



Outdoor School Updates

OSU Extension needs a summer contact for outdoor school!

OSU Extension Service is making preparations to support outdoor school programs statewide for the 2017-2018 school year. As part of this, they are asking for a contact from your school, district, or ESD they can update in mid-July or early August with information on how to access any funding the Oregon Legislature makes available to them to send students to outdoor school. **Please provide a name and contact information to outdoorschool@oregonstate.edu for your school, district or ESD.**

Outdoor School Legislative update

On May 22, Scott Reed, OSU Extension Service Director; Nancy Bales, Gray Family Foundation Executive Director; Paul Barnum, Oregon Forest Resources Institute Executive Director; and Bruce Rhodes, Tillamook School District Administrator, provided testimony and answered questions from legislators on the Measure 99, Outdoor School for All, funding before the education subcommittee of the Joint Ways and Means committee. A recording of the hearing is available [here](#).

Measure 99 is statutory, not constitutional, which means next steps and funding decisions regarding this measure will be made by the Oregon Legislature. Final determination of funding for the Outdoor School program for the 2017-19 biennium is part of the legislative budgeting process.



Success Story: Powell Butte Community Charter School

Crook County, Oregon: Teachers gain confidence in place-based education and launch outdoor service projects with their students.

[Read the full story>>](#)

Introduction to Place-based Education Design

In this three-part teaching series, you will learn the basics of how to create and

implement a place-based unit in your school.

When: Begins on June 17, 2017 at Southwest Charter School

If you are interested in signing up for our workshop, please fill out [this survey](#). Once you are finished with the survey, you will be registered for the upcoming workshop.

[Learn More & Apply Here](#)

Arbor Summer Geography Seminar

This seminar will explore the themes of Environments and Journeys to bring academic content to life.

July 10 - 14, 2017

8:30am - 3:00pm

Arbor School of Arts & Sciences

Tualatin, Oregon

Cost: \$225



[Read more & register](#)

Upcoming Grant Opportunities

We currently have no open grant cycles.

Announcements regarding our Camp Maintenance Fund Grant Program will be made in August 2017. Stay tuned for all of the details!

[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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