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2016-2017  
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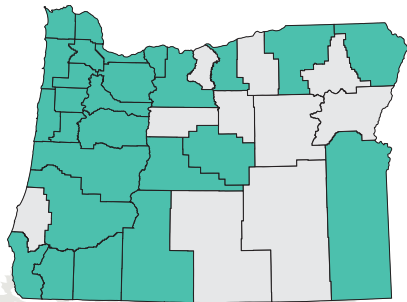
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In 2016-2017 Gray Family Foundation delivered

# 205 grants

to **26** counties in  
the state of Oregon



For a total of

# \$2,820,390

Average grant size = **\$13,758**

The Gray Family Foundation supports Oregon youth to become active stewards of our communities and natural environments. When kids gain the skills they need to thrive in our rapidly changing world, they make decisions that improve their well-being and our communities.

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# THE CHANGE WE SEEK

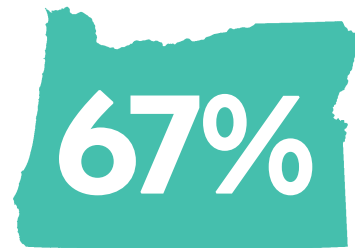
## The week that changes lives

The Gray Family Foundation works to foster a strong local land ethic, sustainable communities and thoughtful stewardship of the natural environment here in Oregon. Hands-on, outdoor learning sparks a curiosity that makes kids better learners. It helps them develop critical thinking skills and grow into lifelong stewards of our communities and natural environments.

That's why the Gray Family Foundation went all in on support for statewide outdoor school throughout 2016 and 2017. The legislature provided a strong endorsement of the value and need for outdoor school for Oregon's fifth or sixth graders by passing SB439. We followed this win by investing in Measure 99 to fund the statewide program. Oregon voters came through, making history by passing Outdoor School for All, which provides every Oregon student an opportunity for a full week of outdoor education.

**Today, we are seeing more fifth and sixth graders attend outdoor school than ever before in Oregon.**

Measure 99 –  
Outdoor School for All  
– passed with



of the vote

# CAMP MAINTENANCE

## Gateways to outdoor adventures

Camp is a powerful experience. We want it to be a positive, safe experience as well. We invest in deferred maintenance to improve camp facilities – from septic tanks to dry rot repair to greater accessibility. We provide for the care of camps so the camps can focus on the kids.

“ I’m really grateful that the Gray Family [Foundation] understands what camps need and makes the process easy.”

– JANE PETKE, Co-director, Camp Suttle Lake



camps in Oregon hosted outdoor school programs in 2016-2017

camps in Oregon hosted five or more sessions of outdoor school

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION



## GRANTEE STORY

Zach, 10, pumped both fists into the air as the whale-watching boat Sampson shoved off from Depoe Bay Harbor. This was a surprise trip – one that culminated a series of adventures put on by **NEIGHBORS FOR KIDS** including beach clean-ups, tide-pooling and sandy fun. Together with Neighbors For Kids, we support the positive development of youth while helping to create the next generation of stewards who will care for our beautiful environment.

## NextGen stewards

Learning outdoors sparks imagination and unlocks creativity. We support experiences for educators and 3rd-8th grade students to connect with nature and to develop the skills students need to question, investigate, explore, interpret, analyze and solve problems. We work to deepen connections to our natural world and create responsible stewards of it.

Only  
about

10%



of kids in the  
U.S. say they are  
spending time  
outdoors every day



# OUTDOOR SCHOOL

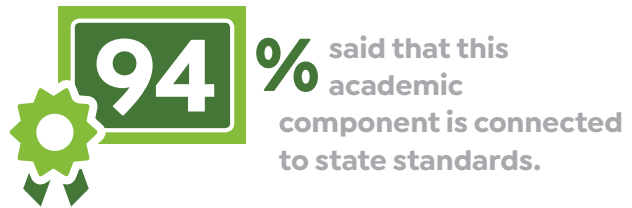
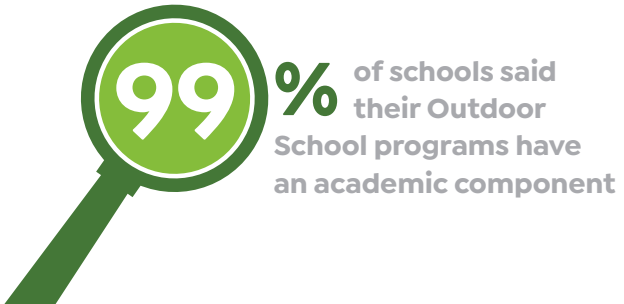
## Nature-inspired learning

Oregon voters resoundingly supported every fifth or sixth grader attending a week of outdoor school. However, boundaries still exist for some communities and schools to attend. We've committed to filling those gaps and helping to ensure that outdoor school is truly for ALL.

