

March, 2013

Friends of Outdoor School

Spring update



BREAKING FUNDING NEWS!

Representative Jules Bailey has proposed House Bill 2516 to open a conversation about permanent funding for Outdoor School for ALL students in Oregon to attend for a full week.

Already our House Bill 2516: "Outdoor School for Everyone" has moved on to Ways and Means! This is the next step toward getting our bill considered by the whole House.

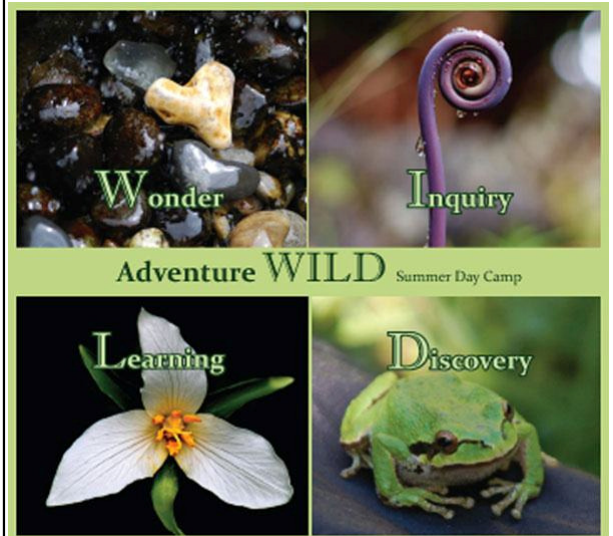
NOW is the time to get involved with securing funding at the state level! Visit the our website for more information about the bill and ways you can help.

Please say **THANK YOU** to the House Energy & Environment Committee:

- Chair Bailey, the author of the bill
- Rep. Boone
- Rep. Johnson
- Rep. Bentz
- Rep. Dembrow
- Rep. Reardon
- Rep. Vega Pederson
- Rep. Weidner
- Rep. Whitsett

Spread the word and please write a letter to your local legislator telling your story of why you love Outdoor School! *The future of Outdoor School depends on it!*

www.friendsofoutdoorschool.org/HB-2516.html
www.friendsofoutdoorschool.org/Help-HB-2516.html
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Adventure WILD Day Summer Camp registration is open!

- Benefit for Friends of ODS & partnership with Synergo
- Serves children 4 to 11 years old
- Run by Outdoor School staff
- **NEW:** locations at Rigler Community Garden, Mazamas Climbing Center, Forest Park, and Butler Creek Elementary School!

www.AdventureWILD.org

****Register by April 1st and receive 14% off with code "foodsfriends"!****

“I can honestly say that ODS has helped me to become more confident in myself and through it I have found that I want to be a special needs teacher.”

— Firelilly, Student Leader

Outdoor School Influence

Our friend Kurt "Jazz Man" Deutscher, a former ODS staff member and past chair of the MESD Foundation, now leads a web services company called NetRaising serving schools and nonprofits. Recently, NetRaising became a Certified B Corporation (one of only about 30 in Oregon!). A Certified B Corporation uses the power of business to solve social and environmental problems. Kurt attributes his environmental focus as starting at Outdoor School and states, "it has played a huge role throughout my life; and now has officially become a part of my business."

Way to go, Kurt!

Has your Outdoor School experience influenced your career? Tell us about it and we may feature you in our next newsletter!

Email kate@friendsofoutdoorschool.org with your story.



Counting the Rings—Now Available Online!

Great news! You can now read *Counting the Rings*, the Outdoor School testimonial book, on your eReader, Kindle, or iPad!

It's available for just \$5.99...
- On Amazon for Kindle
- In the iBookstore for Apple products
- At LuLu.com as a PDF
- And on KoboBooks.com as an ePub



Save a tree and support Outdoor School!

“Outdoor School has taught me to love myself, love working with children, and love the world around me. Outdoor School has affected every fiber of my being and I want [all] children to be able to go through the same amazing experience.”

Molly “Crane” Anderson, Student Leader: 6 weeks on Plants and Soil and Sandy River”

— Excerpt from *Counting the Rings*

THANK YOU to All The Organizations, Non Profits, And Other Groups That Helped Get Our Kids to Outdoor School This Year!

- Metro Regional Government
- City of Portland
- East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Portland Water Bureau
- US Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Gray Family Foundation
- Willamette Week





Create Your Lasting Legacy



When people who love Outdoor School begin to assess and plan their estates, two basic values often emerge. First, quite naturally, is to take care of their spouse and children. Second is to have their lives make a difference, to create a meaningful legacy for the causes in which they believe, such as Friends of Outdoor School.

There are many estate planning and tax-incentive charitable giving opportunities available to all donors. You can find more information on our website (www.friendsofoutdoorschool.org/Leave-a-Legacy.html).

Michelle-Shari Kruss, Attorney at Law has kindly offered to provide Outdoor School supporters with their estate and gift planning initial consultation at no cost. Taking advantage of this pro-bono service enables our donors to sit down with a professional who can provide them with a clearer understanding of how specifically they can help their own families while still supporting Outdoor School

If you are interested in setting up such a consultation with Michelle-Shari Kruss, Attourney at Law please feel free to contact her directly at (503) 490-4020 or Michelle-Shari@krusslaw.com, or let us know and we are happy to schedule an appointment for you.



Fundraiser for Outdoor School!

Just say you're with Outdoor School,
no need for a flier!

Portland location only: 7804 SE Stark St.

Friday, April 19th

11am to 11pm

ODS gets 15% of our sale profits!

Welcome to The Board, Rex & Jennifer!

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Rex Burkholder and Jennifer Satalino onto our Board of Directors!



Rex was previously a Metro Council member for 12 years and helped initiate the Metro-ODS partnership.

Jennifer Satalino is no stranger to Outdoor School either. She was previously on the E² Board (Friends of Outdoor School's former parent nonprofit) for many years.



Read more about all of our board members at: www.friendsofoutdoorschool.com/Staff-Board.html

Congratulations Lorax!



Join us **Friday, March 29th at 6pm at the Templeton Campus Center on the campus of Lewis & Clark College for The Friends of Tryon Creek's Trillium Festival Gala!** During the Trillium Gala our dear friend Margaret "Lorax" Eng will be presented with

the very first John Gray Environmental Education Award for her immeasurable dedication to the development and growth of our Outdoor School and Oregon Trail programs.

For more information about the Trillium Gala please visit <http://www.tryonfriends.org/events/trillium-festival-gala/>

Outdoor School Spring 2013 Session!

4/3: Parent Open House, 5:30pm to 7:30pm

4/5 — 4/6: Student Leader Workshop

4/7 — 4/12: Week One

4/14 — 4/19: Week Two

4/19: Flying Pie Pizzeria Fundraiser!

(See inside for details!)

4/21 — 4/26: Week Three

4/28 — 5/3: Week Four

5/5 — 5/10: Week Five

5/12 — 5/17: Week Six

5/19 — 5/24: Week Seven

5/28 — 5/31: Week Eight

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