

# ALEXANDER BAILEY

**Black Outside, Inc.**

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## BIG BOLD IDEA

Transform outdoor spaces into safe and equitable spaces of joy and liberation for Black youth by cultivating culturally relevant and restorative outdoor experiences.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Black Outside, Inc., aims to reconnect Black youth to nature. Black Outside crafts programming that cultivates deeper and more restorative relationships to the outdoors by centering on the experience, culture, and history of Black people. From summer overnight camps to community gardening, Black Outside offers Black youth a range of programming that helps them experience the joy and beauty of the outdoors while affirming their identity. Black Outside imagines a world in which Black youth see the outdoors as a space to experience joy, love, and liberation.

## PERSONAL BIO

Alex Bailey is the founder of Black Outside, Inc., an organization reimagining outdoor spaces and programming for Black youth. Alex's love for the outdoors began in his grandfather's garden, where his intimate observations of plants and animals sparked his curiosity in nature. As a summer camp counselor, Alex saw the transformative power of nature programming and imagined a camp experience that could better serve youth of color. After serving as both a classroom teacher and a leadership coach through Teach For America, Alex was inspired to launch Black Outside to create an outdoor programming model to serve Black youth and provide them with spaces of joy, healing, and restoration. Alex is a visionary, optimist, and connector seeking to ensure more Black communities feel seen, valued, affirmed, and radically reconnected to nature.

### Organization/Fellow Location

San Antonio, United States

### Impact Location

United States

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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