

UrbanPromise, Camden NJ

Urban BoatWorks

Urban BoatWorks is a small boat-building program serving the inner city youth of Camden, NJ. In July 2009 UBW began with 5 high school students and 6 volunteers building three 12' stitch and glue skiffs. In just a couple of years we have grown to currently building six 16' canoes and 2 cedar and mahogany strip Petrel kayaks with 51 students and 17 consistent volunteers. Some of our highlights over the years have included our students participating in a sailing program with Cooper River Yacht Club culminating with a season of sunfish regattas as well as our summer 2011 program building two Stand Up Paddleboards in Malibu, CA.

Our current programming includes a curriculum based build for the 9th grade math class of UrbanPromise Academy; a capstone project build for the graduating engineering class of Camden Academy Charter High School; and 4 days a week of after school programming for various groups of both new and returning 6th-12th graders. When we're not in session in the shop, we take to the local waterways for our Urban Paddles. These Saturday excursions have ranged from just a couple students on a local lake to 27 canoes full of students and volunteers taking over the suburban Rancocas Creek.

Program Statistics (Annually):

Number of Participants	53
Number Achieving Program Goal	48
Size of Budget	43000
Number of Employees	1
Number of Volunteers	17

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