Did You Miss Our First Ever Family Camp?
Family Camp, by the numbers…

- 75 people attended
- 240 field study beads earned
- 1 wild salmon was dissected
- 200 pancakes were eaten
- 82 critters were caught
- 1,000 smiles were seen!*
- 21 people transformed into loam warriors
- $6,000 was raised to send kids to ODS!

Presented by Friends of ODS and Natural Step Network
Thank you sponsors!

Good News for Outdoor Schools in the Long-Term

This year many passionate and dedicated Outdoor School supporters from across the community have come together to create an Outdoor School Strategy group. Their main purpose is to find partnerships throughout the Portland metro area in order to ensure long-term and sustainable funding for the regional Outdoor Schools. The group consists of school district personnel and board members, government agencies, and community leaders. In the coming months, we are organizing a proposal for potential funders to generate an innovative funding strategy that includes school districts, businesses, foundations, and utilities. With investments from outside of the K-12 system and matched school district funds, our hope is to restore the Outdoor School program for students throughout the region.

Questions? Contact Jennifer Pheff” Basham: jbasham@mesd.k12.or.us (503) 257-1621

“If it weren’t for Outdoor School] people like me wouldn't graduate from high school… I stayed in school because I got to go to Outdoor School twice a year...”
- Tony “Yosemite Sam” Profitt, former staff member and current Namanu caretaker

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Current Projects In the Works

Photo of the Year 2011
The 2011 contest will start Nov. 1st! Anyone can enter. Only $15 for 5 photo submissions; and all proceeds go directly to Outdoor School! www.PhotoOfTheYear.net

Art at Outdoor School
Caldera Arts and PSU have partnered with ODS to hire an artist and art educator to incorporate art into ODS http://ODS-Artist-in-Residence.tumblr.com/ http://artods.tumblr.com/

The ODS Testimonial Book

NatureBake Donates Bread
Local and family owned bakery, NatureBake, is generously donating 325 loaves of their “Oregon Grains” bread (which is made with 90% local ingredients) to feed the masses at all of our ODS sites! Thanks NatureBake!

The 2011 Chinook Book is Here!
Purchase your book ($20) or Android/iPhone version ($10) through the Friends of ODS and ODS will get half of the money back! Plus, we can send the books to your school to save on shipping! (503) 257-1774


URGENT!
Our friend, Mark Bosworth, went missing on Friday, Sept. 16, 2011 from a Cycle Oregon event in Riddle, OR. His family believes he is in dire need of medical attention and could be anywhere across the US! Please visit https://www.facebook.com/FindMarkBosworth for more information and to find ways you can help! If you believe you've recently seen him, call the tip line at 541-957-2099. Mention case number 11-3534.

Interested in Workplace Giving?
Give through your employer via the E² Foundation for Friends of Outdoor School.

We are found in:
~Local Independent Charities
~City, State, Metro, County campaigns
~Portland Public Schools (must renew annually)
~Combined Federal Campaign (# 74044)
~Designate E² Foundation with United Way

Ask your employer to include us!
If you have questions please contact your HR department.

You may also contact us directly. Our office manager, Susan Korst, would be happy to help: (503) 257-1570
[On Oct. 21, 2011], the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) completed its mark up of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). During the mark up hearing, the committee accepted an amendment put forth by Senator Casey (PA) that proposed a new grant program entitled “Well-Rounded Education” which includes environmental education as a subject eligible for funding under Title IV of ESEA. This marks an historic shift in federal education policy and is a significant and critical step towards our collective goal of ensuring access to high quality environmental and outdoor education programs for all students.

This is a big step in the right direction. Senator Harkin, Chairman of the HELP Committee, has indicated his interest in bringing the ESEA legislation to the Senate floor for a vote in the coming weeks. The No Child Left Inside Coalition will be closely monitoring this process and pursuing all opportunities to work with our sponsor, Senator Jack Reed (RI) to build on our success and pursue additional opportunities to advance environmental literacy through ESEA. Stay tuned for further updates, and visit www.nclicoalition.com for upcoming details on what the Senate bill would mean for states.

Thanks to all of you for your continued advocacy for NCLI. It is because of your efforts that we have achieved this remarkable milestone.

**FOREST PARK CONSERVANCY ALL-TRAILS CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to Freda Sherburne for becoming the top fundraiser for the Forest Park All-Trails Challenge! Enjoy your trip to France, Freda!

The Friends of ODS team raised $3,160 for Forest Park; and $790 for ODS!

PLUS $500 through the five ODS half-marathon runners!

Thank you, Forest Park Conservancy, hikers and runners!

**Who’s Going and For How Long: School District Update**

After all the fundraising this summer and the hard work our community has done to get our kids to Outdoor School, we wanted to share the outlook for the rest of the school year:

- Corbett & Riverdale are each going for a full week in the spring
- Portland Public & Gresham are going (or have already gone) for 3 days
- Reynolds, Parkrose, and David Douglas are still fundraising (check our Facebook page and website for upcoming events) to attend for 3 days
- North Clackamas is fundraising in the hopes to attend for 4 days
- Many private and charter schools are also going full weeks

If your school (private, charter, or otherwise) hasn’t gone to Outdoor School but wants to, please contact Kim Silva at (503) 257-1774 or via email at Kim@FriendsOfOutdoorSchool.org. Your kids can go to ODS!

From all of us at the MESD we want to thank our donors for leading the fight; and preserving the Outdoor School experience! THANK YOU!
**You’re Invited to “Celebrate Lorax”**

Join us Nov. 18, from 7pm to 9pm at the MESD Ainsworth building (11611 NE Ainsworth Cir) to celebrate Margaret “Lorax” Eng’s 36 years of dedication to Multnomah ESD Outdoor School.

In lieu of gifts please consider contributing (at the party) to a travel fund for Lorax.

Please tell everyone you know who may be interested in attending; and dig up those old photos! Friends of ODS is creating a slideshow and will be accepting submissions via email to kschaeff@mesd.k12.or.us no later than Nov. 7!

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**Other Upcoming Events**

The Water Buffaloes are playing at The Refectory on Nov. 4th at 8pm, check our calendar for more details and to find other upcoming events!

http://friendsofoutdoorschool.org/FOODS/SaveODSCalendar.html

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**Daily Deals for ODS**

Join PlumDistrict. 10% of each deal you buy supports ODS! [http://click.plumdistrict.com/SH2q](http://click.plumdistrict.com/SH2q)

Designated Friends of ODS on Sharing Spree at [www.sharingspree.com](http://www.sharingspree.com)

5% of every deal you buy supports ODS.

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