

THE YAC DISPATCH

Week of October 8th - October 21st

Need to Know



YAC October Workshop

Our October workshop is coming up fast!

Please join us:

Thursday, October 25th from
4:30-6:00PM

at the ITE Urban Field Station

Be prepared to have fun, eat good food and (FINALLY) learn about fermentation from Paloma Martinez and friends!

Wilderness Warriors

Explore, camp, and backpack in public lands while experiencing the benefits and challenges of the Wilderness Act. In partnership with The Wilderness Society, YAC interns meet land managers, scientists, policy experts, and public land stakeholders and then turn experience into action by developing youth-driven, media announcements (video, podcast, etc.) that advocates for wilderness!

Applications are due Friday, Nov. 2nd

To apply and read up on all the details check out this [link](#).

YAC Program Highlight



Give a little, Gift a lot

68 ITE'ers battled Tucson's traffic to join the Summit Hut/Patagonia Give a Little/Gift a Lot Happy Hour fundraiser!

Thanks to Patagonia, Summit Hut and our awesome donators, ITE raised **\$9,350!!!**

Thank you so much! All 200 tokens sold in 26 minutes and ITE received 116 of the 200 tokens!

These dollars will go into our Urban Field Station fund to purchase much needed educational resources such as youth participation, VIP, and staff incentives (swag), citizen science tools, outdoor gear, art materials, computer technology, and restoration tools. All this will advance our youth leaders efforts in environmental education and stewardship.

YAC Member Spotlight



Will Kleiner

Favorite Experience with YAC/ITE?

I've been on so many fun ITE experiences that it's hard to choose just one, but this year's American Experience was great. I especially loved the time we spent in Pagosa Springs, where we planted trees (difficult but rewarding), saw a bear in the middle of town, learned about the potential of geodesic greenhouses, and bathed in the town's natural hot springs. I also caught a garter snake there, which was awesome.

One cool thing people may not know about you?

I think something cool most people don't know about me is that I adore the creepy-crawlies of the earth: snakes, spiders, scorpions, I love them all, and they seem drawn to me. I like creatures most people don't quite understand: for me, animals' offensive power just makes them more interesting.



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