On a wet, chilly Saturday morning in December, 25 of our StreetLeaders gathered together at the U.S. National Whitewater Center (WWC) for the kick-off of UrbanPromise Charlotte’s UrbanTrekkers pilot program!

UrbanTrekkers (first developed at UP Camden 14 years ago) is an extension of the UP experience designed to motivate students to learn from outdoor experiences and then carry that learning into other areas of their influence. Activities are designed to help develop students’ skills in teamwork, leadership, and decision-making.

What better way to launch UP Charlotte’s expression of UrbanTrekkers than by participating in the WWC’s Team Development program?! StreetLeaders and volunteers had an opportunity to build bonds and solve problems in fun, stretching situations… sometimes even from dozens of feet in the air!

“The WWC Trek was very adventurous and it brought me out of my comfort zone. Even though it was rainy and cold, we had an awesome time!”
—Melanie Castellon-Lazo, Camp Hope StreetLeader

We are so grateful to one of our generous donors for initiating the UrbanTrekkers program here in Charlotte! Our next Trek will be to Crowder’s Mountain on Saturday, March 2nd.