

Editors' Notes

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This issue marks the conclusion of the second year of the *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*. Over the past 24 months we've made progress in a number of areas. For instance, a special issue featuring the AORE and OLRs Research Symposium Abstracts was published, our subscription base continues to grow, and our visibility has become international.

This international interest in outdoor recreation, education, and leadership is reflected in this issue and opens with Malaysian researchers MD Amin MD Taff, Azlizam Aziz, Raja Nor Safinas Raja Haron, Nelfianty Mohd Rasyid, and Mazuki Mohd Yasim examining the effects of a Malaysian university residential outdoor education camp on environmental attitudes. Utilizing a mixed method framework, Pearlman Hougie from the United Kingdom explores children and mothers' perspectives of countryside recreation and whether it plays a role in reconnecting children with outdoor environments. Closer to home, Troy and Phipps present an interesting study by testing Petzoldt's Energy Mile Theory (one energy mile = energy required to walk one mile on the flat). Gomez, Freidt, Hill, Goldenberg, and Hill look at the benefits associated with hiking the Appalachian Trail by using means-end theory to help understand the motivations for participation in outdoor pursuits. Baker, Dhungel, Davenport, Leahy, and Bridges investigate the role that community-based advocacy organizations play in national park management by asking what are the important characteristics of community-based advocacy organizations, what are their roles in public lands management, and what has contributed to and constrained their success? This issue culminates with an all-important look at developing trends and issues in United States outdoor and adventure-based programming. The authors, Bobilya, Holman, Lindley, and McAvoy collected data over a two-year period through interviews with a panel of professionals and checked through multiple regional, national, and international conferences with support from the literature.

Finally, it is with regret that I have decided to step down as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*. I was flattered to be selected as JOREL's first Editor-in-Chief and am proud of my accomplishments over the past two years. In parting, I

would like to thank the JOREL Advisory Group for their support and positive energy in moving the JOREL forward. And to the many reviewers who continue to dedicate their time and expertise to bring you a quality journal. Most of all I would like to thank Raymond Poff, Managing Editor, for offering me this opportunity and his support over the past two years; and to Chris Serenari, a former graduate student, who made my life as Editor easier by reviewing each and every manuscript for compliance to APA standards!

Thanks for the opportunity... It's been a great adventure!

Aram Attarian, Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief (2008-2010)

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On behalf of the *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership* advisory group, I'd like to express our appreciation to Dr. Aram Attarian for his two years of service as our first editor-in-chief. Undoubtedly, there was a tremendous amount of time and effort from many people that went into making the journal a reality before hiring Dr. Attarian. However, after the official announcement of the journal on October 31, 2008, Dr. Attarian and the JOREL advisory group began to realize the true size and scope of starting a new journal.

We'd like to thank Aram for his patience in working with us as we started from scratch and learned together. From being trained to use the manuscript management system, deciding on page formatting and layout, learning how to publish the final version of articles, and everything in between, Dr. Attarian worked hard to get the journal off to a great start.

With a solid foundation now established through his efforts (and the efforts of the JOREL advisory group, reviewers, and authors) the *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership* will confidently continue with the goal to improve outdoor recreation, education, and leadership through the publication and dissemination of peer-reviewed manuscripts centered on professional practice, research, and theoretical discussions. Thank you Dr. Aram Attarian.

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