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Trips for Kids Detroit Expands into Overnight Adventures for Kids with a Grant from REI.

Dearborn Heights, MI –Trips for Kids Detroit, announces receiving a grant from Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI) for equipment and funds to take at-risk, Detroit-area kids on overnight camping and cycling adventures.

On July 30, 2004, REI awarded Trips for Kids Detroit with a grant of camping equipment, bicycles, winter coats and funding totaling \$6,000. Founder of Trips for Kids Detroit, Dave Hurst said, “REI continues to be a tremendous supporter of Trips for Kids Detroit. REI contributes not only funding and equipment, but also helps with recruiting volunteers and is a great source of knowledge for the environmental education part of our events.” Trips for Kids Detroit had received a grant from REI last year to conduct winter events and this new grant continues to build upon this program.

Trips for Kids Detroit received 4 brand new mountain bikes to add to their current fleet of 10 bikes, 5 tents, 10 sleeping bags and sleeping pads, winter coats and cash to purchase camp cooking equipment. REI is also providing money to help pay for transportation of kids and equipment. As Hurst states, “this grant is a real shot in the arm for Trips for Kids Detroit, to build our program into something that provides kids with a whole new perspective they never had the opportunity to learn from in the past.”

Trips for Kids Detroit is a small non-profit, working to promote healthy living, environmental awareness and personal responsibility to under-privileged kids in the metro Detroit area through outdoor adventures such as mountain biking, camping, rock climbing and snowshoeing. Trips for Kids Detroit plans to use the proceeds of this grant to take kids who otherwise would never get the opportunity camping and mountain biking.

REI is a supplier of specialty outdoor gear, currently serving more than 2 million active members through 66 retail stores in the U.S. There are two in the Detroit area, in Northville and Troy.

If you are interested in learning more about Trips for Kids Detroit, having your group

participate, or would like to volunteer, contact Dave Hurst of Trips for Kids Detroit at 313-850-7851.

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