



Impacts of Wilderness Inquiry Youth Day Trips

Wilderness Inquiry's Youth Day Trip program (aka "Canoemobile") is a "floating classroom" that brings students out on local waterways in 10-person canoes to learn about science, history, geography, and culture. The program travels around the Minnesota so that students from many backgrounds and communities have the chance to experience the state's best outdoor field trip. In 2025, Wilderness Inquiry provided 286 day trip events in Minnesota serving 16,264 Minnesotans.

Day trips helped students broaden their outdoor perspectives



9 out of 10 students said they tried something new outside on the trip



84% said they belong more in nature since going on the field trip

Day trips helped students build relationships with others



81% of students felt more connected to their classmates or peers since going on the Wilderness Inquiry day trip



97% of students said the Wilderness Inquiry leaders made them feel welcome

Day trips provided environmental engagement opportunities for students



90% of the students are more interested in helping the environment since going on the Wilderness Inquiry day trip

