

AUTUMN 2019

Au Sable Institute

Connections



Au Sable Launches New Campus in Chicago

Committed to pursuing its mission to inspire and educate people to serve, protect and restore God's earth wherever people may be, the Au Sable Institute, in cooperation with North Park University, will launch its fifth and newest campus, Au Sable – Chicago. Our courses in Chicago will actively engage students from throughout North America, as well as the people of Chicago, in the work of creation care through the coordination of four uniquely urban-centered and urban-focused courses.



2019 College Summer Programs



89 college students studied with us over this past summer at campuses in northern Michigan, Pacific Rim and Costa Rica. Over 75% of these students received some sort of financial assistance that comes directly from our donors and supporters. Your support allowed us to serve these students who grew not only in knowledge and skills, but in faith, purpose and hope.

Thank you!



Environmental Leadership Intensive

The fall Environmental Leadership Intensive (ELI) is in full swing! The four college graduates live on campus with us and spend 15 weeks immersed in practical, hands-on experiences and field-based seminars focused on environmental education, non-profit administration, leadership development and field natural history. If you are a current college student or recent graduate, please consider applying to ELI for Spring 2020 by contacting Paul Wiemerslage at paul.w@ausable.org. ELIs receive a financial stipend and free housing.



K-12 Student Focus

During the summer, our focus is on college students. From September through May, our focus is on K-12 students. During the school year, over 2,000 young students will visit our campus and engage in hands-on learning in our outdoor "classroom." This is how kids learn best. Learning and knowledge leads to serving, protecting and restoring.





Sharing Au Sable Experiences

As part of our outreach strategy, we are encouraging alumni to share their Au Sable experiences with church Sunday School and adult education classes. In October, Sophia Bryson spoke at the adult education class held at Ferrysburg Community Church (MI). Sophia is a student at Calvin University and spent five weeks this past summer studying at Au Sable's Great Lakes campus in northern Michigan.

If your church would be willing to host a similar presentation, please contact Jon Terry at jon.terry@ausable.org. An audio recording of Sophia's remarks is available on our website.

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Why do you support Au Sable?



I attended Au Sable and absolutely loved the learning experience and professors. I think it is important to have Christians who are voicing the importance of our calling to steward creation and leading by example. I want to help sustain the mission of Au Sable and give others the opportunities I was given. I have now graduated from Whitworth and am fulfilling a mobilization for the Navy for the next year. Since I'm getting a paycheck again, I decided I could support Au Sable. So that's why I'm giving.

Andrew Langbehn



We Will Be Part of the Solution

Please be sure to watch our new video titled, "We Will be Part of the Solution" — a 6-minute introduction to Au Sable and the Biblical mandate to serve, protect and restore God's earth. Available on our website or vimeo.com/ausableinstitute.



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Hoop House + Mae's Garden = More Impact

We have installed a hoop house and native plant garden that you, our supporters, helped make possible. Thank you! The hoop house and garden (affectionately named "Mae's Garden" after Mae Froyland), will serve as a new teaching and learning area of our campus. Starting next spring, students will help us grow native plants that will be used in habitat restoration projects throughout northern Michigan. Thank you for being part of this new project that will expand our impact!