

*"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks"*

**John Muir**  
(1838 – 1914)



# 2008 Annual Fund

*"The amount of your gift is not as important as the act of giving, which demonstrates your support for Lifeschool's unique mission"*

## 5 Ways to Give

1. Secure online gift at [www.goadventure.org](http://www.goadventure.org)
2. Credit card gift by calling 707-876-3071
3. Check made payable to Lifeschool; mailed to PO Box 134, Bodega, CA 94922
4. Monthly Giving Program

As a member of our Monthly Giving Program, you provide donations directly from your credit card to Lifeschool over an extended period of time. You can change, suspend or cancel your gift at any time.

### 5. Planned Giving:

- **Bequests** - Making a provision to Lifeschool in your will is the most common way to make a planned gift.
- **Charitable Trusts** - Consider creating a trust that pays you a fixed percentage of the trust's assets or a set income annually.
- **Life Insurance Policy** - Naming Lifeschool as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy is as simple as contacting your insurance provider and updating your beneficiary designation.
- **IRAs/Retirement Plans** - Making Lifeschool the beneficiary of your IRA or retirement plan is also a great way to make a big impact after you are gone. Again, it is as simple as updating your beneficiary designation.



### Additional information:

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**Join Toyota in supporting Lifeschool's mission to get youth out into nature!**

## ANNUAL FUND MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

Membership Name	Donation Amount	Free Stuff	Web Store Discount	Lifeschool Trip Discount
Camper	\$25 - \$99	Lifeschool patch, sticker & keychain light	5%	N/A
Hiker	\$100 - \$249	Lifeschool patch, sticker, keychain light & t-shirt	10%	5%
Backpacker	\$250 - \$499	Lifeschool patch, sticker, keychain light & sweatshirt	10%	10%
Mountaineer	\$500 or more	Lifeschool patch, sticker, keychain light & sweatshirt	10%	15%



## Letter from the Director

"Ten years ago, a friend and I sat at a campfire talking about youth and something that we thought was missing in terms of their education; and the conversation lead to the notion of providing it. Lifeschool was born of two simple concepts. First, ALL children deserve the resources they need to grow into healthy, independent, responsible adults. Second, today's children are deprived of many of those resources, including time spent in nature. Our program was to have one key distinction; Lifeschool would focus on the positive, the potential and the possibilities within youth.



Since we led our first adventure in 1998, Lifeschool has brought 1,500 youth up mountains, across deserts, down rivers and into oceans in every western state and Costa Rica. We've created close to 100 pages of curriculum published in our field handbook. We've enlisted the support of companies such as Patagonia, The North Face, Mountain Hardware, REI and recently Toyota, who donated a 2008 Tundra to support transportation needs.

In a short time, Lifeschool has accomplished a lot. Yet, much more hard work remains, and we cannot accomplish our mission without your support.

Please join me, and hundreds of others, in our efforts to get youth out into nature, help them develop self-esteem and learn team skills with their peers. WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO LIFESCHOOL.

Sincerely,

Jim Nevill  
Executive Director / Founder



**Current research shows that over two thirds of our young people are not receiving enough developmental resources to be confident of success.<sup>1</sup>**

However, research also shows us that when children participate in programs like Lifeschool, we see higher high school graduation rates, more college enrollment, more environmental consciousness, fewer young lives destroyed by drugs, and fewer young people involved in crime.

In order to fulfill our mission of providing environmentally-conscious enrichment programs to youth in need, and improve our society (and our world) in the process, Lifeschool relies on support and involvement from you. Help keep Lifeschool strong, and reach more children in need by partnering in the mission!

<sup>1</sup>Research sourced from [www.americaspromise.org](http://www.americaspromise.org)

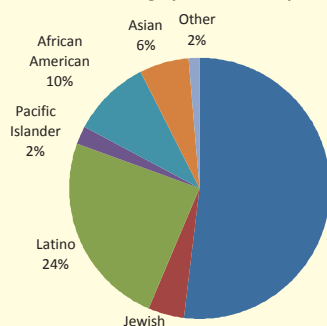


### Lifeschool depends on donations to provide:

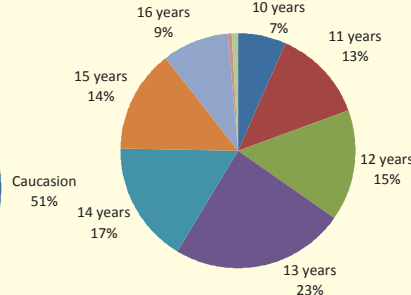
- Financial aid to students in need
- On-going training for field staff
- Supplies and equipment
- Outreach to more kids, schools and communities

## Lifeschool Demographics

Race Demographics for All Trips



Age Demographics for All Trips



## Core Values & Testimonials

### FUN & ADVENTURE

"Being away from home, and around a lot of positive energy made me happier than I've been in a long time."

– 15 year old girl

"Having to make my own food, set up my own tent and take care of myself taught me that you can't take things for granted."

– 13 yr. old boy

"I know I'll forget many of my childhood memories, Lifeschool is one that I know I will never forget."

– 13 year old girl

### SKILL BUILDING & RISK MANAGEMENT

"Bouldering (climbing) improved my self esteem and challenged my problem solving abilities and caused me to think outside the box."

– 14 year old boy

"On day 4 we hiked 7.5 miles. It was pretty hard but when I finished I had an overwhelming sense of achievement and I realized I would not have been able to complete this trip without the support of the people around me."

– 15 year old boy

### ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

"My outlook has completely changed, I am now more aware of my surroundings and will work to help preserve the environment and 'leave no trace.'"

– 12 year old boy

"I learned that I don't need much to survive and that sometimes I can be pretty wasteful. I also learned that even though we as humans tend to believe we are a lot more important than other species, we are just guests in their home."

– 14 year old girl