“We come back [from outdoor school] and they're different kids.”

— JODI BEANLAND

Sixth grade teacher at Ferguson Elementary School, Klamath Falls





# GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION

## GRANTEE STORY

The **IMMIGRANT AND  
REFUGEE COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATION (IRCO)**

cultivates self-sufficiency and promotes a sense of belonging for immigrants and refugees living in Oregon. There's no better way to get to know their home and community than getting out in nature.

## Unlocking doors to experience the world

Geography is a way of understanding the links between environment, people, and culture—how places shape people, and people shape their place. We seek to spark the creativity, talent and vision of Oregon's educators to integrate geography into K-12 education, because we believe that being geography literate means being an empowered citizen.

“Our kids are getting exposed at an early age to a broader sense of their world.”

– COURTNEY SHAFF, Co-president of Garfield School PTA, Corvallis

# 2016-2017 GRANTEES

Adrian School District · Agriculture Research Foundation · Alder Creek Community Forest · Association of Washington School Principals · Beaverton School District · Bonneville Environmental Foundation · Calapooia Watershed Council · Caldera · Camp Magruder · Camp Angelos · Camp Attitude · Camp Fire Columbia · Camp Kiwanilong · Camp Lutherwood · Camp Magruder · Camp Tamarack · Canby School District · Cascade Forest Conservancy · Cascade Pacific RC&D, Inc. · Cascade School District · Camp Howard · Camp Tadmor · Cedar Ridge Retreat and Conference Center · The Environmental Center · Central Oregon Symphony Association · Central Pacific Conference, UCC · Children's Forest of Central Oregon · Coalition of Communities of Color · Coast Fork Willamette Watershed Council · Coast Range Natural Resources Education Organization · College Possible · Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute · Columbia Slough Watershed Council · Community Transitional School · Confluence Environmental Center · Confluences · Curry Soil & Water Conservation District · Curry Watersheds Nonprofit · Deschutes County 4-H · Discover Your Northwest · Dufur School District · Eastern Oregon Legacy Lands Fund · Ecology in Classrooms & Outdoors · Ecotrust · Environmental Education Association of Oregon · Eugene School District 4J · FoodCorps · Friends of Outdoor School · Friends of Zenger Farm · Garfield Elementary PTA · Gilliam County Soil and Water Conservation District · Gladstone School District 115 · Grants Pass School District No. 7 · Greater Albany Public School District · Gresham Barlow School District #10J · Grove Christian Service Camp · Growing Gardens · High Desert Museum · Impact NW · Institute for Applied Ecology · Institute for Sustainability Education and Ecology · IRCO · Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School · Kings Valley Charter School · Klamath County School District · Klamath Outdoor Science School · Klamath Watershed Partnership · Know Your City · Lincoln County Foundation · Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership · Mazamas · McMinnville School District · Medford School District 549C · Drift Creek Camp · Mt. Adams Institute · National Wildlife Federation · Native American Youth & Family Center · Neighbors for Kids · Ninety-One School · North Clackamas School District · North Fork John Day Watershed Council · North Marion School District 15 · North Wasco County School District 21 · NW Documentary Arts & Media · Oakland Leaf Foundation · Opal Creek Ancient Forest Center · Oregon 4-H Conference & Education Center · Oregon 4-H Foundation · Oregon Agriculture in the Classroom Foundation · Oregon City School District · Oregon Coast Aquarium · Oregon Forest Resources Institute · Oregon Museum of Science and Industry · Oregon State Parks Foundation · Oregon State University Foundation · Parkrose Middle School · Phoenix-Talent School District #4 · Portland Parks Foundation · Portland Tennis & Education · Powell Butte Community Charter School · PSU Institute for Sustainable Solutions · Rogue River School District · Rogue Valley Farm to School · Sanctuary One · Sandy River Basin Watershed Council · Santiam Canyon School District · Sauvie Island Academy · Sauvie Island Center · School Garden Project of Lane County · Seashore Family Literacy Program · Silver Falls School District · Siskiyou Field Institute · Sisters Schools Foundation, Inc. · South Lane School District · South Wasco County School District #1 · Springfield Education Foundation · Springfield Public Library · Springfield School District 19 · St. Andrew Nativity School · St. Helens School District #502 · Straub Environmental Center · Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory · Tillamook School District #9 Foundation · Tualatin Riverkeepers · Umpqua Watersheds · Walla Walla Basin Watershed Council · Wallowa Resources · Westwind Stewardship Group · Willamette Partnership · Wind & Oar Boat School · Yamhill Carlton School District · YMCA of Columbia-Willamette



