



Outdoor School by the Numbers

The numbers speak volumes to Oregon's commitment to providing our children an opportunity to learn in the outdoors. Thanks to all who helped to make this happen! Friends of Outdoor School, Oregon State University Extension Service, the Oregon Environmental Literacy Program, Outdoor School For All and so many more.

YEAR ONE: OUTDOOR SCHOOL BY THE NUMBERS

- ▶ **\$8.8 million** in approved funding
- ▶ **121** school districts funded
- ▶ Number of students who will attend: **36,404**
That's **75%** of eligible students
- ▶ Total number of days students will get outside: **136,465**
- ▶ Funding awarded to districts in all **36** counties
- ▶ **82** new schools attending Outdoor School for the first time
That's **7,137** new students

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Grantee Success Story: Hancock Field Station (OMSI)

Wheeler County, Oregon:

Not your typical outdoor school-but then again, the Hancock Field Station is no ordinary camp. Situated in the middle of the John Day Fossil Beds National Monument Clarno Unit, the popular 10-acre site, which is owned and

operated by OMSI, hosts a full schedule of Outdoor School in the spring and fall and

overnight camps during the summer.

[Read the full success story>>](#)

Metro's 2018 Nature in Neighborhoods Grants Now Available

Grants to support nature education and outdoor experiences are now available. With the goal of building cultural, environmental and economic equality, these grants provide communities of color and under-served communities educational opportunities, work training, organizational development and the chance to get out and spend meaningful time in nature.

The nature education and outdoor experiences grants program will award \$700,000 in 2018, and grants can cover multiple years. Groups throughout greater Portland are encouraged to apply.

Application deadline: March 6, 2018.

[Learn more and apply>>](#)

Outdoor School Program Posts Open Position

The OSU Extension Service Outdoor School Program Office is pleased to announce their next job posting. Work to support the success of statewide outdoor school as the "Outdoor School Evaluation, Assessment, and Research Coordinator". Position is based in Corvallis, and applications are due by February 28.

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Upcoming Gray FF Grant Deadlines

Launching an Outdoor School Program

LOI Deadline(s): Rolling deadlines (April 1, July 1, October 1)

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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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