

Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Report

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Saint John's
OUTDOOR

UNIVERSITY



Saint John's Outdoor University provides environmental and outdoor education through classes, events and initiatives with the Abbey Arboretum, Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict.

Environmental Education & Community Outreach

CSB/SJU Education & Student Development

- 6,227 recorded participation - 1500 higher than last fiscal year due mostly to the high number of events and student participation in the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge. The Outdoor Leadership Center (OLC) recorded 1,200 customers, checking out more than 2000 items of outdoor gear.
- The Challenge Course served 885 students from first-year seminar and other classes, athletic teams, student employment teams and others.
- CSB/SJU was crowned the 2014 National Outdoor Champions in the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge. Despite being the second smallest school in the competition, we had the highest number of participants in outdoor recreation activities and handily defeated 2nd place Michigan Technical University with our 162,880 points to their 48,910.

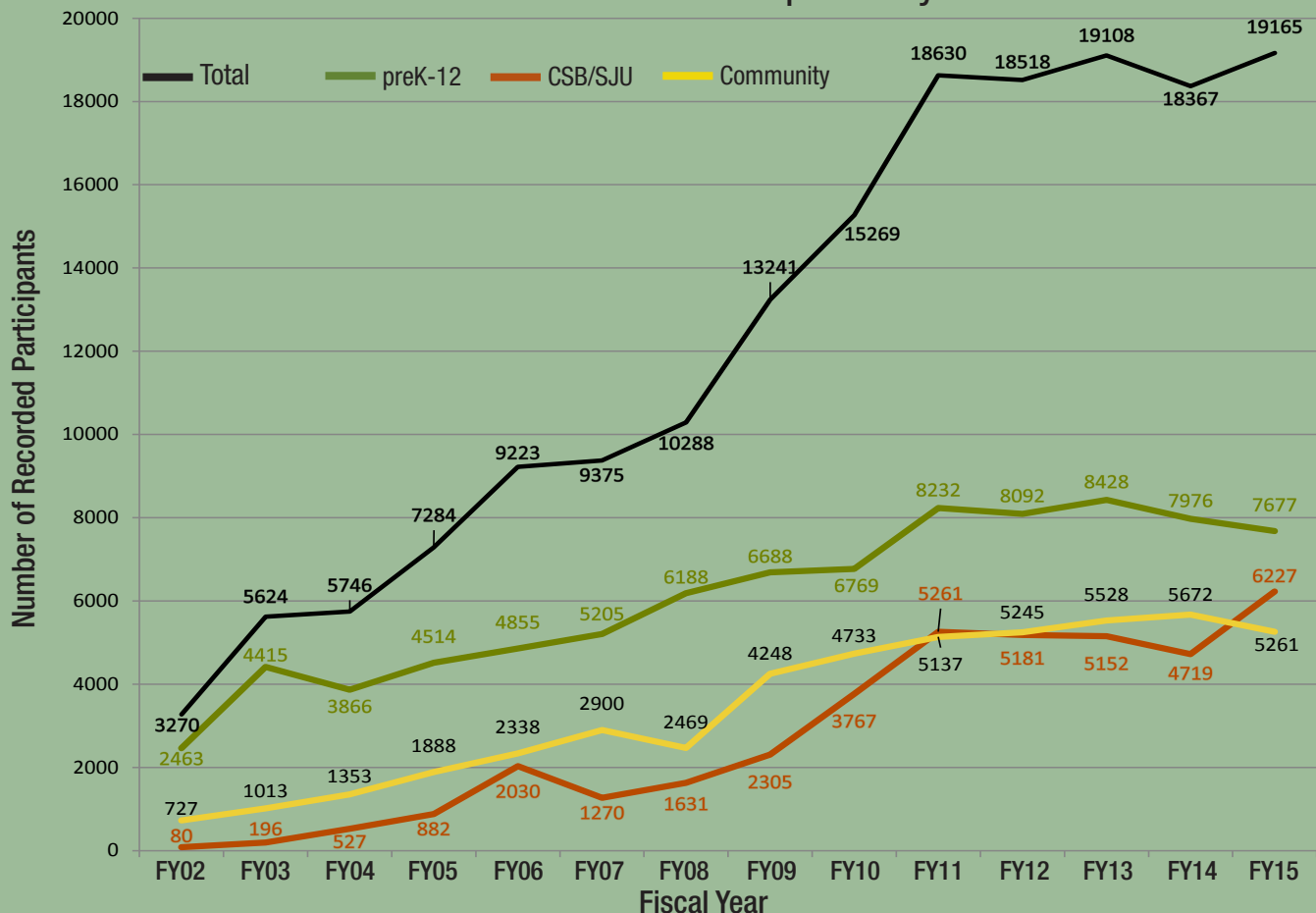
Community Education

- 5,261 recorded participation in our community events including maple syrup festivals, tapping day, Avon Hills conference, lecture series and more. 880 people participated in Challenge Courses from local schools, non-profits and corporate groups.
- More than 400 community members joined the CSB/SJU community in the Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge. Community-wide participation helps further the goals of the campus challenge (and Outdoor U!) to get people outside and active.

preK-12 Education

- 7,677 student visits kept staff very busy, despite the lower number from previous years (due to weather cancellations).
- Beginning in May 2015 and continuing through FY2016, Outdoor U is partnering with Youth Energy Summit (YES!) to engage middle and high school students on issues of sustainability. This is an exciting way to meet a long-term goal to engage more middle and high school students in environmental education.

