



OAK ADVISORY COUNCIL

The members of OAK's Advisory Council are leaders and experts working to advance the wellbeing of children, youth, and families. Advisors span sectors and lived experiences and provide critical insight and perspective on OAK's activities. Advisors have a demonstrated commitment to justice, equity, and inclusion and share OAK's commitment to addressing systemic racism. Advisors are selected for their ability to contribute broad vision, guidance, and unique perspective to OAK staff, steering committee, and member organizations. Advisors come from the nonprofit, philanthropy, business, government sectors, or are individual movement leaders, including youth leaders.

ADVISOR BIOGRAPHIES

Ayodele Abdul-Hadi | J.D. Candidate



Ayodele Abdul-Hadi previously worked as the Outdoors Alliance for Kids intern, providing team support to achieve OAK's goal to connect children, youth and families to the outdoors. She graduated from UC Santa Cruz with a Bachelor's in Environmental Studies and a concentration in global environmental justice. Her main area of interest is in the importance of racial justice and equal access to outdoor spaces for youth. She previously worked with the San Francisco Foundations Youth Access to Nature Cohort in addition to serving in many exciting fellowship, mentorship, and assistant roles during her undergraduate studies. Currently Ayodele is pursuing her J.D. at UC College of the Law, San Francisco. She resides in the San Francisco Bay Area and, in her free time, she enjoys spending time at the beach.

Cheyenne Brady (she/her) | Center for Native American Youth



Cheyenne Brady is a member of the Sac & Fox Nation and descends from the Cheyenne, Pawnee, Kiowa, Apache, Hidatsa, Arikara, Otoe and Tonkawa. Her Sac & Fox name is Sitoniquay (Light Rain). Her Cheyenne name is He'a'ma'mene'e (High Walking Woman). Cheyenne's educational background includes a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a Master of Public Health, both from North Dakota State University. She is actively pursuing a PhD in Indigenous Health at the University of North Dakota. Cheyenne currently works as a Program Manager for the Center for Native American Youth (CNAY) at the Aspen Institute. In this role, she manages a portfolio of grants and projects that aim to enhance the lives and life outcomes of Native youth across the nation. Prior to CNAY, Cheyenne worked for her home community leading drug and alcohol prevention efforts and

developing youth programming. Cheyenne's passion is to empower and work to better the lives of the younger generations while encouraging healthy lifestyles.

Robbie Bond | Kids Speak for Parks



Robbie Bond is the 14-year old founder of Kids Speak for Parks which was launched in July of 2017. Robbie was born and grew up on the island of Oahu and has always had a passion for the environment and the protection of our nation's natural wonders. Robbie created Kids Speak for Parks to ensure that our parks and monuments will remain protected long into the future. Robbie is committed to ensuring his peers across the country learn to understand and appreciate how truly vital national parks and monuments are to our country and why they should be preserved for future generations. His organization engages kids by speaking at local schools and Robbie raises awareness of National Parks by trying to visit every one of them and bringing other kids along through the videos he makes of his visits. He's now also developing a VR-based curriculum

for America's schools so that kids all over the country can experience the beauty of National Parks and advocate on their behalf. Robbie is grateful for the many awards and opportunities that have amplified his efforts, including the Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes, Diana Award, Action for Nature Eco-Hero, Captain Planet Young Hero For Earth and the 2021 Murie Spirit of Conservation Rising Leader Award. Robbie is currently a National Park Trust Student Ambassador, A Delta Airlines Green up Youth Advisory Board member, Google Expeditions partner, international youth ambassador for Literati and a member of the inaugural Captain Planet Foundation Youth Advisory Committee. Robbie has an episode of Marvel's Hero Project "[Roving Robbie](#)" now streaming on Disney+.

Anupama Joshi (she/her) | Center for Science in the Public Interest



Anupama is an accomplished nonprofit leader driving evidence-based policies, programs, and funding in the nutrition, public health, agriculture, and environmental sectors. As Vice President for Programs at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Anupama leads national, state, and local policy advocacy; legislative campaigns; and regulatory affairs to support equitable access to healthy, affordable, and sustainable food. Previously, Anupama was executive director of the Blue Sky Funders Forum (a working group of the Environmental Grantmakers Association). Anupama co-founded and served as executive director of the National Farm to School Network for more than a decade where she advocated for policies and funding to support local food

procurement, school gardens, and experiential education in schools and early care sites. She holds an MS in nutrition from M.S. University in Baroda, India, and spent the first part of her career on related projects in India, Thailand, and Malaysia. Anupama serves on the board of directors of the Food Recovery Network, Farmers Market Coalition, and the Triangle Land Conservancy. She is co-author of *Food Justice* (MIT Press, 2010). Anupama is a mom, enjoys exploring the world, cooking for friends and family, and lives in Cary, North Carolina.

Tigran Nahabedian | Junior Ranger & National Park Ambassador



I love the outdoors and have been incredibly fortunate to pursue my passions, sparked by visits to our National Parks and participation in Junior Ranger programs. At a young age, I realized that many kids do not have the same opportunity to explore the outdoors. At nine, I became an official volunteer of the National Park Service (NPS) and I was invited to the White House for the Let's Move Outside Campaign. I was also heavily involved with the launch of the Find Your Park Campaign. I developed a special relationship with the National Park Trust and became their first Buddy Bison Student Ambassador, where I connected children to public lands. I also became an ambassador with National Park Geek, a brand dedicated to

enhancing National Park experiences. I was very fortunate to represent the NPS in the buildup to the Centennial. I was asked to help develop the National Digital Junior Ranger Experience at Fort McHenry and at Channel Islands National Park. Also, I kicked off the 2016 Rose Parade and I represented the National Park Foundation in Mack and Moxy, a children's television show about causes. I participated in the Subaru Share the Love Campaign, representing the National Park Foundation in its nationwide campaign. I have been a junior ranger ambassador for the NPS and been invited to several events across the country. In 2018, I petitioned to participate in the Parks and Tech Challenge, a STEM event sponsored by the Pew Charitable Trusts, where I was the youngest participant. I currently serve on the Board of the Channel Islands Park Foundation as the Youth Board Representative. In addition, I am a certified scuba diver, lifeguard, and first aid, CPR and trauma response provider. I am an avid hiker, backpacker, and mountaineer. I am currently working to create a new campground at Prisoners Harbor in Channel Islands National Park.

Ambreen Tariq (she/her) | Brown People Camping



Ambreen Tariq is the founder of [@BrownPeopleCamping](#), a social media-based storytelling project promoting diversity, access, and justice in the outdoors. She's the author of "Fatima's Great Outdoors," her first children's book published by Penguin Random House. She's a former Board Member and now volunteer advisor of the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Green Muslims, and currently an Advisory Member of the Sierra Club's Outdoors for All Campaign. A non-practicing attorney, her writing has been published multiple times in Outside magazine, and she's been profiled by the [New York Times](#), [ABC News](#), [NPR](#), [SELF magazine](#), [CNN Health](#), [Elite Daily](#), [Vogue Business](#), [Sierra Magazine](#), and more.