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The week that changes lives

They step off the bus and into the woods, and something magical happens.

Problem kids become leaders. Cliques disappear around the campfire. Nature's wonder surrounds them in three dimensions, dissolving a fear of science.



TILLAMOOK SCHOOL DISTRICT

That's the power of Outdoor School.

We believe that every Oregon fifth or sixth grader deserves a full week of immersive, science-based learning outside—an Oregon tradition since the 1950s. But funding cuts allow only about half of our students to go.

That's poised to change. In July 2015, the Oregon Legislature approved a sweeping, statewide commitment to Outdoor School—the first such bill in the nation. We cheered this milestone with our partners in the Oregon Outdoor Education Coalition, aligned since 2014 to champion this effort.

Next, we must secure stable funding to deliver this promise-on-paper to each Oregon student.

Visit www.outdoorschoolforall.org to learn more and help preserve Outdoor School in Oregon.



Kid nights at Outdoor School funded in 2015

Grantee: Self-Enhancement, Inc.

Portland students become young naturalists during a week in the forest.

Removing barriers

“How much does it cost?” asked one concerned fifth grader, who had never heard of Outdoor School before. The teacher couldn't help but smile as he answered: “Thanks to a very generous gift from the Gray Family Foundation...” We're pleased to provide grants that help offset the cost of buses, lodging, food and programs so that more students can attend Outdoor School—regardless of their situation or background.



22
Windows

31
Paint jobs

16 Bathroom repairs

1 Lake fixed

Grantee: Audubon Society

Upgrades to Marmot Cabin in Portland improved fire safety and made the buildings ADA accessible.

Homes away from home

CAMP MAINTENANCE

Camp is where the magic happens, but it's also where pipes leak, paint peels and mattresses sag. We invest more than \$450,000 each year to care for Oregon's rustic camps, because when guests feel comfortable and safe, it opens them up to incredible encounters with nature, their peers and even themselves.

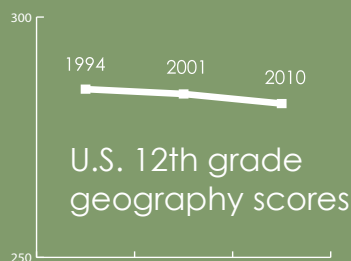
“The Gray Family understands what camps need and makes the [grant] process easy.”

— Jane Petke, Co-Director, Suttle Lake Methodist Camp



Grantee: Alder Creek Community Forest

Southern Oregon students compare land-use maps from 1939 and 2005 to see how the forest has changed over time.



Know your place, care for your place

GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION

We support programs that infuse geography into K-12 learning across Oregon. When you expand a child's sense of place beyond his or her neighborhood to include the surrounding farms, forests, mountains and waterways, he or she begins to grasp the complex connections between Oregon's land and its people—a first step toward becoming a lifelong steward.

2015 Grantees

Aloha Huber Park
 Arbor School of Arts and Sciences, Inc.
 Arco Iris Spanish Immersion Charter School
 Audubon Society of Portland (Marmot Cabin)
 Bethel School District
 Bolton Primary School
 Butte Falls Charter School
 Calapooia Watershed Council
 Camp Adams
 Camp Attitude
 Camp Cedar Ridge
 Camp Collins
 Camp Lutherwood
 Camp Tamarack
 Canby School District
 Carus Elementary School
 Cascade School District
 Cedar Park and Meadow Park Middle Schools
 (Beaverton School District)
 Center for Earth Leadership
 Center for Geography Education in Oregon
 Children's Forest of Central Oregon
 Cispus Environmental Learning Center
 Coast Range Natural Resources Education
 Organization
 Columbia Slough Watershed Council
 Corvallis Environmental Center
 Coyote Trails School of Nature
 Curry Soil & Water Conservation District
 Deschutes Children's Forest
 Discover Your Northwest
 Drift Creek Camp
 Eagle Creek Elementary
 Edgewood Elementary School
 (Lane County School District 4J)
 Forest Grove Community School
 Foundations for a Better Oregon
 Friends of Outdoor School
 (Oregon Outdoor Education Coalition)
 Friends of the Tualatin River NWR
 Friends of Tryon Creek State Park
 Greater Albany Public School District
 Gresham Barlow School District #10J
 Grove Christian Service Camp
 Growing Gardens
 Henley Elementary
 (Klamath County School District)
 High Desert Education Service District
 High Desert Museum
 Highland Park and Conestoga Middle School
 (Beaverton School District)
 HJ Andrews Experimental Forest
 Impact NW
 Institute for Sustainability Education
 and Ecology
 James F. and Marion L. Miller Foundation
 Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School
 Klamath Outdoor Science School
 KNOVA Learning Oregon
 Kraxberger Middle School
 (Gladstone School District 115)
 Latino Leadership Fund - OCF
 Lincoln County Foundation
 Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership
 Malheur County School District
 Marys River Watershed Council
 Mazamas
 McKenzie Watershed Alliance



