



Urgent: We're down to the wire to help #SaveOutdoorSchool!

Get Kids Outside the Comfort Zone

One of the many benefits of Outdoor School is teaching kids about diversity, acceptance and tolerance, a topic that couldn't be more timely. It's an essential lesson that Outdoor School teaches, but one that doesn't get enough attention and we would welcome your help in spreading the message!



[Learn more and spread the message!](#)

Success story: Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan (OELP)

The Plan—one of several in the nation—is a roadmap to ensure that every Oregon child has the opportunity to experience the wonders of nature and learn to care for, and engage with, their place and community over a lifetime. [Read story](#)



ONREP presents Educating for Systems Thinking Workshops in July

These workshops, presented by the Oregon Natural Resource Education Program (ONREP), are relevant for formal and non-formal educators at all grade levels and for



all subjects. To learn more and to register, select the date of your choice here: <http://onrep.forestry.oregonstate.edu/workshops>.

Educators! Introduce Your Students to the Power of Place

This August, the **King County GIS Center Training Program** will offer two one-day workshops designed to connect teachers with digital mapping resources and limitless classroom GIS opportunities. The first workshop, **ArcGIS for Educators**, is an entrée into the world of powerful geographic information system (GIS) **desktop software** tools that are available at low or no cost to schools. [Full description and registration information here](#)



Upcoming Grant Opportunities

All of our grant cycles are now closed for 2016. Stay tuned for announcements regarding our 2016 grant cycle later this year.

[View the Grants Calendar](#)



The Gray Family Foundation is founded on the belief that fostering an understanding and appreciation of our natural world is a crucial part of a child's education. By supporting programs such as Outdoor School, geography education and professional development for teachers, we seek to give Oregon students a greater understanding of the world outside their classroom. Learn more at www.grayff.org

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