



ATLAS Learning Academy

Achievement Through Leadership, Adventure and Service

OUR PROGRAM

What a great year for ATLAS Learning Academy. In a little over nine months since opening, we are already serving 38 students in grades 4-12. 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.

Service Projects

Students in the ATLAS program have had multiple opportunities to get involved in service projects this year. Some of the projects have been on site while others have been in the surrounding community.

Earlier in the year, students took part in an on-site beautification project. They cleaned the existing building, did hours worth of prep work and finally painted the building. Students learned valuable skills in all steps of the process.

Students also had two different opportunities to partner with Roseville Urban Forestry Foundation (RUFF.) During the first trip to the Roseville wetlands, students mulched young oak trees and learned about the importance of the area, conservation, and multi-use guidelines.

During the second trip working with RUFF, a new group of students pulled out thousands of feet of irrigation lines that were installed for the newly planted oak trees years ago. The lines were pulled out because the trees did not need the additional water now that they are more mature. While on the outing, students focused on Urban Forest scientific inquiry focused around ecology, conservationism, environmental relationships, global warming, and the balance between Urban Forests and the Carbon Cycle.

One of our first planned service projects next year is working with the Tahoe Rim Trail Association (TRT.) We will be working with them for a day to learn the basics of trail maintenance and then working on a section of the trail near Brockway Summit.

Our last backpacking trip of the year was outstanding. We traveled to Point Reyes National Seashore for three days and two nights with a group of five. We hiked just over 15 miles over 3 days. The first night we stayed at Wildcat Camp on the coast, had a beach fire, and hiked to one of the only waterfalls in California that falls onto the beach. That day students learned, by acting out in skits, the signs/symptoms, treatment principals, evacuation guidelines, and prevention measure for ticks, spiders, and stinging insects. On day two we hiked up into the lush forest and camped at Glen Camp for the night. While there students learned how to effectively tape an injured ankle.

In addition to all the learning that went on, students had ample down time to play cards and explore the deserted beach. It was a great way to end our year of trips!

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Students work with RUFF (Roseville Urban Forestry Foundation) to care for trees in Roseville wetlands.



Students clean up after putting a fresh coat of paint on the ATLAS building.



Happy students on the trail.



Playing cards at a campsite on the coast.