

PARTY-ON Evaluation Follow-up Data - FINAL REPORT 2007 REAP Grant 07-18

Total # Student Surveys

100

1. Which service learning project did your group participate in :

a. Litter pickup	15
b. Invasive species removal	36
c. Tree planting	19
d. Prairie seed harvesting	11
e. Pick up tree branches	19

2. Would you be willing to help with this type of program again?

Yes	81
No	13
N/A	7
<i>Why or Why Not:</i>	

Because I love nature and being outside
 I had a great time and want to do it again
 It was a ton of fun 29
 It was fun & I loved being outside with my friends
 I'm great at outdoor things and I love being outside
 Maybe, if not as cold
 Yes, if it's warm out and not if it's cold
 Yes, cause it was beautiful
 Because it was great! 3
 Because it is fun and exciting
 Yes, its fun and helpful. I would like to do it in the summer not winter.
 Yes, because it's fun and it's helping the environment
 I need to do community service for my church
 I need to serve my city
 Because it's good volunteering for our community & our world so it can be a better place
 No because you can get hurt
 Because I liked it
 Yes, it was fun like a scavenger hunt
 Yes, because it was fun and it's giving back to the community
 I love fishing and helping others
 No, I didn't like it because my fingernails got dirty
 I'm not into nature

Yes, because it is the right thing to do
I might not want to
Yes, it is good volunteering for our community and our world so it can be a better place
Yes, it was fun and I like helping make this a beautiful world
I thought it was nice.
Yes, because it was fun and helping at the same time
Yes, because it tells that I care about my community 2
No, because I'm scared of fishing
No, cause I'll be busy
No, cause it was dirty and really hot
To tell the truth, I didn't really like it
Yes, because it cleaned the park and made it better
Yes, for the fresh air and the way we were helping the environment.
Yes, because it shows that we care for our state and our environment
Yes, because it is good helping others 3
I want to help out
It helps make the city look clean and better 2
Re-soiled the trees, put more soil on trees

3. List two things learned by helping with service learning project and by visiting the park.

- It's fun. And it helps the environment
I know different types of things. I know how to save things now.
I learned that the honeysuckle was invasive 2
I should volunteer
I learned how to chop them (honeysuckle) down
The honeysuckle is taking over the woods
Honeysuckle is an invasive species
The savannah is very pretty
That theres lots of trees getting took over by bad species. They take over flowers too.
There are a lot of plants that are not good
- People are trying to make room for oaks and animals can die in the winter (if not prepared)
Invasive species are bad for the environment. It is important to help
Plant i.d. 2
How many bad plants are in the park
That brown fox snakes rattle their tail in the leaves!
About GPS and Savannas
How to use a GPS
That they keep the park clean 3
Be safe and work together
It helps nature and it has alien invaders
Prickly things hurs and they are not fun!
Stuff that pokes you is not fun 2
Don't put things by your face
You can use big clippers to clear brush
Bears don't really hibernate
History of the parks
How to put a worm on a hook and to help clean outdoors
How to take care of prairies
How many things you can do for the environment
How to canoe and paddle 3
How to harvest seeds and learned about plants
It helps (collecting prairie seeds) and it was hard
About bugs and plants
I learned how to plant a tree and how to hook a worm
How to plant trees
Volunteer and help other people 2
To take off a fish and cast again

Cutting down things is hard work 2
Save animals and learn how important it is
Parks are beautiful, don't litter
Cut down sticks
How to put a worm on a hook
To help clean outdoors
Don't litter
Parks are very dirty
Parks are a place where people enjoy beauty
I learned it would be nice to clean
Also, I learned how to put on a fish
People litter more than I thought. When you help clean it puts a smile peoples face
I learned that fish will not come for a long time.
To pick up the community and help the community
How to cast a pole
How to fish 2
I learned how to fish and that people should stop littering
Picking up and following directions
We shouldn't litter and I learned how to fish
Pick up trash and what types of fish are in the lake
How to take care of horses and wildness
GPS and to trust people
I learned that a little shortage in the food chain could mess up everything and you can tell a
I learned about the environment
Appreciate outdoors, felt good
Felt good to help out and give something back 6
You have to work hard to make this community a better place
You have to use a lot of soil for huge trees
Not to litter the next time I visit a park
GPS skills 2
Leaving park areas clean

