

Urban Boatbuilders



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Agenda



- Who is Urban Boatbuilders (UBB)
- History of the Organization
- Programs and Partners
- Sponsors
- Looking Forward
- How you can Help

Who are We?



Our mission is to support positive youth development through the building and use of boats.

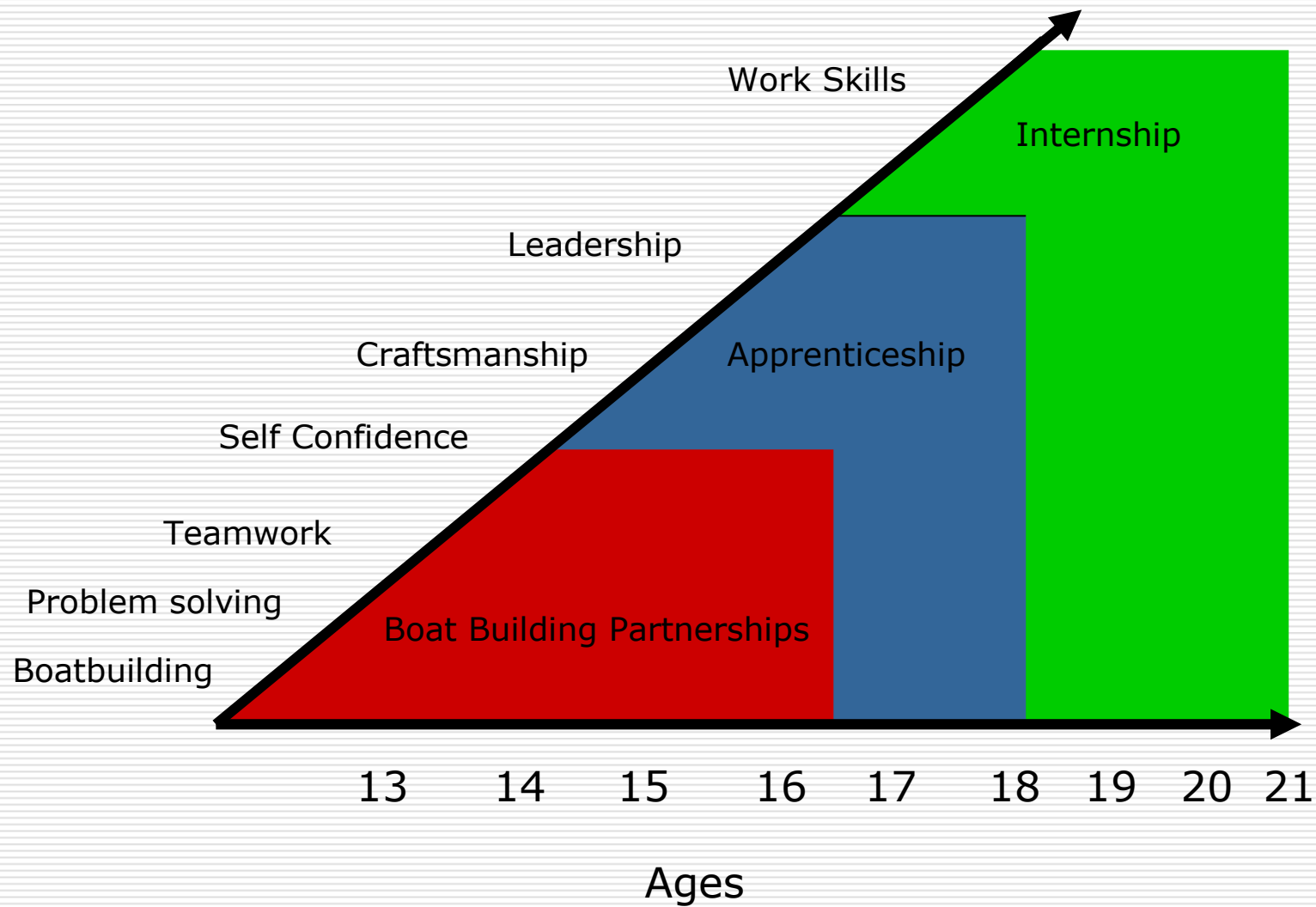
Urban Boatbuilders is a youth service agency that uses wooden boatbuilding as a means to support positive youth development, academic achievement, and the development of a variety of hard and soft skills that help young people find and keep jobs. We work with at-risk teens in schools, after school, and in correctional settings.

