

In a New Light



At-Risk Teens Finding Hope through Nature Photography in National Parks



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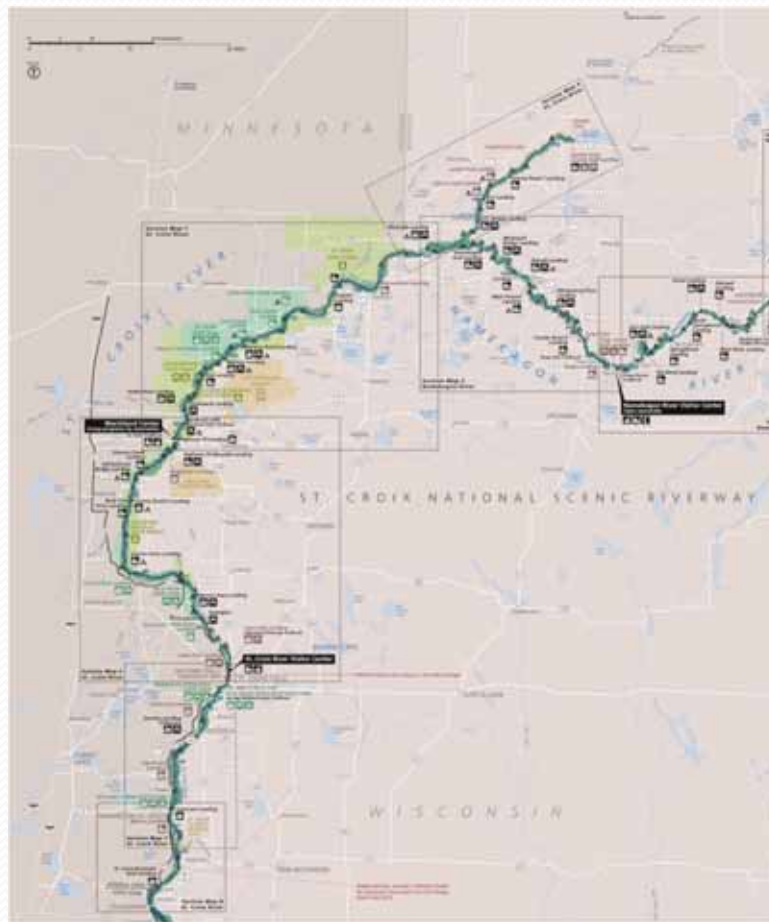
Northwest Passage



Who are the kids?



St. Croix National Scenic Riverway





NATIONAL PARK
FOUNDATION



Yellowstone National Park
Badlands National Park
Rocky Mountain National Park
Isle Royale National Park
Black Ice Outdoor Productions
Wisconsin Arts Board
Black Iris Gallery and Custom Framing
Cable Natural History Museum
Interstate Batteries
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
UW-Marathon County
UW-River Falls
Phipps Center for the Arts
Northwest Counseling and Guidance Clinic
Steve Zimmerman Fine Woodworking
Blue Ribbon Flies
TenkaraUSA
Café Wren
Bremer Bank
US Bank
Webster Public Library

Early Momentum













I'm just a teenager.

A teenager tryin' to make it.

A teenager tryin' to get there.

A teenager tryin' to move on.

A teenager tryin' to break free.

I'm just a teenager
that doesn't want to fall through the cracks

-Chuck, 16




“Everybody cries. They cry for the sake of things like hate or stupidity. My mom cries because of me. I guess that’s because of her pure love for me. I think it’s wrong to make someone cry, even if it’s not intentional, and that’s what this picture reminds me of. It reminds me of all the tears my mom has shed over me—tears of joy, hurt, and sorrow.” -Dakota, 14



Life is like a flower,
it blossoms so beautiful and bright.
But sometimes it's hard to shine
without the sunlight.
This flower is so strong
it continues to grow and grow
but it goes nowhere, as it's pinned to
the floor.
As the years pass
no one hears it cry.
Alone the flower will live
And alone the flower will die.

-De'Vante, 16



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- Over 20 separate newspaper articles.
 - 2 magazine articles.
 - 2 WPR radio interviews
 - 1 television segment
 - Coffee table book published
 - Website with over 140,000 hits
 - Large blog following
 - Short documentary film produced
 - Touring exhibit seen by over 20,000 people at the following places:
 - NPS St. Croix River Visitor Center
 - UW-Marathon County Ahrnsbrak Gallery
 - Wisconsin State Capitol Rotunda
 - Cable Natural History Museum
 - Black Iris Gallery
 - “Protecting the St. Croix” conference
 - UW-River Falls Ames Gallery
 - Wisconsin Family Based Services Association Conference in Madison
 - Phipps Center for the Arts
 - Four public receptions held for participants



Beyond photography . . .

- Far fewer behavior problems
- Increased focus and attention span
- Breakthroughs in emotional processing
- More positive peer interactions
- Building strong mentor relationships
- Unprecedented family and community investment
- Having fun!

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