

A LOVE OF NATURE

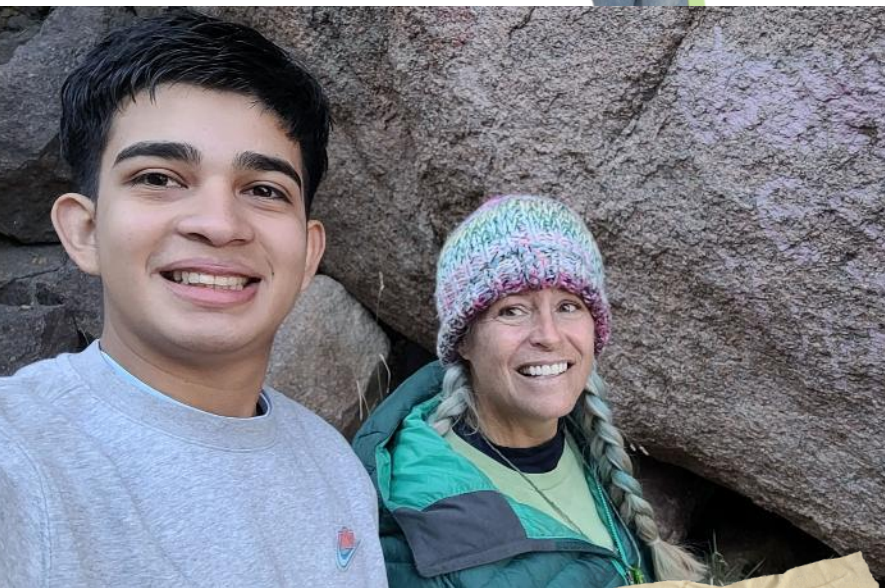
A nature loving student with excellent leadership skills, wins big this year with Cottonwood Institute prize.

Megan Sandoval (10) took home a prize package worth thousands this year when she won the Ripple Effect Award. Although many students were honored for their exceptional leadership in the greater Denver Metro Area, Sandoval was the one who brought home the prize of an overnight rafting trip. Sandoval explained, "I also won another award and I plan to go camping in the summer. I love CAP because I get to be in nature and have fun."



WOODWORKING TOGETHER Lee Hatcher (9), Hannah Mahesh (11), and Nick Gallardo (9) work together to build bat boxes, for bats in need of shelter. The CAP program is not only about camping but teaching students about nature and wildlife. "My favorite part is going outside and doing activities with my classmates," said Hatcher. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel

SNOW DAY GETAWAY Shira Nathan (12), Maite Valeria Silva Huaranga (9), Nhi Nguyen (12), Belen Martinez (12), and more CAP students, pose for a picture together after a fun day building snow shelters and snowmen. CAP runs both semesters at CHS so students have different opportunities for seasonal adventures. "I like to talk about nature and build snow shelters," said Silva Huaranga. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel



BOULDER SELFIE Emerson Castillo (10) and Mrs. Angel pose for a photo while on the trail. The CAP program does an overnight camping trip in the fall at Cheley Outpost Camp. "I like to go to the mountains, build fires, and cook marshmallows," said Castillo. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel

SCAT IDENTIFICATION Bryan Hernandez (9) studies an animal guide. Students have many opportunities not just to camp but to learn about local flora and fauna as well. "I joined because it was interesting. I got to learn about nature," said Hernandez. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel





CHALKING IT UP Carly Sinkey (9), Megan Sandoval (10), and Lee Hatcher (9) use chalk to mark the front entry way of the school. "I loved the camping trips, looking at the stars and getting to know lots of people," said Mohebi. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel

PIGGY BACK RIDE Ignacio Preciado (9), and Jesse Holtsnider (12) have fun walking through the snow in their snowshoes. Spring semester students had an opportunity to build snow shelters. "I enjoyed being an assistant instructor at the Cottonwood Institute, meeting new people, and learning more Spanish," said Holtsnider. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel

CAMPING SHENANIGANS Cam Williams (9) and Hannah Mahesh (11) pose together in a tent they constructed. "I joined because I wanted experience with nature and survival skills," said Williams. photo donated by Mrs. Erin Angel

WE WANT ADVENTURE

The Community Adventure Program gives students the opportunity to explore the great outdoors and learn about their natural environment.

"I loved camping and looking at the stars."
- Hannah Mahesh (11)



THE ART OF TENT BUILDING

A high quality tent is vital to a comfortable and fun overnight camping trip in the mountains. Omar Sanchez Ochoa (9) poses for a picture in a tent wearing warm outdoor hiking gear. Students in the Community Adventure Program learn many different skills like tent building, fire making, and so much more. Hiking and camping give students the opportunity to be out in nature and learn about Colorado's animals and ecosystem. The class has two trips each semester so students can practice their survival and outdoors skills outside of the classroom. Ochoa explained, "My favorite moment was the camping trip. I really liked all the things we did."

