



Prairie View

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Bierock Fundraiser to Raise Funds for Outward Bound

Newton, Kan. – A bierock fundraiser for Newton Alternative High School and its Outward Bound experiential leadership program will be held Wednesday, March 10, from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at Newton Recreation Center, 415 South Poplar.

NAHS students involved in Outward Bound, plus two Prairie View staff members, will travel to Leadville, Colo., April 11-17. Funds raised will go toward tuition fees, but more importantly toward the opportunity to learn teambuilding skills, positive decision-making skills, and path direction skills.

“Most of the at-risk kids learn better when they are doing something that involves movement, something more hands on,” said Ryan Kopper, an adventure facilitator at Prairie View who will accompany those on the Outward Bound trip.

“Outward Bound incorporates things like repelling, hiking, rafting, canoeing, nature exploration and learning survival things. It’s a fuller experience of [Prairie View’s] adventure course,” he said.

Yet the experiences and life lessons learned in Colorado will extend past the trip. Experiential education is integrated into the curriculum all year round using experiences to teach, which increases the impact of social and emotional intelligence, which raises the students’ self-efficacy, leading to better outcomes overall.

There will be another opportunity for the community to support the program. A bake sale will be held Saturday, March 13, in front of Central National Bank, 626 North Main, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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A product of Opportunity for Success, a collaborative effort of the City of Newton, Communities in Schools of Harvey County Drug-Free Youth Coalition, Prairie View, Inc. and the Unified School District 373 of Newton, Outward Bound is a continuance of the delinquency prevention efforts that have been implemented by Prairie View in the Newton school system for the past three years.

For more information on Opportunity for Success, Outward Bound or ways to contribute financially, contact Kopper at 284-6364.

“We really do live within a gracious community,” said Kopper. “Even if it’s a small contribution, it still helps.”

Prairie View is a faith-based, private behavioral and mental health services provider, offering a complete range of behavioral and psychiatric services for children, adolescents, adults and older adults, as well as consultation services to businesses and organizations. In addition to the main campus, including outpatient offices and a psychiatric hospital in Newton, Prairie View has outpatient locations in Hillsboro, Hutchinson, McPherson and Wichita.