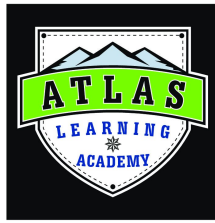


ATLAS Learning Academy
Achievement Through Leadership
Adventure and Service.



“Let Nature be your teacher.”
- William Wordsworth

Snowshoeing in the Sierras

Another year filled with Leadership, Adventure and Service.



In mid January, ATLAS took an ALL girl snowshoeing trip. Eight girls started just opposite of Boreal Ski Resort at the Castle Peak Trailhead. About halfway to our destination, the group took a break in a meadow under the 9100 foot Castle Peak. It was the Tuesday after the Women’s March so another girl made the students signs to hold up for their own ATLAS Women’s March.

After walking in about 2 miles to a ridge at about 8000 feet, the group stopped to have lunch, take in the view and have some

conversation.

On the way back the group walked, instead of on the packed trail, through the forest and deep snow. Sliding down hills, making snow angels, having snowball fights, doing some observation activities, and just playing in the snow. It was enjoyed by all. The snow was deep and it was an extremely physically exhausting day. One that earned the students some credit towards PE as well!



Most of these girls either barely knew each other or had never met. It was an opportunity to create new friendships and new relationships. The adventure helped students with self-confidence and perseverance both in the backcountry and on campus.

Many of our ski/snowboard, as well as snowshoe trips, have had to be canceled this year due to heavy snow. With trips scheduled on 3/12 and 3/13, we hope that the weather cooperates so we can continue to get our students up into the high country.



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