The Outdoors Market

An industry as diverse as nature itself, outdoor recreation offers something for everyone. This year more than 93 million Americans will get outside to backpack, hike, mountain climb, and camp. Outdoor enthusiasts want to explore nature and experience life to the fullest, and they will spend nearly $290 billion in the pursuit.

Outdoor recreation is a broad industry that includes many activities, and almost 70% of the U.S. population participates annually. For avid outdoor participants, leading an active, healthy lifestyle is a top priority, and they constantly seek new trails, adventures, and challenges. Some enthusiasts thirst for the thrill of summiting a mountain or the adrenaline from climbing a steep rock face. Others simply look to connect with nature, enjoy the freedom of backpacking through uninhabited terrain, or love to share time with friends and family around a campfire. These activities attract participants from all demographics, but they share a strong common bond by getting outside and living a truly active lifestyle.

Outdoor enthusiasts are defined by their desire for adventure and willingness to explore new terrain, and advertisers from all industries are looking to connect with their passion. Companies like Timberland, L.L. Bean, and Columbia exist because of these consumers. Major brands such as Dodge and Miller Brewing also make significant investments to position themselves within the outdoor lifestyle. By partnering with Active, companies can gain access to this market through creative, high-impact programs that reach outdoor enthusiasts in a relevant and effective way.

In 2005, 60 million Americans took a vacation specifically to participate in an outdoor activity.

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Outdoors Facts and Figures

Why Outdoors Enthusiasts are Attractive to Marketers

More than 20% of the 93 million Americans who participate in hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, and camping are enthusiasts who participate frequently. There are many sources of motivation for these active individuals, including social interaction, a sense of achievement, a connection with nature, an adventurous spirit, and a focus on exercise and health.

There are almost 30 million hikers in America, of which 4.8 million are frequent participants. The distribution of participants among age groups is fairly even, with the highest percentage existing between the ages of 35 to 44 and an average age of 38. Hikers are balanced between genders, as 55% are male and 45% are female. Just over half of all hikers are married and 34% have a household income above $75K.

Of the 13.3 million backpackers in the U.S., 2.1 million are frequent participants. Backpackers skew towards a younger demographic than hikers, with 25% of all participants between the ages of 25 to 34 and an average age of 31. They are primarily male and unmarried and 31% have a household income above $75K.

With 3.8 million total climbers and 900 thousand frequent climbers, mountain climbing has the smallest presence compared to the other outdoor activities, but it also claims the highest percentage of frequent participants. Mountain climbers are typically young, with an average age of 28, male, and unmarried. Climbers are the most affluent of these outdoor activity groups with 38% of participants earning a household income above $75K.

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In 2005, 10.5 million Americans took a vacation where the primary purpose was to backpack or hike.

Hikers hit the trail an average of 11 times per year.

Backpackers hit the trail an average of 6 times per year.

There are 27.2 million males and 19.7 million females participating in outdoor activities.

**Participation**
- 46 Million Participants
- 10.9M Frequent Participants (20+ per days per year)
- Average 6 Outings per Year
- Highest Participation From June to August

**Demographics**
- Even age distribution
- Average age of 31
- 55% Male, 45% Female
- 52% Married, 48% Unmarried
- 32% have HHI Above $75K

- 21% are Owners, Managers or Professionals
- 70% have a College Degree
- 82% White, 10% Hispanic
- South and West regions highest participation

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Connecting with Outdoors Enthusiasts

Active Marketing Group provides Insight and Access to Active Lifestyle Consumers

Active Marketing Group is the only marketing and promotions agency that reaches and interacts with thousands of outdoor enthusiasts on a daily basis. We know how they prepare, where they visit and when travel; we can reach them before their trips, while they are outdoors and after they return. As part of The Active Network, Active Marketing Group has direct access to over 1,000 park & recreation departments and hundreds of thousands of participants that can be activated through online, offline, peer-to-peer and direct marketing programs. With national reach and years of experience developing programs that engage at the local level, we help put brands front and center with this committed community.

Reaching Outdoor Enthusiasts Online

The Active Network includes leading online destinations for outdoor enthusiasts. Through advertising, custom sponsorships and destination mini-sites, brands can connect with consumers as they are researching new gear or preparing for an outdoor adventure.

Active Network Advertising Opportunities
- Standard IAB Units including Rich Media
- Newsletter Communications
- Promotional Emails
- Annual Outdoors Editorial Features
- Camp Guide (April)
- Summer Destinations (May)
- Holiday Gear Guide (November)

Active Network Web Sites
- 100 million monthly page views
- 5 million monthly unique visitors
- 15.3 million registered users
- 2.1 million opt-in email addresses
- 16.2 minutes average user session
- $47.75 average online transaction

Reaching Outdoor Enthusiasts Offline

From turnkey event marketing to sampling that supports a new product launch, our relationships with thousands of individuals and events across the country make it possible to develop integrated programs that have a fresh, measurable impact.

Sampling & Promotions
- 1,000 Park & Recreation Partners
- Capacity to Distribute over 500,000 Samples
- Geographic and Gender Targeting

Event & Sponsorship Activation
- Sponsorship Negotiation
- Staffing & Turnkey Event Management
- National Promotional/Activation Platforms

Grassroots & Peer-to-Peer Marketing
- Sponsored Ambassador Teams
- Sports Specialty/Retail Programs
- Club Seminars/Promotions

Research & Consulting Services
- Online Research Studies
- Focus Group Recruiting
- Product Testing

Active Marketing Group was named by Promo magazine as one of the leading promotions agencies in 2004, 2005 and 2006.