



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Since 1986, North Cascades Institute has facilitated hands-on learning at the confluence of natural and cultural history, science, humanities and the arts. We offer a wide array of opportunities for people of all ages, abilities and interests to get outside.

**SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

North Cascades Institute relies on generous donations like yours to engage students in a pathway that jumpstarts their lifelong engagement with nature, stewardship, and community involvement. Thank you for your generosity!

For more information please see the attached report and thank you notes from North Cascades Institute and the children they serve.

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*"YLA saves lives—one at a time and also collectively. YLA has transformed my individual students and our whole school as well. The students return with a sense of pride and purpose and become our leaders. They come to school now, they participate, they encourage others, they persevere and have a sense of adventure in learning. They know about their "back yard Park," the world around them and seem to care! Thank you so much for the opportunity for my students to participate. It is an educational learning experience of a lifetime."*

— Laurelyn Brooks,  
Mount Vernon High  
School Science  
Teacher

Marilyn Sheldon  
Tulalip Tribes  
8802 27th Ave NE  
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Dear Marilyn,

Schools are back in session, the leaves are beginning to turn, and our summer season is coming to a close. But before we slip away into lower temperatures and earlier nights, I want you to know just how much your contribution was appreciated this year. With your help, our Youth Leadership Adventures students experienced one of their best summers ever!

A total of 77 students and 3 apprentices canoed, hiked, and backpacked in the North Cascades thanks to your support.

Lilly Visser, Tiana Brookshire, Willem Martin, Haley Rollins, Alexxis Otto, Eliana Perkins, Edgar Apolar, Kashina George, and Cheyanne Chabot received the 2016 Tulalip Tribes Scholarships and they were so grateful for the opportunity to connect with nature, build leadership skills, engage in field science and sustainability activities, and build lasting friendships. Enclosed you will find their thank you notes and photos from their trips. More pictures can be seen on [www.flickr.com/ncascades/albums](http://www.flickr.com/ncascades/albums) (look for albums with YLA in the name).

They worked hard and had a great time, and because of this experience, they went home inspired and empowered to continue doing stewardship work in their own communities.

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If you have any questions about your scholarship or North Cascades Institute, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again,

Paula Berg  
Development Coordinator

donor think you for  
<sup>me</sup>  
giving the opportunity to  
in ~~the~~ how to canoe and  
chance to be here  
cause I've never ~~ex~~  
experienced something  
; this before.



= Elena Perflu



August 16<sup>th</sup>  
2016

Dear Supporter,

My name is Cheyanne and i got to participate in the north cascades Leadership Adventures program. First off i want to say thank you for allowing me to go on this amazing journey into the national park. i had so much fun and its something i'll never forget. i got to experience my first backpacking trip, shooting star, and cooking out in the back country. ive made really good long lasting friendships ♡ I just want to say thank you again for supporting North cascades youth Leadership program!



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August 15, 2016  
(2:20 pm)

Dear Donor,

Thank you for letting us go on this adventure! It has been an amazing time on this trip. This experience has changed my way of looking at things. I never thought I'd be here and with your help, I am. I wish I could thank you in person. Without your help, we wouldn't been able to go on this trip. It means extremely a lot to us that you gave us the opportunity and experience. We'll always ~~rememb~~ remember this trip and remember that we were able to do it, because of you. Thank you so very much. I hope you're having a good day.

Sincerely,

Kashina George



Dear Doner,

I don't think I can thank you enough for the opportunity you have provided me. I was someone who got a scholarship so without you I wouldn't have gotten to participate in this amazing camp. This week I learned many new skills and essentials to backpacking. I know that I will continue to use and enhance these skills because this experience has helped me to fall in love with the outdoors. I have also gotten to connect with and befriend many new people that I never want to lose touch with. Another important aspect of this camp was the doors it has opened up for me. I now have a whole list of service and exploration events that I would love to take part of. This camp has definitely been the highlight of my summer. Before this trip I was a shy girl from a small town. Now I know that I shouldn't be afraid to stand up and use my voice. I should act on issues that bother me ~~like~~ <sup>such as</sup> climate change. This past week I also learned about climate change. That lesson really hit home. It gave me a whole new understanding of the future of our world. The north cascades has become a special place for me this week and I never want climate change to affect ~~it~~ <sup>it</sup>. I also ~~loved~~ loved all the food and clothing that was provided to me this week. I truly had this experience because of your support and I hope that students after me will continue to have the same opportunities.