Outdoor U Education - Participation by Audience



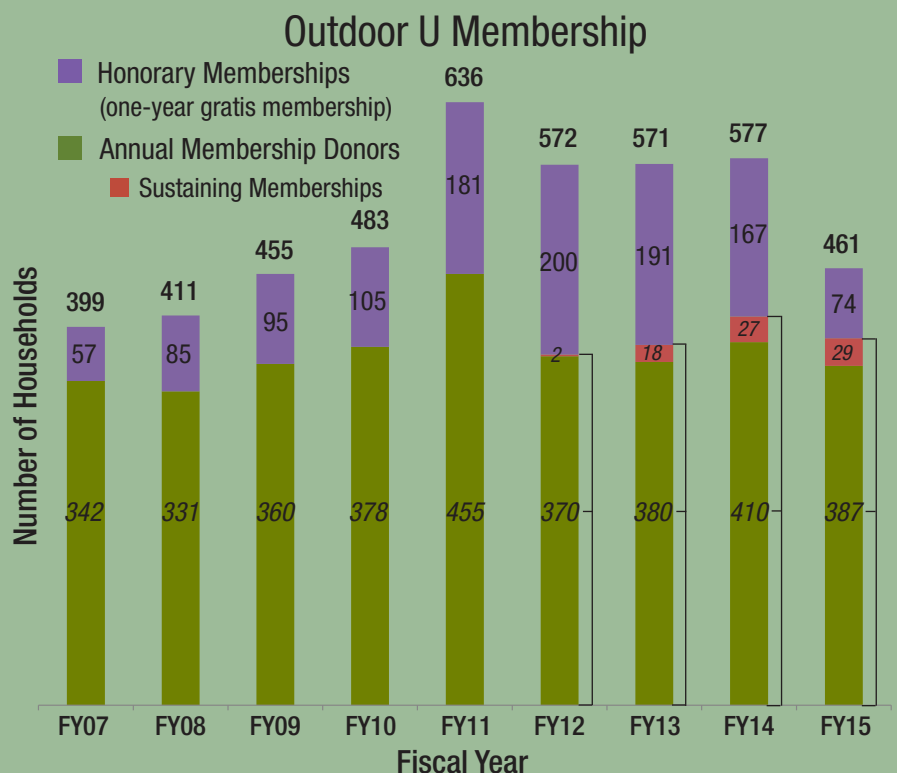
Fundraising & Membership

Funding Source	Balance 7-01-14	Additions	Expenses	Balance 6-30-15	Purpose
Annual Memberships/Special Gifts	\$80,515	\$36,410	(\$113,256)	\$47,872	Outdoor U program support
Outdoor U Educational Programs & Events		\$17,326			Community & CSB/SJU education
preK-12 Programs		\$19,309			preK-12 education
Income from Outdoor U Dedicated Funds*		\$7,568			Outdoor U program support
Adventure Programming	\$44,616	\$60,222	(\$52,252)	\$52,586	PRP, OLC, Collegebound, Challenge Course, CSB/SJU student programs
Summary: Outdoor U General Funding	\$125,131	\$140,835	(\$165,508)	\$100,458	
Environmental Education Endowment in memory of Father Paul Schwietz	\$106,558	\$14,846	(\$3,960)	\$117,444	K-12, Community and CSB/SJU environmental education
Fr. Jack Conway Fund	\$60,741	\$0	(\$872)	\$59,869	Outdoor U environmental education & land stewardship
Buy a seat on the bus	\$0	\$2,736	(\$2,736)	\$0	Bussing for preK-12 students
Summary: Outdoor U Endowments & Dedicated Funds*	\$167,299	\$17,582	(\$7568)	\$177,313	
L&M Schwietz Abbey Endowment	\$197,770	\$8,175	(\$9,085)	\$196,860	Abbey-related land stewardship activities and environmental education
Abbey Land Legacy Fund	\$8,256	\$1,065	(\$1,432)	\$7,889	Abbey land preservation
Summary: Abbey Arboretum Endowments & Dedicated Funds*	\$206,026	\$9,240	(\$10,517)	\$204,749	
Youth Energy Summit (YES!)	\$0	\$968	(\$968)	\$0	Central coordinator contract position
Outdoor Nation	\$0	\$6,500	(\$6,500)	\$0	Outdoor Nation Campus Challenge
Summary: Grant Funding	\$0	\$7,468	(\$7,468)	\$0	
Environment & Natural Resources Trust Fund	\$0	\$22,454	(\$22,454)	\$0	Preserving Avon Hills landscape, Outdoor U community education
Summary: Avon Hills Initiative Funds	\$0	\$22,454	(\$22,454)	\$0	

We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to all of our donors. Your gifts allow us to continue our work and allow for the growth of our programs.

A spike in membership from FY11-FY14 was due in part to a change in how CSB/SJU student membership are processed, which also increased the number of honorary memberships. The drop in memberships in FY15 reflects the complete turnover of students since implementing the change. While total number of members is down from FY14, membership giving actually increased slightly this year. **Thank you.**

