



ATLAS Learning Academy

Achievement Through Leadership, Adventure and Service



OUR PROGRAM

ATLAS Learning Academy had a terrific start of the school year! In a little over four months since opening, we are already serving 23 students in grades 5-12.

ATLAS Learning Academy serves K-12 students using a hybrid teaching model designed to provide customized and active learning emphasizing high academic achievement, leadership, character development, outdoor education/project based learning and teamwork.

Our Last Two Trips

Our last two trips were a perfect example of the power of nature. On Tuesday, November 15th we drove up to Donner Summit, started on the Old Hwy. 40 Pacific Crest Trailhead, and hiked south up to the top of Donner Peak. The trail was virtually snowless with a couple small patches through the trees. After having lunch on the top, the group split in two with a smaller team continuing on to the summit of Mt. Judah where snow on the trail increased. Winds at the top of Mt. Judah were strong enough to push one teenage hiker over!

As it turned out, this was the last day of the fall that the trails would be free of snow as this elevation for that same night while ATLAS students were warm in bed, the surrounding mountains received almost 2 feet of snow!

Just under 4 weeks later, another ATLAS team headed back up the summit. This time we would start at the PCT Trailhead to the north of Highway 80 and hiked the PCT in a north-western direction. And this time, we were in snow! The students enjoyed a crystal clear snowshoe hike. Although the snow was a bit icy after two days of heavy rain, the weather was perfect for students to try out the sport for the very first time.

We are very much looking forward to our 2017 trips which will include many more snowshoe days as well as ski and snowboard trips as well!

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OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

- Our latest adventures were on November 15th and December 12th. On the 15th, we completed a 5 mile loop partially on the Pacific Crest Trail and to the top of Donner and Judah peaks. On the 12th we enjoyed a beautiful trip on snowshoes just below Castle Peak.
- December 12th- Snowshoe trip
- January 4th- Snowshoe Trip
- January 11th- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- January 24th- Snowshoe trip
- January 25th- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- February 1st- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- February 15th- Ski DUCK skiing trip at Squaw Valley
- February 23rd- Snowshoe trip