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## OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our board is comprised of dedicated members of the community and the Gray family:

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**Maria Elena Campisteguy,**  
*Vice Chair*

**Randy Schild,**  
*Treasurer & Secretary*

**Kristin Walrod**

**Corrine Oishi**

**Charles Sams, III**

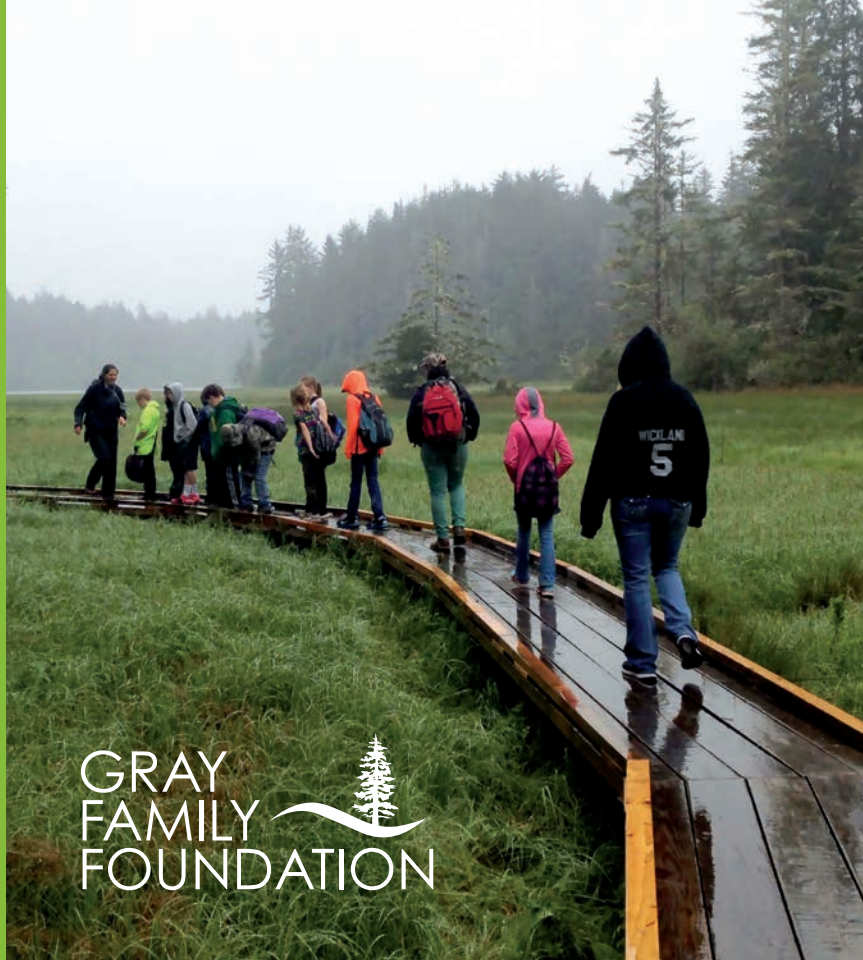
Special thanks to outgoing Board members & staff:

**Nicholas Walrod**

**David Vernier**

**Jay Bowerman**

**Rachael Bashor,**  
*Program Officer*



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## OUR TEAM

Overseeing the day-to-day workings of the foundation are:

**Nancy Bales,**  
*Executive Director*

**Rana DeBey,**  
*Program Associate*

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