We look forward to continuing to improve our environmental and outdoor education with the help of new and renewing members like you.



Abbey Arboretum Stewardship & Conservation

Saint John's Abbey Arboretum is more than 2,500 acres of lakes, prairie, oak savanna and forest owned by Saint John's Abbey and surrounding Saint John's University

- The logging season finished harvesting the last of the 2011 blowdown that was still salvageable.
- The maple syrup season was another good year, producing 344 gallons of syrup for the Abbey and Outdoor U volunteers.
- The 2014 archery deer hunt was completed successfully. 108 hunters were eligible to hunt and 20 deer were harvested. A 2015 archery hunt is planned to continue to bring the deer population down to more manageable levels.
- An AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps installed fencing to protect 10 acres of oak regeneration in the Abbey Arboretum.

About Us

Our Shared Vision

Saint John's Outdoor University and the Abbey Arboretum celebrate the unique beauty and richness of God's creation in central Minnesota and foster the Benedictine tradition of land stewardship, education and environmental respect.

Saint John's Outdoor University Mission

Saint John's Outdoor University provides environmental and outdoor education in pursuit of:

- Environmental literacy and connections to the natural world that motivate responsible environmental decisions;
- Leadership development and personal growth through experiential learning;
- Sustainable land use and conservations
- Learning, recreation and spiritual renewal in the Abbey Arboretum and other great outdoor spaces.

Abbey Arboretum Mission

- Preserve native plant and wildlife communities of the Abbey Arboretum lands;
- Provide opportunities for education and research;
- Model practices of sustainable land use;
- Make accessible a natural environment that invites spiritual renewal.

Our Staff:

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*Saint John's Outdoor U Director
Abbey Arboretum Land Manager*

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Assistant Director

Envr. Education Coordinator

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