History



- UBB was founded in 1995 by a group of educators, boat building enthusiasts and community leaders. It was established on the premise that wooden boat building by small groups of at-risk teens is an effective youth development tool.
- In the past 15 years
 - 2,700+ teens served
 - 38 juvenile justice programs, public schools, charter schools and neighborhood organizations
 - 175+ wooden boats built ranging from 9' long to 25' long.
 - on-the-water experience in a boat built with their own hands
 - valuable work experience
- Core values
 - craftsmanship
 - teamwork
 - communication
 - responsibility
 - self-confidence
 - perseverance

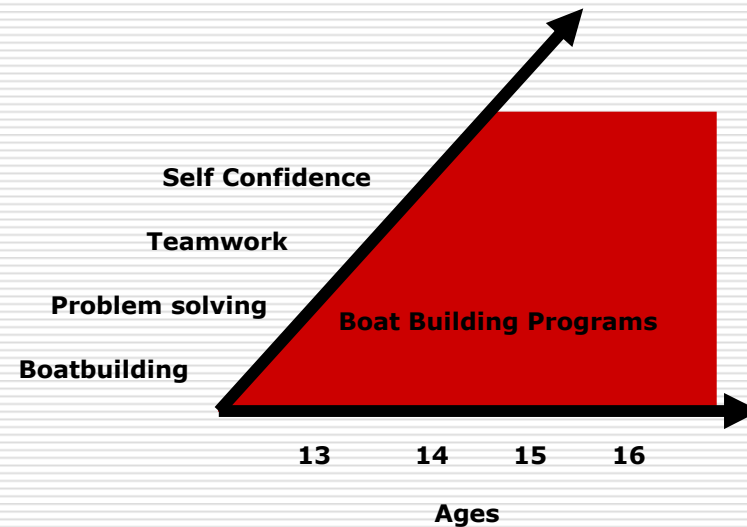
Youth Programs



Boat Building Partnerships



- Sponsoring Partners
 - public schools
 - charter schools
 - juvenile justice programs
 - neighborhood groups
- Program
 - build a boat at the school
 - 5-6 teens
 - 13-16 age
 - 8-12 weeks
 - partner keeps the boat
- Skills
 - core woodworking and boatbuilding
 - problem solving
 - team building
 - increased
 - self confidence
 - responsibility
 - respect of others



Boys Totem Town



Boys Totem Town (BTT), St. Paul

BTT has partnered with Urban Boatbuilders since 1998. They are part of Ramsey County Juvenile Corrections, and partnered with the St. Paul Public Schools. It is a residential, rehabilitative facility, focused on successful reintegration.

Over the years, BTT residents have built a huge variety of boats, ranging from simple rowing skiffs to large electric launches.



Cristo Rey



Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, Minneapolis

Our partnership began with Cristo Rey in 2007. It is the Jesuit's latest in a series of highly regarded private college-preparatory schools designed to serve low-income families. Each student gains workplace experience and earns the majority of their tuition through a corporate internship program.

Last year, students built two 11-foot Mississippi River Skiffs, two pairs of spoon-bladed oars, and a 16-foot skin-on-frame canoe. This year's students built a skin-on-frame solo canoe.



