



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the entire Gray Family Foundation board and staff, we want to extend our sincere thanks for the work you do in strengthening connections to place through meaningful experiences.



We wish you a holiday season filled with laughter, love and light.

Sincerely,
Nancy, Nell, & Rana



We know that regular time outdoors is critical for children's healthy development. But today's kids average less than 10 minutes playing and learning outside per day - and more than 40 hours per week in front of a screen. This trend has serious implications for our kids and our planet.

Lawmakers across the U.S. are passionate about connecting children to the benefits of time spent in nature—and their states' outdoor economies and natural resources. The [Youth Outdoor Policy Playbook](#) highlights successful bipartisan policy initiatives and provides resources to support new statewide efforts to increase environmental education and youth engagement in the outdoors.

The Youth Outdoor Policy Playbook is designed to:

- Highlight existing and promising policy solutions for driving youth outdoor engagement.
- Share the knowledge and experience of environmental education and

outdoor engagement champions to drive new, innovative ideas.

- Connect cross sector leaders working on statewide policy initiatives.

[Read more and find out how you can contribute to this important work->>](#)

Upcoming Grant Deadlines

Gray FF Outdoor School Program: Planning grants for schools or districts and outdoor school providers, and program grants to schools or student groups currently ineligible to apply for OSU Extension outdoor school funding.

Letters of Interest Deadline: January 15, 2020

[Read more](#)

METRO's Nature in Neighborhoods Nature Education & Outdoor Experience Grants: Grants to support and create partnerships in local communities that improve water quality, restore fish and wildlife habitat and connect people with nature. These grants prioritize programs that advance racial equity, diversity and inclusion, make communities more resilient to climate change and include greater community engagement.

Pre-application deadline: January 29, 2020

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Grantee Story: Camp Latgawa

Surrounded by lush creeks and old-growth forests, there's no cell phone service or WiFi to distract camp visitors from hiking and backpacking trails, archery, sports-and even a heated swimming pool.

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



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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