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 cancelations).
• 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

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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.
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.
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