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Learning Outside Wins Peace Corps Association's Peace Prize

The [North Carolina Peace Corps Association](#) (NCPCA) has awarded its 2018 Peace Prize to [Learning Outside](#), located in Carrboro, North Carolina. The non-profit organization gives children experiences in the outdoors that enhance their lives and learning, and that instill in them a love of the natural world and a lifelong commitment to stewardship. Serving individuals who do not have access to quality outdoor learning experiences is key to Learning Outside's mission.

In 2017, 20% of the youngsters who attended Learning Outside's programs were underserved children referred by public school social workers or the Refugee Support Center of Carrboro; these children all received full scholarships, including tuition, gear, and nutrition and most were also provided with transportation.

The Peace Prize is a \$1,000 unrestricted cash award and a commemorative vase made by Seagrove, NC's Turn and Burn Pottery. NCPCA has been presenting the award annually through a competitive process since 1996. The North Carolina Peace Corps Association has more than 150 Returned Peace Corps Volunteer members throughout the Triangle.

"We're pleased to award this year's Peace Prize to Learning Outside because we feel the organization promotes peace and cross-cultural understanding and shares the 'helping others to help themselves' ideology of the Peace Corps," said Ivan Browning, NCPCA President.

Wendy B. Banning, Director and Co-founder of Learning Outside, said, "We accomplish our mission by getting children into nature each day and nurturing their ability to collaborate and

support one another as they explore and learn about wild spaces. These young people are building a more peaceful world by working together and becoming confident, capable stewards of the earth at Learning Outside.”

About the North Carolina Peace Corps Association

NCPCA is dedicated to promoting the Third Goal of the Peace Corps, building group spirit and cooperation, promoting service, and serving as an example to others. The group of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and friends aspires to these goals by: promoting public awareness, education, and support for the Peace Corps; supporting specific grassroots projects in developing countries; performing and supporting community service activities in North Carolina; and providing social opportunities for the Peace Corps family. For more information: <http://ncpeacecorps.org/>.

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