



(L to R): Susie Ryks, Helpline Center; Kyle Grogan, The Outdoor Campus; Adam Kolakowski, August Volunteer of the Month; Paula Ullom, MetaBank

August Volunteer of the Month Celebrated

The Helpline Center congratulates Adam Kolakowski on being named the August 2017 Volunteer of the Month, an area-wide award program sponsored by the Helpline Center and MetaBank.

Almost any time of year, almost any day of the week, Adam can be found at The Outdoor Campus. Since he started in March 2015, Adam has logged well over 600 hours. He volunteers for the majority of the classes offered, helping youth and adults learn new outdoor skills such as fishing, archery, outdoor cooking, orienteering, snowshoeing and ice fishing. He also assists with programs about South Dakota wildlife.

This 14-year-old homeschooler is often present to lend a hand at the large events held at The Outdoor Campus such as Middle School Days, Women's Try It Day and Outdoor University, when the facility hosts anywhere from several hundred to 4,000 participants. These events make for long days, and it is not uncommon for Adam to work the entire time.

The Helpline Center and MetaBank are pleased to present Adam with a framed certificate, a gift from MetaBank and a letter of appreciation from Mayor Huether. We will honor Adam again at the Spirit of Volunteerism Awards banquet on May 10, 2018.

For information on volunteer opportunities please call the Helpline Center at 211 or visit www.helplinecenter.org.