



Funds Distribution Report

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Organization's General Goals:
Our mission is to inspire environmental stewardship through transformative learning experiences in nature. Since 1986, we have helped connect people, nature and community through the hands-on study of the natural and cultural history of the Pacific Northwest.

Date of Award:	Level:
2022 Q1	\$5,001 to \$7,500

For more information, please read the attached report from North Cascades Institute.

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

Thanks to the support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions, we have completed another successful season of Youth Leadership Adventures! We had 45 students participate in our program this summer, and nearly all of them were awarded a scholarship thanks to the generous support of donors like you.

Over the season, it was so inspiring to see the strong connections being formed between participants, the thoughtful discussions taking place about climate resiliency and the personal progress being made during their trips in the North Cascades. Here is an example of the meaningful impact the program had on these students:

Ashley was a junior at Burlington-Edison High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. Ashley shared how excited she was to meet new people and connect with nature. At the end of the trip, Ashley shared how the experience helped her gain more confidence and resilience. She also expressed gratitude for the new knowledge and friends she gained. Now that her trip has ended, Ashley is back home focusing on her senior year of high school.

Ector was a sophomore at Burlington-Edison High School when he applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. Ector shared that he was excited to try new things and experience both backpacking and canoeing for the first time. After his trip, Ector reflected on the strong bonds that were made with the other students and he also expressed appreciation for the support of his instructors. Now that his trip has ended, Ector is back home focusing on his junior year of high school.

Kim was a junior at Burlington-Edison High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. This was Kim's second trip with YLA, having done her first trip last summer. Kim shared that she was excited to return to the North Cascades this year to meet new people and try canoe-camping for the first time. After her trip, Kim shared that this was the best experience she had ever had. She stated how grateful she was for the things she learned and

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the new friends she made. Having returned home, Kim is focused on her senior year of high school.

Kimberly was a sophomore at Burlington-Edison High School when she applied for Youth Leadership Adventures. Kimberly's older sibling had done the program last year and had encouraged her to attend. Kimberly also shared how excited she was to go canoeing for the first time. After the trip, Kimberly shared that despite the struggles, it was the best experience of her life. Now that the summer is over, Kimberly is back home and focusing on her junior year of high school.

Ashely, Ector, Kim and Kimberly received your 2022 YLA Scholarships and their enclosed personal statements further explain why this experience was so meaningful to them. We are so proud of them and look forward to learning more about how this experience continues to influence their future.

Enclosed is a photo of Ashely, Ector, Kim and Kimberly along with their group including their two Institute instructors. If you would like to see more photos to get a better sense of the YLA experience, check out this Flickr album: [bit.ly/2022yla](https://www.flickr.com/photos/2022yla/). **I think you will agree that this next generation of conservation leaders gives us hope for a just and sustainable future!**

This year, we are also continuing our partnership with RE Sources, an environmental organization in Bellingham, to run a Skagit County cohort of the Youth for the Environment and People (YEP!) program. YEP! provides an opportunity for students to share ideas and passions, learn about climate change solutions, engage in local stewardship projects, and work together with other youth in choosing, planning, and implementing a group action project. With all of this in mind, it's a great next step for our Youth Leadership Adventures alumni.

If you have any questions about your scholarship or any of our programs, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Thank you again for your generosity!



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Kimberly

This trip has definitely been a huge challenge both physically/mentally never in a million years did I think I would ever do a trip like and this has been the best 8 days of my life I met some of the best people who I never thought I would ever talk too not only did I make new friends I made a new family. Whether it was a long canoe trip, swimming, star gazing on a bridge I ~~made~~^{was} happy to experience it with the people who soon turned family. While this trip definitely sucked sometimes this experience is unreplacable.

Kim

This was the best experience I have ever had. I have no regrets. The people you meet are strangers at first but you end up being family at the end. I learned new things from everyone and learned a lot about nature and climate change. I am very grateful to be here and really really glad I came. Please do YLA!!

Ector

- Something I would say to someone that was on the fence about joining YLFA is "In the beginning we're strangers, when we go home, you'll miss our family!"
- My favorite part of this trip was watching the stars in the middle of the night on the bridge.

I really loved Emily and Sarah!



Ashley

Im so grateful for having
the opportunity to push myself
I knew I was capable of
doing much more and doing
the YLA ~~experience~~ experience
was the push I needed. If ^{like} Kim
you are willing to push yourself
~~out of~~ your comfort zone do it!
even if its with a friend.
You get to learn about our
Earth and make more friends.

