

Reaching Youth's Full Potential through Nature

When we focus on integrating **youth development** and **nature connections**, youth can reach their full potential.



KEY

- 1. Camp Newaygo** facilitates informal mentorship through activities and classes that encourage interaction and leadership across ages and grade levels.
- 2. Gangstas to Growers** provides former gang members and formerly incarcerated youth paid internships and mentorship to plant, harvest, and vend produce from an urban farm in Atlanta.
- 3. Urban League** partners with the **Grand Rapids Parks and Recreation** department to provide youth with paid internships to help plant trees and grow their urban forest.
- 4. West Atlanta Watershed Alliance** showcases the importance and interconnection of cultural context by including African drumming sessions in their nature programming.
- 5. Our Community's Children** and **Switchback** in Grand Rapids launched a Gear Library that provides employment to youth while outfitting underserved residents and youth with the necessary gear to spend time outdoors.
- 6. Boys & Girls Club, Camp O'Maley** intentionally highlight outdoor activities that connect youth to nature in their daily life as well as activities that are immersive or far away.

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