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## A whale-sized May Newsletter

Dear \*|FIRST\_NAME|\*,

We have so much to cover in this newsletter – general updates, new ways to give, a harebrained scheme I'm hoping catches some attention, and bringing an (inflatable) whale up a mountain.

Those updates are below, but I wanted to put in a special plug here at the top. We did the math and realized that if each alum of the National Youth Science Camp were to give \$10 a month, then our camp would be fully funded every year! It's that simple. For the price of two nice cups of coffee each month, Science Camp would be guaranteed in perpetuity. Please consider setting up a recurring monthly gift for at least \$10, you can do so at [this link](#) and make sure you select National Youth Science Camp in the dropdown menu for how specifically to apply your contribution.

Just click: [I'm ready to set up my recurring monthly gift.](#)

We work hard to make sure these newsletters are true updates and not just monthly requests for donations, but when we ran the numbers and realized what was possible if every alum contributed, we couldn't help but want to share the results with y'all. Thanks for reading and considering our appeal.

Yours in science,

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## **Delegates from all 50 states plus D.C. to attend Science Camp**

We are thrilled to announce that for the first time since going virtual during the COVID-19 pandemic, we will have representation from all 50 states plus D.C. at Science Camp this year! Thank you to everyone who helped spread the word and drive increased interest and applications. We are gearing up for an amazing summer and are excited to keep you all updated along the way. If you'd like to help us put on the best program possible, we are actively seeking partners to help update/upgrade some of our outdoor equipment. Please see the embedded flyer, [click here for your own copy](#), and reach out to us if you have ideas about how to connect us with any companies or brands that might be interested in getting our delegates the gear they need!

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# SCIENCE ACADEMY



## NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP (NYSCamp)

NYSCamp is a 3-week full-scholarship STEAM program that provides high school juniors and seniors with invaluable opportunities to interact with and learn from industry professionals.

## NYSC'S OUTDOOR PROGRAM

For many of these delegates, this is their first major exposure to the backcountry. Delegates participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities (primarily backpacking; historically has also included caving, mountain biking, climbing, etc.) and learn how their future careers can affect or protect the planet.

## WE'RE LOOKING TO TEAM UP WITH OUTDOOR COMPANIES WHO BELIEVE...

that a connection to the outdoors can change the way you innovate, design, and lead. Partnering with us means helping to create generations of STEAM leaders who care about the planet because they understand what's at stake. Our program has been running for the last six decades!

### OUR ASK

NYSCamp is committed to sustainability, safety, and outdoor access, and we're hoping to start long-lasting relationships with outdoor companies who feel similarly. We're looking for support in the form of gear, sponsorships, and/or partnerships that help us:

- provide safe, reliable gear for our delegates
- promote backcountry sustainability
- create meaningful outdoor adventures while welcoming delegates from all backgrounds and experience levels

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

By teaming up with us, you'll get:

- authentic promotion of your gear on highly impactful trips
- your brand highlighted via our outreach and social media
- commitment to sustainability and outdoor access by partnering with an organization that believes in the same
- potential for deeper collaboration in the future!



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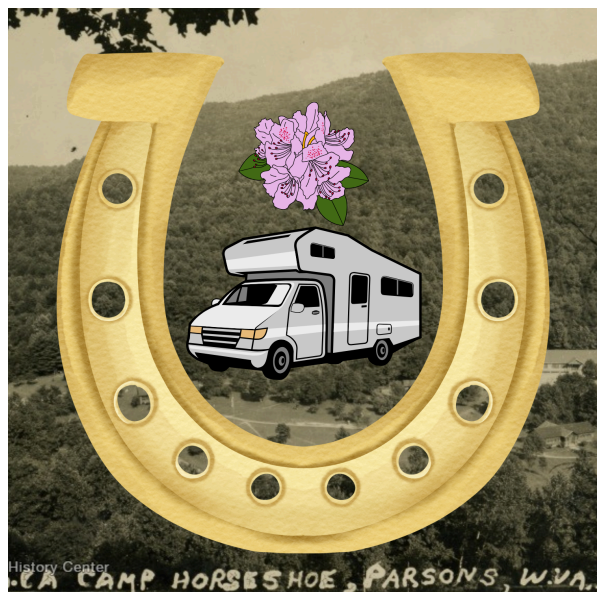
**We have started a Planned Giving program**

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camp and our other programs. Then please consider including us in your [estate planning](#). We have put some resources together on our website and would be happy to help walk you through the process or connect you with external help if needed. We have heard from some of you that you have already included us in your wills, and we are so grateful! If you have already included us but haven't let us know, please drop us a note so we can express our gratitude and chat about how these funds will be stewarded to secure a future for our organization.



## Ryan's harebrained scheme corner: Will you let us borrow your camper or RV for the summer?



Our new facilities at YLA's Camp Horseshoe are sure to provide nice accommodations for our delegates, staph, and guests. Historically, we've always had a few folks who preferred to camp while at Camp, and we want to keep that tradition alive too! Thankfully, Camp Horseshoe is adjacent to the Horseshoe Recreation and Campground Area which has walk-in sites and sites with electrical hookups. We were thinking it could be really cool if we had an RV (or two) to set up in the Campground for guests who may need special accommodations or just prefer something different. If you own an RV, camper, or trailer that you aren't planning on using for the summer, would you consider



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## **We brought an (inflatable) whale up the mountain**

Special shout-out to Tucker County's own Diane Beall and Mike Goss, who came back from a trip to Massachusetts with a great idea for us. While there they did a whale watching trip, but the humpback whales in that area migrate south for the winter, so to continue their cetacean education efforts, Cynde McInnis and her team developed...[The Whalemobile](#). A life-sized inflatable humpback whale based on a real individual whale named Nile. Not only is the inflatable to scale, it is anatomically correct both inside and outside. We were so excited to get the Whalemobile down from Massachusetts and to the top of our mountain. We worked with Tucker County Schools to get field trips in for the day, and then featured the Whalemobile for Monday Night Science. It was a huge hit, and another special thanks to Mike Goss for donating food for the event from Tucker County's own Sirianni's Cafe. We are blessed to be in such a supportive community and if you have ideas for programs that we could host, please don't hesitate to reach out and share your thoughts!



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**Thanks to you all for your support and here's to an amazing summer!**

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