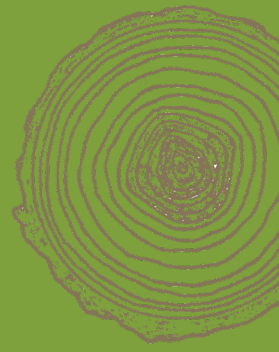


Friends of Outdoor School

Your Investments at Work in 2020



In 2020, Outdoor School continued to support our community's important demands for racial justice while exploring ways to engage students in learning outdoors from home. Distance learning has inspired innovation at Outdoor School as the need to get students outdoors becomes even more pronounced. Efforts toward racial justice have further cemented Outdoor School's commitment to equity and inclusion. Your gift helped to:



Outdoor School Programs & Places Network:

- Support efforts to provide Outdoor School to students who have been unable to attend Outdoor School in-person due to the pandemic.
- Support schools' efforts to reduce barriers to participation for students by helping build relationships to support the goals of full inclusion.
- Host the first-ever Programs and Places Network conference to help Outdoor School programs and sites share resources, strategies, & solutions to problems.
- With OSU Extension Outdoor School, co-host regional meetings for programs, sites, and schools.
- Connect Outdoor School programs and sites to a variety of experts related to pandemic relief, anti-racism in educational settings, safe operations, wildfire response resources, legal advice, insurance, and liability.
- Coach Outdoor School programs and sites on a variety of curriculum and operational issues.
- Create a tool to help Outdoor School sites determine an appropriate fee schedule for hosting Outdoor School at their locations.



Outdoor School Community Network:

- Help parents, students, and teachers make a case to their school district decision-makers for attendance to or increased days at Outdoor School.
- Collect and share dozens of stories, experiences, and insights from community members statewide about the impact of Outdoor School on their lives.
- Host Outdoor School Community Network virtual gatherings so that Outdoor School lovers may learn about how Outdoor School is adapting to the pandemic.

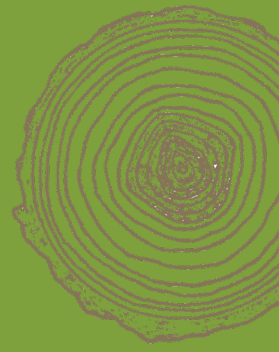


Advocacy:

- Secure full Measure 99: Outdoor School for All funding for the 2019-2021 budget cycle.
- Raise the profile of Outdoor School with the Department of Education as an option for in-person learning when it is safe for students to return to school.
- Create recommendations to the Governor and Oregon Health Authority for how to safely reopen Outdoor School when schools are ready.
- Meet personally with dozens of legislators to share the benefits of Outdoor School to students and local communities.
- Coach camps on advocating for themselves regarding summer reopening rules and access to CARES Act funds.
- Create an Advocacy Toolkit so that Outdoor School champions may actively engage in making sure that state Outdoor School funding is never lost.

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On the Horizon for 2021



In 2019, Friends of Outdoor School secured full Measure 99: Outdoor School for All funding of \$46.8 million. We now are working tirelessly to keep state funding for Outdoor School in the 2021-2023 budget and long term - forever! From distance learning lessons to accessibility assessments of camp properties and equity evaluations of curriculum, the state funding you helped to secure is allowing all of us to work together to build a stronger, more resilient, and more equitable Outdoor School that better meets the needs of ALL students. Thank you for helping to achieve our shared vision: ALL Oregon students attend a week of Outdoor School. With your gift, we will:



Outdoor School Programs & Places Network:

- Raise the issues the pandemic has created for Outdoor School programs and sites to ensure that they survive, are able to adjust their programs to address the needs of students during the pandemic, and are ready, stronger than ever, to host students once it is safe to do so.
- Continue to connect with the Governor about safe reopening of Outdoor School.
- Support programs and sites as they realize the cost of a fully-inclusive Outdoor School experience for each and every student and that fairly compensates staff for their work.
- Support efforts to reduce barriers to participation for students and high school volunteers by building relationships to support the goals of full inclusion.
- Connect Outdoor School programs and sites to each other so that they can continue to learn and grow as a strong, cohesive, and influential network dedicated to excellent education and youth development.



Outdoor School Community Network:

- Host live, virtual celebrations to have fun and connect with each other.
- Support local champions to ensure the students in their schools have access to Outdoor School.
- Collect and share stories, experiences, and insights from community members statewide that will build long-term support for Outdoor School.
- Help Outdoor School providers build relationships with community-based organizations.



Advocacy:

- Advocate for full state Outdoor School funding in the 2021-2023 budget.
- Host a virtual Advocacy 101 training in February 2021 to help Outdoor School champions actively engage in advocating for Outdoor School.
- Educate newly-elected legislators about the value of Outdoor School to Oregon students.
- Continue to share with the legislature about how Outdoor School is educating students despite the pandemic.
- When it is safe to do so, host tours of Outdoor School for decision-makers.

