



## North Cascades National Park Service Complex [www.nps.gov/noca](http://www.nps.gov/noca)

### Stewardship

*The following centennial proposal is certified as eligible for Centennial Challenge funding consideration in fiscal year 2008. Funding for the Centennial Challenge requires legislation.*

### Welcoming a Diverse Community to the North Cascades

Location: Washington  
Partner(s): North Cascades Institute  
Partner Website: [www.ncascades.org](http://www.ncascades.org)  
Total Cost: \$100,000  
Proposal # 137684

**Summary:** A recent survey of park visitors found that 94% of park visitors identify themselves as Caucasian. However, the composition of the park's gateway communities is in the process of significant change. Nearly 40% of these individuals are Hispanic or Latino – a population which is expected to continue to grow. This project will introduce new members of the park's diverse gateway communities to the outdoors and the national park system through targeted outreach and specialized programming at the North Cascades Environmental Learning Center. This project will result in a focused outreach effort to help these new members of the local community learn that national parks are places for family, fun, learning, and recreation.

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Mountain School students explore the North Cascades ecosystem with park rangers.