

2024 Q1 Gray Family Foundation Grant Recipients

In March Gray Family Foundation provided \$305,337 to 15 organizations throughout Oregon. These grants were awarded through our Environmental Education, Outdoor School, and Camp Maintenance programs as well as our Action Fund to Advance Equity and our Youth Leadership for the Environment initiatives.



We are excited to share in this work and look forward to the opportunity to continue to learn from each of our grantees. If you have questions about our grant priorities or any of the projects listed on our [grant list](#), please reach out to our Senior Program Officer, Nell Tessman, at ntessman@grayff.org.

Gray FF Environmental Education Webinar Series

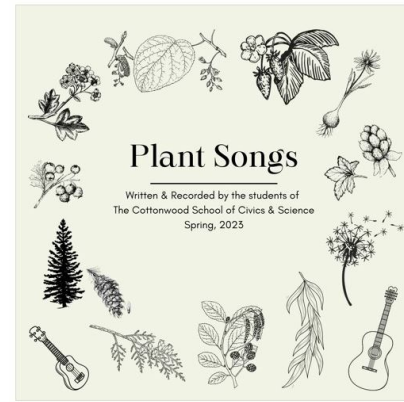
In January, we held our first Environmental Education Learning & Networking Series, featuring a presentation on the newly released [Fire Ecology and the Human Relationship Curriculum](#), produced by the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians and written by Vesper Meadow Education Program. The Oregon-centric 4th - 10th grade curriculum helps teachers and students explore fire and its connections with Traditional Ecological Knowledge, biodiversity, land-use history, climate change, and social impacts. Primarily science-based and aligned to NGSS standards, lessons can fulfill other subject areas and are infused with art, historical references, creative writing, geography, and even social media. Jeanine Moy, Director of Vesper Meadow, and Joe Scott, Traditional Ecology Inquiry Program Director (TEIP), shared their experiences collaborating to develop, share, and integrate the curriculum into their programs. You can [check out the recording here](#), passcode:8@nqAZ@!

Cottonwood School's Plant Album is Live

[Cottonwood School of Civics and Science](#) launched an [album of plant songs](#). Written by one of the teachers with help from students, this album is based on the social emotional teachings of plants

learned about from [GRuB](#). This album was produced by Grammy-nominated musician and producer [Araron Nigel-Smith](#). Way to go Cottonwood!

Please feel free to share with Gray Family Foundation any exciting programs or opportunities you would like for us to share with the environmental education community.



Grantee Highlight: The Sherwood Project at Camp Namanu

The Sherwood Project, supported by the Gray Family Foundation, has brought ADA accessible cabins to a magical space at [Camp Namanu](#). From sensory-friendly lighting to gender-affirming spaces, these cabins redefine inclusive outdoor education. [Click here](#) and learn more about this exciting project. [Camp Namanu's journey toward inclusion](#) is also featured in an amazing exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society until June 9th.

OSU is hiring a Central Regional Coordinator

The OSU Extension Service Outdoor School program is excited to announce that they are seeking a [Central Regional Coordinator](#). This position will work with school districts and providers in the region to maximize participation by providing support in the funding application and reporting process, promoting inclusive community engagement, and working with districts to implement creative, community-specific solutions to outdoor school participation barriers. [Click here](#) to find out more and to apply. Applications are being accepted until Sunday, April 14th.

Environmental Resources

[Free Online Learning Series](#)

Improve environmental education programming with culturally responsive and equitable evaluation

eeVAL is hosting a three-part virtual learning series which will highlight lessons learned from three environmental education project partners who are deeply engaging with eeVAL values and processes alongside an experienced CREE guide.

These 90 minutes series will take place on the following dates:

- Tuesday, March 26-9:00am Pacific
- Tuesday, April 16-9:00am Pacific

- Tuesday, April 30-9:00am Pacific

You can [register here](#) to attend all three events. [Click here](#) to learn more about the project.

[The Spring 2024 CLEARING special issue is here](#)

[CLEARING](#) Magazine offers environmental literacy education to the Pacific Northwest and Cascadia bioregion. The spring issue is now available and has a special focus on student-initiated field-based inquiry learning for students K-12. Read it here: [CLEARING Special Edition: Field -based Research](#)

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