

2010-2011 Friends of Outdoor School October update



Welcome To Fall 2010 At Outdoor School!

We recently received a treasure trove of Outdoor School memorabilia from the family of Bob Burgess, ODS co-founder who passed away earlier this year. Films, photos, books, lessons...it was fun to discover ODS through the eyes of people from 45 years ago. Much has changed, but much has stayed the same.

Students still learn hands-on about nature. Student Leaders are still key to providing an unforgettable experience for 6th graders. Staff members still sing silly songs and tell funny stories. 6th graders still leave home on the bus in tears, and return home on the bus in tears, never wanting to leave the magic of ODS.

Because of YOU, the Friends of Outdoor School, Outdoor School is still an integral part of a meaningful, effective, long-lasting education. Because of YOU, Parkrose and Reynolds School Districts have moved from just an over-night last year, to a 3-day experience this year (maybe a full week next year?). Because of YOU, school districts from throughout the region are still attending ODS. YOU are making a difference. Thank you!

Join us for the Bob "Mr. Bob" Burgess memorial tree planting:
Veteran's Day, November 11
10:00 am
MESD: 11611 NE Ainsworth Circle, Portland

In the spirit of ODS, feel free to bring a jar of soil from your favorite place to add to the planting.



October 20, 1983, Oregon Governor Tom McCall:

Outdoor School is vital to our state's future because here the students can see that just one person's effect on the environment is representative of society's impact on the environment. All of us pray that Outdoor School won't suddenly become environmental frills, especially in light of tax limitation efforts. It is really worthwhile to have this kind of sense, understanding and appreciation in your blood so that the causes so meaningful to Oregon have knowledgeable advocates. Don't you doubt Oregon's heritage. With the balanced view of the economy and the environment that you have gained as a result of this school, you know that this balance is vital to making Oregon the livability state of all the Union. Outdoor School has swept me off my feet - the concept, the success, and what it means down the line in terms of a viable, healthy, wonderful, green Oregon.

Find Us In Your Workplace Giving Campaigns

Did you know that you can give to Friends of Outdoor School through your workplace giving program? The E² Foundation (parent organization of Friends of ODS) is a member of the local Independent Charities federation (similar to United Way), allowing Federal, State, County, City, school district, and many private company employees to give painlessly through payroll deduction. Don't see us listed in your campaign? Let us know!

We WANT to be included in your workplace giving campaign events. Contact us for more information: Kim@FriendsofOutdoorSchool.org or 503-257-1774.

Combined Federal Campaign #74044
Local Independent Charities #73789

No Oregon Child Left Inside! From Traci Price, Freshwater Trust

As chair of the No Oregon Child Left Inside Environmental Literacy task force, and on behalf of its members, please accept the listed report as fulfillment of our obligations stipulated by the 2009 HB-2544.

I encourage you to read through our full report, The Oregon Environmental Literacy Plan: Toward a Sustainable Future: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/gradelevel/hs/oregon-environmental-literacy-plan.pdf>

This is truly a milestone for Oregon. We are currently the third state in the nation to have a completed environmental literacy plan. Having a plan in place will protect Oregon's vibrant legacy, reinforce existing educational goals, support teachers, and position Oregon to be eligible for pending funds through federal No Child Left Inside legislation included in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act which is gaining ground daily.

Just last Thursday, September 23, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan commented, "Today, I promise you that under my leadership, the Department of Education will be a committed partner in the national effort to build a more environmentally literate and responsible society".

We hope that you will share in our celebration of this plan and in the commitment of the task force to continue to carry it forward.

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve the State of Oregon. We look forward to presenting the plan to the education committees during the upcoming legislative session.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Campfire Song

*Just some 6th graders,
excited for Outdoor School.
Took a yellow bus to cedar
ridge!*

*Just some counselors,
lining up on habitats,
singing songs and playing games
everywhere!*

*Sitting in a cabin room
that smells of rain and stinky
shoes*

Working on conservations skits,

wishing it would go on & on & on.

*Stealth status, contraband
up & down the dining hall.
Voices whispering in the night.
Counselors hanging with their
cabin group
hiking somewhere in the night.*

*Don't stop recycling!
Hold on to that can.
Don't stop reusing!
Hold on to that plastic bag.*

DONT STOP!

Outdoor School's 45th Anniversary Design Contest Winners

Congratulations to the winners of the Outdoor School 45th Anniversary t-shirt design contest: **Ivy Kiley and Lafcadio Adams!** These designs that inspired spirited debate and furious voting (inside and outside the ODS office) are now available on a variety of products:



CafePress.com/FriendsofODS

Get yours today! Designs available for a limited time.

Talented and generous Outdoor School educator, Lafcadio Adams, is donating a portion of her sales featuring the ODS wood cookie design:
CafePress.com/IWoodCookieODS

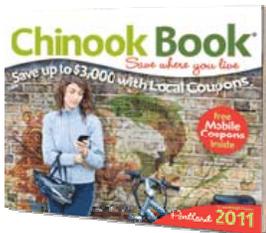


Shop for the cause! It's easy. Do all your online shopping through CafeGive to benefit ODS:
cafegive.com/?cause=friends-outdoor-school



Chinook Books (\$20 each + postage)! Perfect choice for hostess gifts, holiday gifts, stocking stuffers, thank you tokens, office gift exchanges, a special present just for you:

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Register your Safeway card, credit cards, debit cards, and gift cards and a portion of your purchases on those cards supports ODS. Simple!
www.eScrip.com

Already an eScrip member?
Renew your Safeway card by October 31!



Outdoor School on Facebook!

You know that Friends of Outdoor School is on Facebook, but did you also know that many of the camp sites also have pages? For site-specific conversations and alerts, join Camp Arrah Wanna, Camp Howard, and Camp Namanu on Facebook.



Convert To Renewable Energy, Send A Kid To ODS

PGE and Pacific Power are donating **\$25** for each household that converts to renewable energy and designated ODS. HURRY! Offer ends October 31, 2010.

PGE customers:

Log into your PGE account online
Click the "Renewable Power" link (left side of your billing homepage)
Choose a renewable power option
Type "ODS" as the promo code

Pacific Power customers:

Log into your Pacific Power account online
Click the "Blue Sky Renewable Energy" link
Choose a renewable power option
Select "Friends of Outdoor School" from the dropdown menu

Switch to renewable energy TODAY—Save the earth, help a kid!

Questions?: Kim@FriendsofOutdoorSchool.org or 503-257-1774

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