



The Outdoors Alliance for Kids is a national strategic partnership

of organizations from diverse sectors with a common interest in connecting children, youth and families with the outdoors. OAK's members are brought together by the belief that the wellness of current and future generations, the health of our planet and communities and the economy of the future depend on humans having a personal, direct and life-long relationship with nature and the outdoors. OAK brings together nearly 100 organizations representing more than 60 million individuals to help shape a future where all children, youth and families have safe and readily available opportunities to connect with the outdoors. OAK's advocacy framework rests on three pillars: education, community health and wellness and environmental stewardship.

EDUCATION: *All children and youth have regular, safe, and varied opportunities to learn in and about the natural world.* OAK supports efforts to:

- integrate environmental and outdoor education into the formal pre and K-12 school curricula;
- establish or improve high-quality and safe outdoor learning environments; and
- strengthen and expand educational programs outside the public school system that are related to our public lands, waters and shores.

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLNESS: *All children and youth have increased access to safe places outdoors and initiatives to improve their physical and mental health.* OAK supports efforts to:

- ensure every child in America has safe access to public parks and open spaces within a half mile of their home;
- protect, restore, or establish natural areas, parks, play spaces and walking and biking paths near schools and populations centers where safe and accessible outdoor areas may be limited; and
- encourage our children to get the recommended 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity every day, with an emphasis on outdoor play when appropriate and safe.

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP: *America's natural areas are protected and maintained and youth are engaged in their stewardship.* OAK supports efforts to:

- protect our public lands, waters and shores for future generations to enjoy by addressing critical challenges, such as climate change;
- restore funding for our nation's public lands to ensure their proper management; and
- engage youth and young adults in career pathway programs that steward and help maintain public lands.