

Special Issue

Positive Youth Development Through Outdoor Recreation

Message from the Guest Editors

We invite submissions for a Special Issue focused on the intersection of outdoor recreation and positive youth development (PYD). The PYD framework takes a strengths-based approach to achieving positive developmental outcomes, emphasizing the strengths of young people and guiding them to become active and contributing members of society. Recent research underscores the importance of outdoor recreation spaces as a vital context in which positive developmental outcomes among youth can be fostered. We encourage scholars, practitioners, and educators to contribute research, case studies, and innovative practices that illustrate how outdoor recreation can serve as a powerful tool for positive youth development. Topics of interest may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- The impact of outdoor recreation on youth resilience and personal growth;
- Innovative OST programs that effectively integrate outdoor experiences;
- The role of community partnerships in promoting outdoor recreation for youth;
- Strategies for fostering inclusivity and accessibility in outdoor activities;
- Longitudinal studies examining the effects of outdoor engagement on youth development outcomes.

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