

# SERVICES WE PROVIDE

## Schools

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| Imaginary Canoe Trip | Team Building     |
| Hikes                | Relay Races       |
| Blind Canoe Races    | Canoeing/Kayaking |
| Farm Center Trips    | Scavenger Hunts   |
| Mini Adventure Races | Hay Rides         |

## Church & Youth Groups

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| Spiritual Walks | 7 Days of Grace |
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## Corporate

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| Adventure Races          | Adult Relay Races     |
| Team Building Activities | Leadership Activities |

## Specialty

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Food & Beverage PKgs           | Canoe & Kayak Lessons |
| Moonlight Canoeing             | Environmental         |
| Outdoor Education              | Interpretive Centers  |
| Winter Programs                | Sing-Alongs           |
| Custom Programs                | Bonfires              |
| Military/Police/Fire Discounts |                       |



# CLIENTS

## Schools

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| Detroit Country Day    | Oak Valley School    |
| Warren Fitzgerald H.S. | Univ. Liggett        |
| Cedarcrest Academy     | Davison Schools      |
| Walden Middle School   | Southfield Christian |
| Waldorf                | Maltby Middle School |
| Scholars Together      | Muir Middle School   |
| Bloomfield Hills       | Scranton             |

## Church & Youth Groups

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| Ward Church           | Oak Point Church |
| North Ridge Church    | St. Mary's       |
| Our Lady of the Woods | Living Stone     |

## Corporate

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| Borg Warner                           | Trips for Kids     |
| Emerald City Designs                  | Oak County Sheriff |
| Central Collegiate Hockey Association |                    |



## Specialty Events

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| Milford Memories              | Med Wars              |
| Sparks in the Park            | Trips for Kids        |
| B.O.W. Program                | Paddle to Symphony    |
| Boy/Girl Scouts               | Infiterria Adv. Races |
| Johnson Outdoor Nature Center |                       |



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## Huron Clinton Metroparks

- Chief of Interpretive Services, Mike George  
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## Proud Lake State Recreation Area

- Supervisor, Paul Augsburger  
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## Oakland County Parks

- Recreation Program Supervisor, Derenda Howard  
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## Friends of Proud Lake

- Vice Chair, Peggy Brainard  
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## Community Partners

- Bonnie Michalak, 248-589-2251
- Project Learning Tree
- Project Wild

# Nature Connections



**NO CHILD  
LEFT INSIDE**  
Regardless of Age



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School for Outdoor Leadership,  
Adventure & Recreation

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVE

The Nature Connections program is designed to provide all children, regardless of age, a positive outdoor experience. The goal of "No Child Left Inside" is to provide an experience so powerful that it creates a lasting impression and as a result they will continue to explore and enjoy the outdoors during their lifetime.

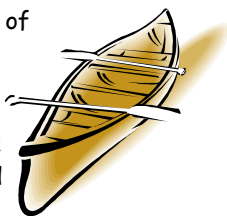
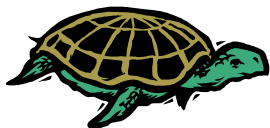
## PROGRAM STRATEGY

Create opportunities for children and adults to explore the outdoors through educational, and leisure experiences. These opportunities provide hands-on experiences that allow for outdoor exploration while instilling a sense of ownership for the environment.

Utilizing teachers, trained outdoor professionals, outdoor educators, and park service staff, the program will develop and execute:

- Outdoor based classes to meet Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations (GLCE) curriculum requirements for schools.
- Programs to introduce people to outdoor skills including canoeing, kayaking, hiking, orienteering and team building.
- Nature and science based activities to engage and encourage children to learn.
- Family based programs to encourage ongoing exploration.

Programs and classes can be held at individual schools, in the state parks, at Huron Clinton Metroparks, or at other locations throughout Michigan.



## PROGRAM PARTNERS

### Heavner Canoe Rental

[www.heavnercanoe.com](http://www.heavnercanoe.com)

For over 50 years the Heavner family has been providing opportunities for people of all ages to explore the outdoors through canoe and kayak trips. Based out of Proud Lake State Recreation Area, right on the Huron River, Heavner Canoe has satellite locations at several other state parks and metroparks in the Detroit area. They are also mobile, supporting and conducting classes and events all over the state at schools, churches, and corporations.

### Huron-Clinton Metroparks

[www.metroparks.com](http://www.metroparks.com)

Thirteen Metroparks are located along the Huron and Clinton Rivers, providing an ever growing variety of outdoor recreational and educational activities year round in safe, clean environments including picnicking, fishing, swimming, boating, hiking, nature studies, biking, golf, winter sports, outdoor programs and special events.

The HCMA operates nine full-service interpretive centers -- nature, farm and historical -- that provide a variety of programs both on site and off site, for almost 1.5 million people annually including the "Mobile Learning Center," a 48-foot trailer filled with exhibits and hands-on activities.

### Oakland County Parks

[www.oakgov.com/parksrec](http://www.oakgov.com/parksrec)

Celebrating 42 years, the 13 Oakland County Parks offer more than 6000 acres and nearly 60 miles of trails and natural landscapes for year-round recreation, including five golf courses, two water parks and nature centers. Unique recreation opportunities include Mobile Recreation and The Fridge Toboggan Run.

## Proud Lake State Recreation Area

[www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr)

Located on the scenic Huron River this state park offers diverse and plentiful recreational and nature opportunities. The park has more than 20 miles of trails for hiking, nature walks, mountain biking, horseback riding, and cross-country skiing. It has diverse habitats including marsh, lake, river, and swamp. The property also offers facilities for fishing, camping, picnics, and has several indoor facilities for classes and conferences. With the addition of the River Hawk Lodge, Annex, Café and Conference Center, it now has the means to host larger groups overnight, including schools, churches and corporations. The park is currently looking at adding log cabins, a yurt and teepees in a family setting.



## School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure, & Recreation (SOLAR)

[www.solaroutdoors.org](http://www.solaroutdoors.org)

SOLAR was formed over 30 years ago by a passionate group of individuals who wanted to share their love of the outdoors. Located in SE Michigan, SOLAR has more than 400 members dedicated to the enjoyment of nature and outdoor activities. Offering classes and trips for all skill levels and interests the founding members determined that education was an important aspect of the group, Hence the word "School" in SOLAR. Classes provide a safe environment to learn and practice outdoor skills and experience unique group dynamics. A 100% volunteer run, non-profit organization, through education, SOLAR empowers its members to lead trips, activities, and classes in the outdoors.

