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Adventure Camp

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During the first week of July ten youth worked and played at Adventure Camp. The goal of Adventure Camp (AC) as with all of Swan Ecosystem Center's youth education programs, is to foster stewardship. This can be accomplished in a number of ways no doubt, but our preference at Swan Ecosystem Center (SEC) is to intertwine field work and fun.



Someone's waders leaked, these socks are soaked.

In describing what "adventure" means, participants of AC listed synonyms such as challenge, fun, interesting, dangerous, experience and excitement. No one listed "work", but they would tell you now that Adventure Camp is also a little work.

As participants of SEC's After School Club, Barber Creek Pit Restoration Project, Tamarack Festival Forest Science and now Adventure Camp will tell you there is usually work but there is fun too. As one participant described the last hike, "It was worth it."

Some of the activities during the week included amphibian surveying, bird watching, water quality testing, hiking and fishing.

This was the first Adventure Camp and the comments of its first participants will be important in planning the second Camp in 2011.

Thanks to Lauryn, Neffy, Christina, Isabella, Victoria, Carla, Mitch, Wrangell, Jory, and Dakota, and congratulations for all of your accomplishments. It is part of being outdoors and being outdoors is seldom a "cushy" experience but it is always fun. Join us last next year and decide is it work or fun or both?



Pond surveyors head out.



The survivors