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ADVENTURE WORKS RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

DeKalb, IL, January 8, 2018– For more than two years, Adventure Works has been working toward becoming a *nationally accredited* outdoor behavioral healthcare (OBH) program through the Association of Experiential Education (AEE). We are thrilled to share with you that this was achieved in November 2017, making Adventure Works ***the very first community-based nonprofit to achieve this accreditation.*** Since opening in 2010, Adventure Works has striven to become a nationally-recognized model of prevention, education, and mental health treatment for children and adolescents.

As one of only 15 OBH AEE accredited programs in the United States and Canada, families in the DeKalb County community now have *impartial validation* that Adventure Works operates *above industry standards* of ethical care, treatment evaluation, and risk-management practices that have been developed exclusively for outdoor behavioral healthcare programs.

You can learn more about this accreditation, and the work Adventure Works does nationally here: <https://obhcouncil.com/accreditation/>.

We invite you to learn more about getting involved with the Adventure Works organization by visiting the website: <http://www.adventureworksdekalb.org/>, and by Liking and Following them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Adventure-Works-of-DeKalb-County-Inc-169196196453849/>

Adventure Works is a nationally accredited, non-profit community based outdoor behavioral healthcare and positive youth development organization. Our mission is to guide youth in overcoming life challenges through adventure-based counseling and education, regardless of ability to pay. In addition to youth counseling and education, Adventure Works also provides counseling to adults and families by accepting many insurance plans and private pay clients, which in turn help to support our mission.

Gather. Guide. Grow.

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