



Back Into the Field: Reconnect Earth's Summer 2021 Report

Reconnect Earth's July and August 2021 trips took students into Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest to learn about **environmental issues**, **social justice**, and **grassroots activism skills**. Along the way, participants visited beautiful subalpine meadows, climbed to the base of an alpine glacier, and hiked through old-growth forests. Specific workshops, trainings, and facilitated discussion topics included:

- Local **Indigenous history**
- **Climate change** impacts
- Grassroots **campaign planning**
- **Colonialism** in NW Washington
- **Nonviolent direct action**
- **Lobbying** elected officials
- Sustaining **relationships with nature**
- ***And much more!***



On Summer 2021 Reconnect Earth trips, students:



Experienced stunning landscapes



Learned backcountry skills



Encountered wild creatures

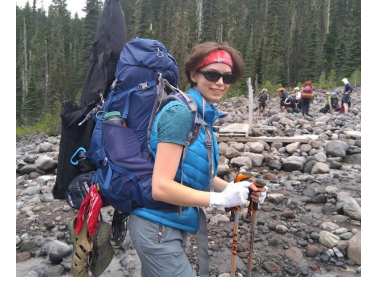
Explored
Pacific
Northwest
ecosystems



Reflected on their relationship with nature



Made lasting friendships



Diversity and Accessibility

Reconnect Earth works hard to make our trips accessible, relevant, and culturally sustaining for students of all races, genders, orientations, and economic backgrounds. We are also committed to holding ourselves accountable and doing better over time. This year, participants on our summer trips identified as:

- **31%** students of color
- **31%** LGBTQ+
- **88%** female or non-binary



Assessing Results

Reconnect Earth trips help students activate their potential as agents of positive change while learning about important issues and forming a personal connection to Northwest landscapes. This summer, **94% of participants** said in post-trip surveys the trip increased their knowledge of **environmental** and **social justice** issues. **100% responded** their understanding of **natural history**, **grassroots activism**, and **outdoor skills** increased during the trip.



Help our work continue:

As part of our commitment to accessibility, Reconnect Earth provides scholarships for students from low-income backgrounds. Give to our scholarship fund at reconnectearth.org/donate, and help ensure we can continue making our trips affordable.



“This trip was a life changing experience for me. Reconnect Earth gave me the confidence to go backpacking on my own and to direct positive changes in this world. I will always cherish the time and knowledge I gained while backpacking with Reconnect Earth.”

-Nicole Weeks, August 2021 trip participant

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