



Michigan Department of Natural Resources Calling All Outstanding Outdoor Kids!

The Department of Natural Resources and Hudsonville Ice Cream are looking for kids who have gone above and beyond to preserve, protect and promote outdoor recreation opportunities for generations to come – because this commitment to their community and the outdoors is Pure Michigan.

Use this nomination form to recognize an outstanding outdoor kid, aged 8-18, who has gone above and beyond. This kid, who must be a Michigan resident, may have helped to build a trail, fundraise for a new soccer field, participate in a playground build, start a new recreational event, clean beaches and more.

How Do I Nominate an Outstanding Outdoor Kid?

Follow the four-step directions on the back of this sheet to complete the nomination form, then mail, fax or email prior to the deadline.

How Will the Outstanding Outdoor Kids be Chosen?

One outstanding outdoor kid will be chosen from each age group; 8-11, 12-14 and 15-18. Applications will be taken into consideration by a cross section of representatives from the DNR, Hudsonville Ice Cream, the Natural Resources Commission and non-profit youth organizations and community leaders. The winner and one runner-up from each age group will be notified by mail.

What Will the Outstanding Outdoor Kids Receive?

One winner from each age group will:

- Serve as a celebrity judge for the Official Ice Cream Flavor of Michigan State Parks contest, with judging to take place at a press conference at the Wixom Meijer on Feb. 7, 2012;
- Earn a Random Act of Ice Cream from Hudsonville (an on-site ice cream party for their school), with recognition from DNR and Hudsonville staff during the presentation;
- Be presented with a certificate of appreciation during a recognition ceremony with Michigan's Natural Resources Commission and DNR Director Rodney Stokes;
- Receive one free week of camping for their immediate family at any Michigan State Park and;
- Receive a \$100 gift certificate to Meijer.

All nominees will receive a certificate of recognition.



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Nomination deadline is 5 p.m., Jan. 23.
Late or incomplete packages will not be considered.

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Nomination Form

Step 1: Provide the Following Information:

Please print clearly and include the appropriate signature where requested.

Nominee (Outstanding Outdoor Kid)	
Name:	
Address:	City/Town:
Postal Code:	Email:
Phone (home):	Phone (cell/other):
Age (as of Jan. 23, 2012):	Name of Nominee's School:
School contact person:	
School contact phone:	
Nominator (Person recommending above Outstanding Outdoor Kid)	
Name:	
Phone (main):	Email:
Relationship to Nominee:	
Signature of Nominator:	Date:

Nominee and nominator phone numbers and emails will be used for contest award notification only. They will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Step 2: Nomination Description

On no more than one sheet of paper (8.5" x 11", single-spaced, typed and no less than 10-point font) describe the actions and efforts put forth by the nominee to make them an Outstanding Outdoor Kid.

Step 3: Two Additional Personal References

Please include two personal references from community members who have worked with the nominee – teachers, classmates, coaches, community leaders, park staff, etc. – who can attest to their efforts toward the improvement and preservation of Michigan's great outdoors. This should not exceed 250 words of support. Each letter must include the full name and phone number of the individual providing the letter. Please do not include photos, news clippings or any additional materials with your nomination package. No materials sent will be returned.

Step 4: Permission from Parent or Legal Guardian

I agree to allow my child to be nominated as an Outstanding Outdoor Kid. I confirm the information attached is accurate and understand that this information will be used to select the award recipients. This information is subject to the disclosure provisions described in the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. I consent to releasing this information to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and to the selection committee. I also consent to having my child's name, hometown, summary of achievements and photograph published and released to the media and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' publications.

Name of Nominee's Parent/Legal Guardian:	
Please state your relationship to the nominee:	
Signature of Nominator:	Date:

Submit Completed Nomination to:

Outstanding Outdoor Kids
c/o DNR
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Traverse City, MI 49686

Fax: 231-922-5323
Email: thornburye@michigan.gov

Please direct questions to Erik Thornbury, Parks and Recreation Division, DNR, at 231-301-3324.