

## NEWS & NOTES

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*The Gray Family Foundation seeks to fulfill John and Betty Gray's faith in the human spirit. The Gray family acknowledges their responsibility to give back to the systems that nurture all of us: our culture, our natural environment and our communities.*

### Outdoor School for All Update

#### Lobby Day - March 23rd

Save the date! Join us at the Oregon Capitol Building in Salem on March 23rd at noon. Bring along your friends, students, families, wood cookies, songs and stories and join us in the rotunda in the Capitol Building. Here is your chance to tell your legislators that you support statewide funding for Outdoor School. More details to come.

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### Grant Opportunities

#### Outdoor School Programs for 5th and/or 6th graders

*Open online April 15th*

Due June 15th

Awarded in September

#### Community Field Trips for 5th through 8th graders

*Open online May 15th*

Due July 15th

Awarded in November

The Gray Family Foundation makes grants to schools, government agencies, and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations. Approximately \$750,000 will be available for the 2015 grant cycle. The average grant size is \$13,500.

Download the full [2015 Environmental Education Program RFP](#).

Please refer to our [website](#) for descriptions of grant categories, evaluation requirements, successful projects funded, and amounts granted.

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## Notable News

### Oregon Environmental Education Conference

The Environmental Education Association of Oregon is hosting the [2015 Oregon Environmental Education Conference](#), March 18-21 at the beautiful Camp Collins in Gresham. The conference includes four hands-on workshop tracks in Environmental Education Careers, E-STEM, Advocacy, and Inclusion. We hope to see you there.

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### Land Trusts in Oregon

Land trusts are a key part of the conservation story here in Oregon. To better tell the land trust story, the Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts assembled the [State of the Lands Report](#) to celebrate the collective impact of their 19 members. This report uses stories and statistics to illustrate the diverse work of land trusts in communities around Oregon.

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### Outdoor Education Example

The School Garden Project of Lane County aims to help schools create, sustain, and use onsite gardens by providing resources, professional consultation, and educational programming. Watch their short volunteering [video](#) that highlights the value of students spending class time outdoors.

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