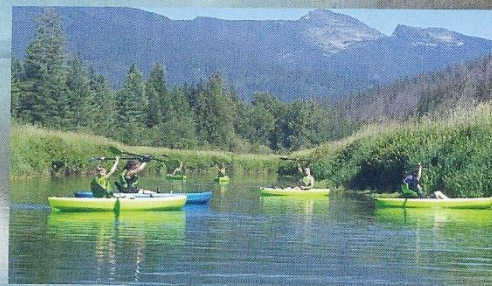


- Ⓐ To combat addiction and mental illness associated with a sedentary lifestyle by offering opportunities to participate in local outdoor recreational activities.
- Ⓐ To instill a desire to be active and healthy in the outdoors.
- Ⓐ To promote a desire to protect the environment and act as good stewards of our world.



Bull River Base Camp

Camp and explore the Bull River area for 4 days, 3 nights. This camp includes kayaking the Bull River, fly fishing, exploration of a wildlife refuge, a day hike to a remote mountain lake, and an educational walk through an ancient national forest. Local wilderness professionals offer interactive lessons about wildlife, riparian ecosystems, animal tracking, flora and fauna identification, history and cultural influences of the area, and preservation.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

There are many opportunities to get involved, you can volunteer to teach a professional outdoor lesson, contribute with a tax deductible cash donation or volunteer to help with fundraising and promotion!

To learn about how you can get involved check out our website today!



Exploring Our Scenic Waterways

Camp and kayak for 3 nights, 4 days. Explore 30 miles of meandering Flathead River through breathtaking scenery with ample opportunities for wildlife observation. Campers will visit carefully selected historical sites along the river and conduct experiments in order to observe and record evidence of human impact on our watersheds. Local wilderness professionals offer interactive lessons about wildlife and water safety, history and cultural influences of the area, and protection and preservation of our waterways.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE FOR SIGN-UP OPPORTUNITIES!