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SIX RICHMOND AREA TEENS LAUNCH RVA'S FIRST OUTDOOR TEEN LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

Richmond, Virginia – The 2013 Girl's Crew of the Blue Sky Fund's Outdoor Leadership Institute will present Richmond, Virginia's first ever RVA Outdoor Teen Leadership Challenge for Richmond-area students between the ages of 13 and 19 on Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 10 AM to 1 PM at Bryan Park, 4308 Hermitage Road, Richmond, Virginia 23227.

Inspired by their transformative backpacking trip along the Appalachian Trail, this diverse group of girls invented the event, won a grant from the [Community Foundation's Youth Philanthropy Project](#) to fund the event, and planned every detail required to produce the event, including creating the challenges, recruiting volunteers, publicizing the event, recruiting teen participants, and contracting with vendors.

The leadership challenge is an "Amazing Race" style activity where teens will learn about environmental respect, teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and community service while competing for prizes and recognition. Challenges will include a backpack relay, a tent-building game, a scavenger hunt, and an obstacle course. Community partners, including the [Blue Sky Fund](#), [James River Association](#), [Riverside Outfitters](#), and [Tricycle Gardens](#), will lead the challenges and keep score.

Lindsey Shavers, OLI crew member, says: "When lightning struck within 100 feet of our crew during our 2013 backpacking trip, we were forever changed. Together, we faced our fears and achieved our goal of summiting [Mount Rogers](#). But, more importantly, we realized that we are capable of achieving great things. This event is a celebration of what teenagers who share a passion for community service, teamwork and leadership, can do."



About the Blue Sky Fund: Blue Sky Fund is on a mission to provide transformational experiences for urban youth through outdoor education. We will give every young person the opportunity to discover themselves by actively engaging the natural world. For more information, [click here](#)

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