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## Get Outside for Outdoor School

[Save Outdoor School. Yes on 99](#), has a specific immediate need -- and this one's a lot of fun. The campaign is asking their supporters to rally around a social media blitz, [Outside for Outdoor School](#), running Oct. 17-25.



To participate, take a quick Facebook or Instagram video showing yourself outside or doing an outdoor activity you love, and explain why you support Oregon ballot measure 99 to Save Outdoor School For All kids. Post it during Outside for Outdoor School week using #YesOn99 and tag your friends. Help spread the word!

[Read more](#)

### Success story: Oregon Coast Aquarium

To empower Oregon's K-12 teachers with ocean science, the aquarium conducts a weekend professional development workshop called Pedagogy of Place, usually in the spring. The workshop draws 20-40 teachers from across the state for a retreat at the remote Camp Westwind.

[Read more](#)



### Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Make a Difference

More than 80 community nature projects in the Portland metro region have received a boost over the last few years through a combined \$3.7 million in Nature in Neighborhoods grants from



Metro. Collectively, the projects are making habitat healthier, allowing more people from a variety of backgrounds to experience the outdoors, and nurturing the next generation of conservation leaders. The grants are paid for with money from the 2013 parks and natural areas levy.

[Read more](#)  
Text Link

## Honoring Our Rivers Call for Student Submissions

Invitation for students (K-college) to submit their art, photography, poetry, prose, and foreign language translations to Honoring Our Rivers, reflecting their connections to Pacific Northwest rivers. And since our rivers are connected to the environments surrounding them, that means entries related to all things watershed, too.



[Read more & submit](#)

## Upcoming Grant Opportunities

[Link](#)

Deadlines for our 2017 grant cycles will be posted on our website in mid November.

[View the grants calendar and apply](#)



*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](http://www.grayff.org)*

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