

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Farewell from the 2015 Conservation Corps Members
- Volunteer Recognition
- What's Happening in December?

Ready, Set, Go!



DECEMBER 2015

Farewell - A parting note from the 2015 CCM members

Metro Area - Kelsey Depew worked diligently with Project GO over the past year developing a brand new website, creating new brochures, activity booklets, handbooks, and videos, and presenting multiple times to audiences about the importance of children playing and exploring nature. She also worked to create new GO sites in the metro area to expand Project GO. What's next for Kelsey? You can find her serving another year with the Conservation Corps hosted by [Minnesota DNR Parks & Trails](#) as an Youth Outreach Specialist.



Jennie Alison Kelsey

Northwest MN - Alison Agresta continued Project GO's partnership with Kids at Castle Park and the Crookston Public Library where she led various fun events. She also taught students about maps, pollinators, and invasive species at the 17th annual [White Earth Math and Science Camp](#). What's next for Alison? You can find her actively looking to apply to grad schools.

Southern MN - Jennie LaRoche had such a busy year working with Project GO. Jennie particularly enjoyed connecting children with nature and was able to provide outreach to over 1,000 children! She says "Thank You!" to all of the wonderful volunteers and partners she worked with over the past year. What's next for Jennie? You can find her at the [Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center](#) near Lanesboro, MN where she will be serving as their Skills School Coordinator and Outdoor Educator.

Nov. Highlights:

Project GO raised \$500 on [GIVE TO THE MAX DAY](#). We are so thankful and grateful to all of our contributors!

You can [find All of Our NEW Publications](#) that we have created over the past year on our site under the [START CLUB > RESOURCE](#) tab.

Couple new webpages on the site. [CREATE YOUR OWN](#) and [CULTURAL AWARENESS](#).

Project GO will NOT be hosting 2016 corps-members due to our focus on hiring a full time Program Director.

Moving Forward
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Thank You to our Fantastic Volunteers!

Project GO would not be where it is today without our wonderful volunteers. Our volunteers work in their communities to get children outside and they do an excellent job! Below are a list of volunteers and the length of time they have been volunteering with us.

Joel Dunnette—9 years

Pam and Michael Pagelkopf—6 years

Katie Dudley—6 years

Bill and Sandy Sullivan—6 years

Deb Collum—3 years

2015 First Time Volunteers

Wanda Sue Fleur

Friends of Indian Heights Group

Jyssica Schutz

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Thank you all for your time, talents, and dedication!



Jyssica Shultz

What's Happening in December?

Metro Area:

- [MN Valley Refuge Programs](#) FREE!!

- [Explore Minnesota](#) Fun for all ages.

- [Three River Parks](#) Family Friendly Programs throughout the winter.

- [DNR KIDS!](#) - Great place to find outdoor activities for kids at all state, regional, and city parks.

Southern MN:

- [Zumbro Valley Audubon Society](#)

Monthly Bird Walk Dec. 5, 9-10am at

Quarry Hill Nature Center

- [Christmas Bird Count](#) Dec. 19, 7:15am-5pm meet at West Silver Lake parking lot near the fire station

Northwest MN:

- Storytime at the [Crookston Public Library](#): Thursdays at 10:30am

- Holiday Storytime at the [Crookston Public Library](#): Saturday, December 12th at 10:30am

- Origami Club at the [Moorhead Public Library](#): Mondays at 6:30pm

Other:

Go for a walk or take a hike at your nearest park or on any trails near your home. To find your nearest park or trail, visit your County's [Parks and Trails](#) website. [Olmsted County](#), [St. Paul](#), [Minneapolis](#), [Polk County](#)

The snow is back! Go out and enjoy winter activities: ski, skate, snow shoe, sled, build snowmen, play broomball! Check local parks and recreational centers for rentals.

For more information on Project Get Outdoors please visit us at mnprojectgo.org/. You can also check out all our wonderful partners on our [Partners Page](#).