4. Name two environmental issues (problems) facing Iowa today.

The honeysuckle plants will grow over other plants	
Plant (invasive species) & littering	5
Need to save our animals and save the environment	
The honeysuckle plants are invasive species	3
Trees need space to grow (for savannahs)	3
There are lots of bad plants and it's bad in your environment	
Bad trees (invasive species) are growing, we are cutting down animals homes	
Pollution and too many people are cutting down trees	
Overpopulation of plants and their destruction	
Cutting plants down, polluting the water	
Soil erosion	3
Alien species and poop	
Pollution	20
Greenhouse gases	
Waste	
Bugs	
Gas and fires	2
Pollution and cutting down trees	
Animal Extinction	3
Invasive species	2
Litter	20
Species removal	
Predators	
Losing trees and losing prairies	
Global warming	5
Waste production	
Animal Endangerment	3
Garbage	
Recycling	
Drugs	
That lowan's litter and fight a lot	
It's trashed and it needs help	
Trash on our highways	
Water pollution	
Over population	
Using a lot of corn for food	
Lots of hunting in Iowa	
Flooding and droughts	

5. What was the outdoor skill PCC presented to your group at the last class?

Fishing	18
Canoeing	49
Hiking - Winter survival	13

6. Name two things you learned/remember from the outdoor skill program.

You need to do your part	
More than one type of oak tree	
Snake shake their tails to scare predators	
We saw a shedded snake skin (on the hike)	
Trees are beautiful	
Savannahs needs lots of space to grow	
People almost falling (hiking in snow/ice) & I was almost pushed off the trail	
How animals stay alive (survive in winter)	
That you shouldn't go hiking off trail	
The jello thing (winter survival)	2
My Jello didn't "jell" - I had it with me the whole time (it survived)	
Ice on the ground and did an (winter survival) activity	
Oak trees	2
The oak tree thing	
Bears don't really hibernate	
How to read a GPS, a lot about savannas	
Back stroke and J-hook turn	
How to paddle	6
How to get in the canoe	2
How to keep a canoe from tipping	
Don't stand in a canoe and stick together, work as team	
That you need to be safe.	
What to do when you fall in the water	
Don't go swimming when it is cold!	3
The parts of the paddle and types of rows	
We had to make sure we all did own work on paddeling	
Canoeing	9
Fishing	10
How to put a worm on hook	7
How to cast a pole	8
How to catch fish	
Don't touch poison ivy	

Don't put plants by your face!
When done check for ticks
I remembered kissing a fish with Loren
Be outside and play with others
The three names of a sunfish and bass are carnivorous
Getting dirty
That it is fun
Help out people and work hard

Use live bait
 Don't snag lines
 A lot of garbage
 Worms are nasty to cut (break in half)
 It's hard to catch fish
 That there is a lot of littering going on
 Having the courage to touch a worm
 I remembered I caught two fish. I got to hang out with my friends.
 Be careful (casting) when someone is behind you
 Don't put on a whole worm
 I learned you have to be patient or the fish will not come to you
 Always look behind you (when casting) and have fun
 Different types of snakes
 How to use a GPS
 I remembered that it was lots of fun and loved the kids I worked with
 Make a lot of friends, animals, trees and water
 Keep the environment clean
 The geocache boxes are all over the United States

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7. Did you share your outdoor skill experience with family or friends?

Yes	55
No	36
N/A	5
Not yet but I will!	2

No, Because they already know it!

8. If yes, how many people? Who:

Students shared what they learned and did with over 335 people including family (some being extended, friends, and with other youth group participants).	
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9. Have you tried this new outdoor skill since the last session?

Yes	12
No	74
N/A	3
If yes, with whom?	

I already been fishing before this.
 A lot of people, but I went with my Mom to the fishing derby
 Didn't have time just did it.

10. Did you visit a new park or nature area since your last outdoor skill program?

Yes	26
No	43
N/A	6
If yes, name the park:	
Fort Des Moines Park	5
Easter Lake	3
Yellow Banks	3
Thomas Mitchell Park	4
Altoona Park	
Moon Lake	
Yellowstone	
Iowa Hall of Fame	
Red Rock	
Yellowbanks Park	2
Highland Park	
Forest Park	
The Garatooe (I don't think I spelled it right)	
Copper Creek	
Zoo	
Camp	
Grants Farm in Missouri	
Big Creek	

11. Are you more likely to spend more time outdoors after doing these programs with PCC?

Yes	73
No	10
Maybe	3
N/A	4
Comments:	
Yes, it was fun	2
Yes, of course!	
Yes, I love the outdoors	
Very Fun with lots of info	
No ride, otherwise yes I would	
Maybe becuz I'm outside	
I don't know it depends	
Yes in the summer, no in the winter!	
Maybe because I'm always outside	

Yes, rollerblading

Maybe, probably not. Not that it wasn't fun. It just isn't what I like to do. But thanks for coming.

Not really

Kinda

Well, I'm already always outside

Probably

Yes, because it is good for you and your body

Some of my time, not at all

Maybe

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12 Additional Comments:

Polk County Thank you. You're great and fun and nice.

I had an awesome time. Can we do something like this again?

Thank you very much for everything.

I loved to be outside with friends

It was fun, but one person was pushing me.

I was soooooo cold

I had fun

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Thank U. It was fun!!!!

It was awesome

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Thanks for the great experience.

Cool!!