Recent Partners



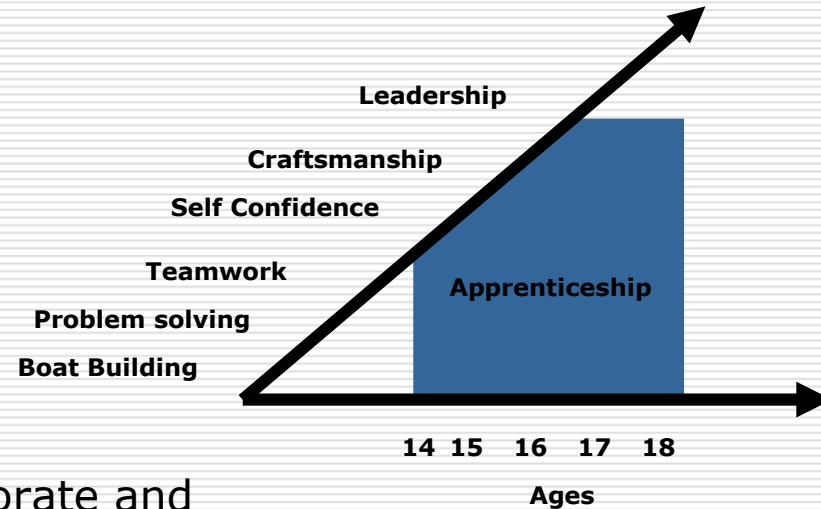
Autism Society of Minnesota, St. Paul
Battle Creek Jr. High School, St. Paul
Boys Totem Town, St. Paul
Dakota County Community Corrections
Focus Beyond ALC, St. Paul
Hazel Park Jr. High School, St. Paul
Hennepin County Home School, Minnetonka
Humbolt High School, St. Paul
Humphrey Job Corps, St. Paul
Interdistrict Downtown School, Minneapolis
Juvenile Intensive Supervision, Ramsey County
Juvenile Substance Abuse Court, Ramsey County
Minnesota Life College, Bloomington
Monroe Jr. High School, St. Paul
Rivers Edge Academy, St. Paul
The Place, Washington County
Washington Tech Jr. High School, St. Paul
Workforce Solutions, St. Paul

Apprenticeship Program



- Program
 - 50+ apprentices over 6 years
 - previous boatbuilding program
 - at the shop, after school
 - up to 12 months
 - 6-8 teens at a time
 - 14-18 years of age
 - paid graduated stipend
 - on water 5 day trip
 - funded by foundations and corporate and individual donations

- Skills
 - augment core skills
 - advanced woodworking
 - advanced boatbuilding
 - on water (water safety, paddling, etc.)
 - focus
 - craftsmanship
 - leadership
 - self confidence
 - respect
 - work experience



Apprenticeship Feedback



Mohamed Farah, Lead Apprentice

At Urban Boatbuilders I have gained so much experience and I hope to carry it for the rest of my life. ... first day I came to Urban Boatbuilders, I asked myself, "How am I going to build something with no building skills?"

Back home (Nairobi) if you are thinking of building something, you have to watch an experienced person do the job and it takes a long time for the teacher to trust you. Coming here was totally different because although Phil gave us guidance, we did the job.

He reminded us often that we were building something that a human's life depends on, so we need to be careful. That was a big thing for me because he trusted me. Since time has passed, I found out that I was actually good at it, and I've learned to trust myself.



Apprenticeship Feedback



Perry Salak, Lead Apprentice

Speaking from personal experience, I think that once you get in a boat or canoe or kayak, it's like your getting into a whole different world. It's like you forget about everything around you and you become one with the boat.



Apprenticeship Feedback



Jerome Lengsfeld, Shop Apprentice

Among learning craftsman skills I have learned life skills as well. I have for one learned how to be a leader, something which I knew I had in me but never had confidence to actually let it out. I learned how to be more confident in my work as well as in myself. I also learned how to work in a team and be one with the team. The most important thing I learned though was how to accept mistakes, as mistakes and not kick myself in the butt for them, and call myself a total failure.



Apprenticeship Feedback



Anonymous, current apprentice

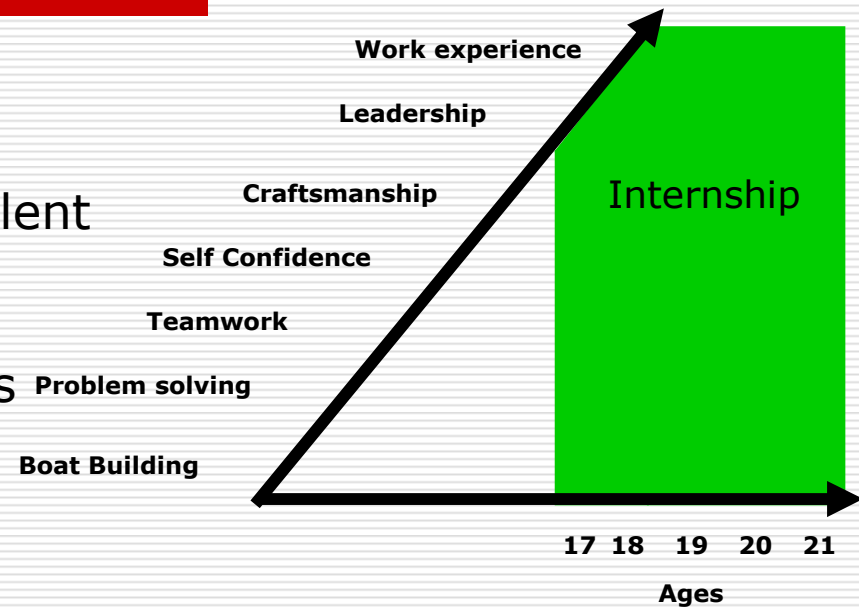
"My sense of capability has change a lot since I started working here at Urban Boatbuilders. Like I have been attending school more because knowing I got work at 3. And ever since I started this job it's been keeping me out of trouble 3 days a week. When I'm busy the whole day with school and work it is a good thing for me because it will help me stay out of trouble and negative friends. By attending here have been helping me out staying out of negative things like when my negative friends call me I will always have an excuse saying I got work and they will usually just said forget it so this is a really good thing for me."