Sincerely,  
Lilly Visser

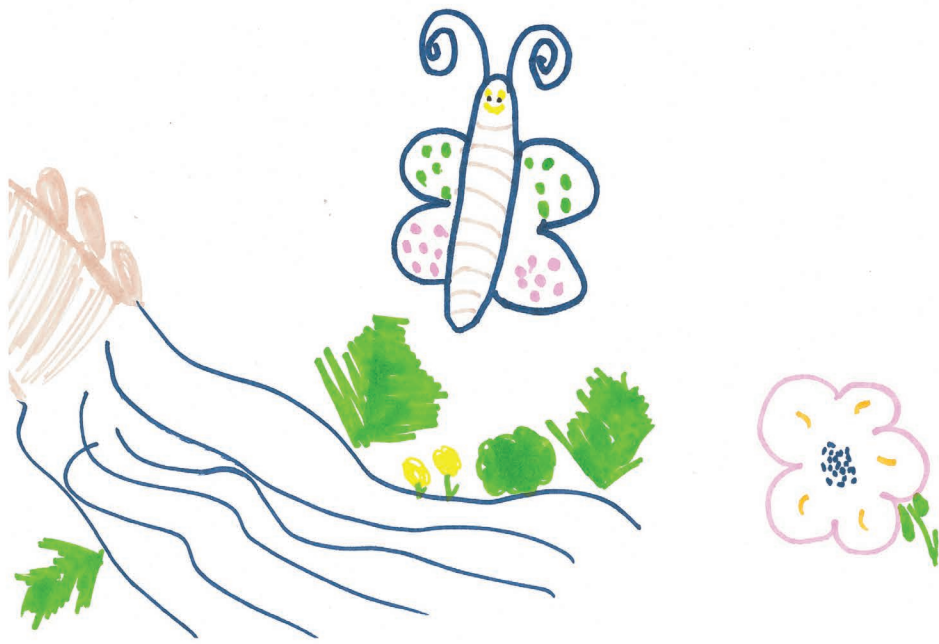


Dear Donor,

I cannot thank you enough for this opportunity.

It has been a fabulous journey I loved it so much.

I made so many new friends in a time in my life that has been hard. I learned so many new things, I laughed lots, and made the best of memories. I have a new family now all because you donated so I could go. And that's such an amazing thing because it made it all worth while to go and to be able to create all and long lasting memories. Thank you so so so so so much. Citiana



Dear Donor,

Thank you for contributing to my success. I have never felt such an amazing feeling as this whole trip has given me. Without your contributions this trip for me would have never happened, and I am thankful you gave to this program. The beauty of Ross Lake is endless. Nothing has changed me more than this amazing program. I could never have experienced this beauty in the whole world, especially not Arizona. I have some of the closest friends in the world due to this program. I have learned about SKILLS, leadership, and an overwhelming sense of peace.

Sincerely,

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Willem Martin



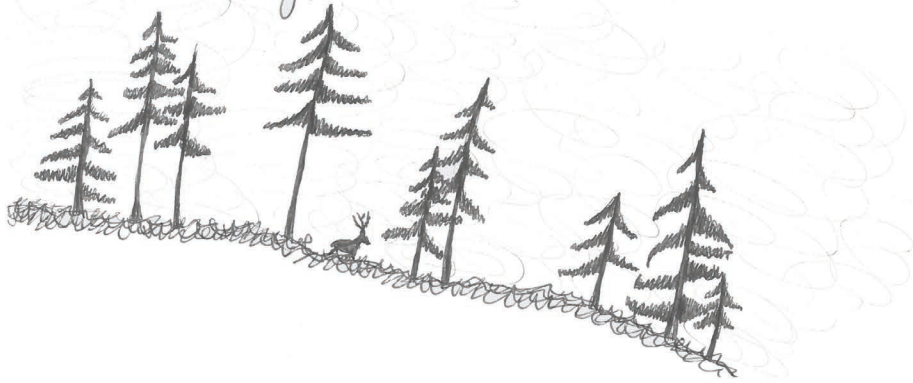


Dear Darrin →

Thank you so much for allowing me to participate in Youth Leadership Adventures. There were so many AMAZING parts of my trip and I am so blessed to be able to participate! One thing I really enjoyed was entering Fisher Basin and just seeing the woods open up and the whole meadow of wildflowers. Then the next morning I woke up and watched the sun rise up and the light hit the far, bare hills. It was incredible. Without your help I never would have witnessed such a stunning beauty. Thank you for allowing me to spend 8 days with some of the most diverse and incredible kids I have ever met, and thank you for allowing me the chance to test my limits physically & mentally in this incredible landscape.

Once again, thank you for allowing me this incredible opportunity!

Sincerely yours,  
Haley Pollins  
Haley Pollins



Dear Supporter,

Thank you for supporting me and the rest of my group on this trip. The trip was really fun. We got to meet the Mount Baker Climbing Rangers Leif and Brandon. We all had a lot of fun learning how to use the tools to fix trails. We also got to meet John Redel, a geologist. He taught us about glaciers and how climate change is affecting them.

We learned a lot about ~~climate~~ the way climate change is affecting parts of the wilderness. Warming temperatures are causing glaciers to recede, the forest line to move to higher elevations, and is even causing pika to be less active. It is a big problem.

This program gave me confidence with leadership, taught me why it is good to practice leave no trace principles, and influenced my career choice. Before the trip, I did not think I could lead anything. I am much more confident in my leadership skills now. Prior to even leaving, we learned the leave no trace principles and why they are important. On the trip, we learned from Brandon that many years ago some of the meadows had to be waded on because so many people had trampled the heather. Going on this trip also influenced my career choice. While I ~~was~~ am not exactly sure what I want to do after school, I know I want to do something involving work in the mountains.

I just want to say thank you again for supporting me on this great trip. Your support is very appreciated.

With great appreciation,

Alexis Otto

