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## Announcing our 2019 Grantees in Geography Education & Environmental Education

Gray Family Foundation would like to share our [2019 grantees in Environmental and Geography Education](#) programs.

We are so very grateful to each of the organizations across Oregon working to connect youth to communities, culture, and the natural environment. We appreciate the opportunity to share in this work and to continue to learn from our grantees.

To help us ensure our grantmaking priorities and decisions are aligned with community strengths and opportunities, we recruit and engage board members and grant reviewers who are representative of the breadth and diversity of perspectives, cultures, and communities from across Oregon, including leaders in nonprofits and education and direct practitioners in environmental education and geography.

If you have questions about our grant priorities or any of the projects listed, please feel free to reach out to Nell Tessman, Program Officer: [ntessman@grayff.org](mailto:ntessman@grayff.org).



### Sign-up: Place-based Symposium

*May, 30th, 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM*

The Cottonwood School is hosting a place-based symposium where you will have the opportunity to attend presentations and discover the progression of place-based education. This event is especially for educators interested in learning more about place-based education.

[Learn more & RSVP](#)

## Outdoor School Portland Regional Gathering

June 9th, 2019

**MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL**

**5736 NE 33RD AVE, PORTLAND, OR 97211**

**2:30 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**



Join Friends of Outdoor School for an informal gathering of key people who love Outdoor School. Network, meet each other, look to the future of ODS, and explore opportunities to help support Outdoor School!

No matter your skill set, time availability, or experience level, there are opportunities for you to publicly express your commitment to and belief in the benefits of this amazing program and transformative experience for students. Come celebrate and learn how you might choose to be involved.

You can help to ensure that EVERY student in Oregon has the opportunity to attend a week of Outdoor School. Hosted by Friends of Outdoor School. Travel reimbursement and small staff stipends are available for those who need it.

For more information contact [andy@friendsofoutdoorschool.org](mailto:andy@friendsofoutdoorschool.org)



### Grantee Story: Pacifica Outdoor School

*Josephine County:* For the Three Rivers School District near Grants Pass—one of the poorest districts in the state—Outdoor School was out of reach for most kids. That changed when one organization stepped up to the task—Pacifica: A Garden in the Siskiyous.

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

## Upcoming Gray FF Grant Deadlines

[Link](#)

**Launching an Outdoor School Program**

**LOI Deadline(s):** Rolling deadlines (July 1, 2019)

[Read more](#)

Learn more about our grantmaking



*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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