Internship Program



- Program
 - 10+ interns over 2 years
 - High school graduate or equivalent
 - at the shop, during the day
 - 17-21 years of age
 - funded by Work Force Solutions
- Skills
 - craftsmanship
 - work experience
 - independent work



Outreach Activities



- Open Shop
 - Wednesdays 6:30-9:30
 - adult volunteers
 - accelerate projects
 - materials preparation
 - boatbuilding
- Paddle making classes
 - 2-3 times a year at Midwest Mountaineering
 - 2-3 times a year at the shop



Sponsors



The McKnight Foundation
Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation
St. Paul Foundation
St. Paul Companies
Travelers
Minneapolis Foundation
Trillium Family Foundation
RD Management / Midway Shopping Center
Finnegan's
American Bank
Western Bank
REI
Menards
3M
Cabela's

Looking Forward

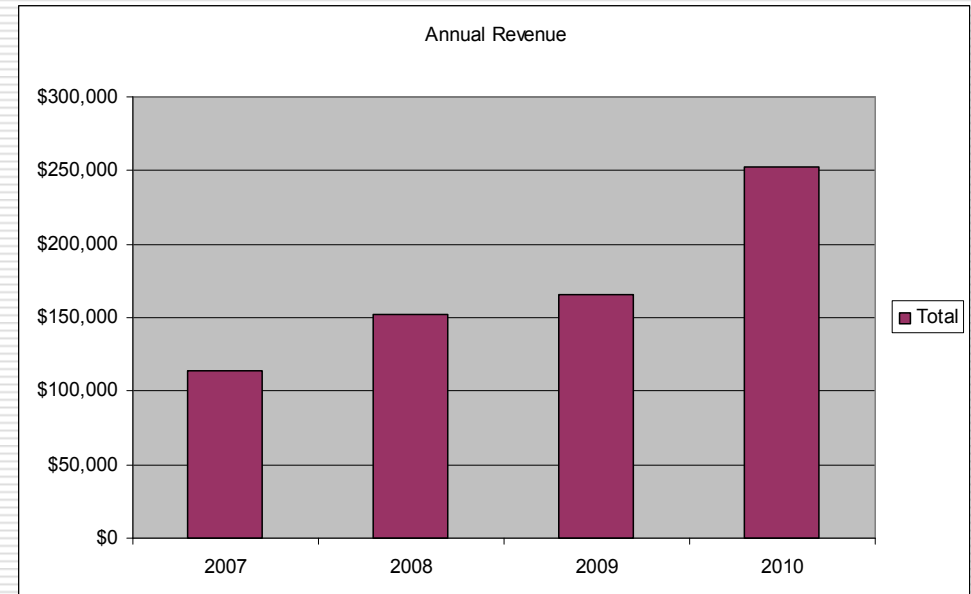


- Today
 - Staff growth
 - from 1.5 to 3 full time employees
 - added 4 part time instructors
 - Program growth
 - more boatbuilding partnerships
 - started intern program
- Near Term
 - 3 Staff
 - 4 part time instructors
 - Expanding boatbuilding partners to 12
 - maintaining Apprenticeship and Intern programs
- Future
 - incremental growth in all programs
 - Apprenticeship and Intern programs limited by shop space

How You Can Help



- Sponsorships
- Donations
 - There is nothing like money 😊
 - In-Kind
 - tools
 - materials (wood, shop supplies)
 - boats
- Volunteer your time
 - Open shop
 - Fundraising
 - Other
- Outreach (tell a friend)



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