



# youth education

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## **JACKIE, RILEY, AND KAREN ARE HEADING TO ALASKA!**

**May 29 - June 4, 2022 • Katmai, AK**

### **Project Overview**

The Environmental Center's Jackie Wilson & two student Green Leadership Coalition members will join the Ocean Plastic Recovery Project on an expedition to Katmai National Park in Alaska to remove marine debris alongside scientists, advocates, and environmentalists.

The goal: remove 25 tons of ocean plastic from the marine environment and improve approximately 500 acres of coastal habitat for salmon, bears, and other wild inhabitants of this 4,000,000-acre park. Upon their return, students will share what they learned with our community here in Central Oregon!

### **Ocean Plastics Recovery's Mission:**

To remove ocean plastics from the natural environment, to identify and develop reuse, recycling, and recovery alternatives for ocean plastics and to share what we learn with the global community.

### **STUDENTS WILL GAIN:**

- Empowerment through stewardship
- Exposure to careers in STEM
- Experience through hands-on education
- Once in a lifetime discovery and adventure!

## WANT TO SUPPORT THIS EXPEDITION?

Contact  
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to learn how!

# MEET THE STUDENTS

## Karen Pelayo

is a junior at Mountain View HS. She has been an active member of the dance team, conservation club and multicultural club at her school since her freshman year. She loves spending time outdoors and thinks it is important to give back to the environment.

"The most exciting part about this opportunity is the hands-on aspect. Getting the chance to clean up the beach myself, working along with the crew is a once in a lifetime opportunity that I'll never forget." -KP

## Riley Ahmuty

is a junior at Bend Senior HS. She has been a member of the environmental club since her freshman year and was raised to recognize her own impact on the environment through rafting, mountain biking and backpacking.

"As I begin to look into my future and colleges, opportunities like this will strengthen my values. It will help me acknowledge what I personally want out of a college, and also what I can introduce to my college community to help it become a better place." -RA

