

News & Notes

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Oregon Wildfires

The team at Gray Family Foundation hopes to find you and your loved ones safe and healthy. Our hearts go out to all the individuals, communities, and organizations experiencing profound losses from the devasting wildfires that rapidly spread and continue to burn in areas across our state. We know the wildfires have directly and negatively impacted many grantees and partners. We hold deep admiration for everyone who has stepped up and adjusted their work to support their communities as they navigate the impact of both the wildfires and the ongoing pandemic. As always, we here for any updates and conversations, and are always willing to work to connect you with any resources or support we might be aware of to help us navigate these challenging times.

Indigenous History of Oregon

Gray Family Foundation would like to share a new resource compiled by one of the librarians at Pacific University, Eva Guggemos. This guide was created in response to the increasing number of requests the university has been getting for sources on indigenous history. It covers Oregon overall, but has special attention to the tribes near Pacific University in Washington County. Read more.



If you're looking for more resources on this topic including lesson plans, you can also visit the <u>Oregon Department of Education's Tribal History/Shared History website</u>

Grantee Stories: Confluence



Wherever you are in the Northwest, you're standing on Indigenous lands. It's a simple fact, but one that runs against two centuries of the dominant narrative that Lewis and Clark "discovered" the lands we now call home. By listening to Indigenous voices, Confluence is helping shed new light on what it means to be an American—

in a nation so young, but surrounded by the perspectives of native peoples who have lived here for millennia, and still live here today. Read more about this connection to land.

The OCF Snapshot Tool is now live

Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) has created the **Organization Snapshot Tool** which provides space for nonprofit organizations to update OCF and donors about any current projects or funding opportunities you may have. If your organization is interested, <u>click here</u> and learn more about the tool and how you can update your profile.



Upcoming Events

NAAEE Conference

The North America Association of Environmental Education (NAAEE) will be hosting a two-week virtual conference which includes compelling speakers, nearly 400 concurrent and ondemand sessions, a host of networking opportunities, affinity group meetings, and more. NAAEE would like to open up the conference to any grantee who wants to attend by offering a \$25 registration fee. NAAEE is also offering a code for free attendance if needed. Click here for more information.

Now Accepting 2021 Environmental Education Grant Program applications

We are now accepting applications for our 2021 Environmental Education Grant Program. This year, we are seeking proposals that stimulate or promote the teaching of environmental education in formal and informal K-12 educational environments to increase outdoor experiences for youth. <u>Visit our website to review our updated RFP</u>, including how we've updated our program in response to COVID-19.