31%
of kids
play
outside
every day

Grantee: Upper Deschutes Watershed Council

Day trips to Whychus Creek allow hundreds of students to care for their backyard stream just as the steelhead return.

Taking class outside

COMMUNITY FIELD TRIPS

For all of Oregon's wild beauty, sometimes the best way to experience nature is right nearby. We provide grants for thousands of fifth through eighth graders to step outside their classroom for memorable day trips that provide a hands-on connection to their community and promote a sense of place and responsibility.



Training
one teacher



can allow 30 students
to explore nature.

Grantee: The Environmental Center

Teachers practice an outdoor science lesson during a three-day workshop near Bend.

Nature-inspired lessons

TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Oregon's teachers have precious little time to teach sustainability, let alone take kids outside. We support place-based, outdoor workshops across the state that give teachers space to collaborate, learn and reimagine how nature can be part of their daily classroom—and help them reach benchmarks—in any subject.

“I feel connected to nature again, and I want to share that with my students.”

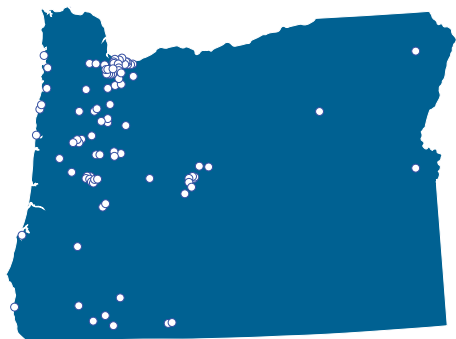
— Teacher, after a retreat
in Central Oregon

Mountain View Middle School
(Beaverton School District)
Mt. Adams Institute
Native American Youth & Family Center
Nestucca Valley Elementary School
(Nestucca Valley School District #101)
North American Association for
Environmental Education
North Clackamas School District
North Fork John Day Watershed Council
North Marion Middle School
(North Marion School District 15)
Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center
Oregon 4-H Foundation
Oregon City School District
Oregon Forest Resources Institute
Oregon Garden Foundation
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
Oregon State University Foundation
Peterson Elementary
(Klamath County School District)
Philomath School District
Polk County 4-H
Portland State University Foundation
Powell Butte Community Charter School
Rainier School District
Raising Oregonians: Environmental Literacy
Fund - OCF
REAP, Inc.
Redmond School District 2J
Rimrock Expeditionary Alternative Learning
Middle School
Ruch School
Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council
Sandy River Basin Watershed Council
Santiam Canyon School District
School Garden Project of Lane County
Schoolyard Farms
Self Enhancement, Inc.
SKY Camp
South Middle School
(Grants Pass School District 7)
South Santiam Watershed Council
South Slough National Estuarine
Research Reserve
Southern Oregon Regional Environmental
Education Leaders
Southern Oregon University
Springville K-8 (Beaverton School District)
St. Andrew Nativity School
St. Helens High School
St. Helens School District
St. Therese School
Stayton Intermediate/Middle School
(North Santiam School District)
Straub Environmental Center
Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory
The Environmental Center
Tillamook School District #9 Foundation
Tualatin Riverkeepers
Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District
Twin Rocks Friends Camp
and Conference Center
Umpqua Community College Foundation
Upper Deschutes Watershed Council
Wallowa Resources
Whitford School (Beaverton School District)
Willamette Education Service District
Willamette Farm and Food Coalition
Willamette Partnership
Wisdom of the Elders, Inc.
World Forestry Center



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As Oregon's largest funder for environmental education, the Gray Family Foundation is working to ensure that every Oregonian has the opportunity to experience our state's natural wonders and learn to care for their place and community over a lifetime.



2015 grantee locations

In 2015, we delivered

127 grants

totaling

\$1,573,359

\$12,388

Average grant size



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