Our Mission

- **Promote health** in children, youth, teens & adults through challenging and enjoyable outdoor activity that stimulates the mind, body & spirit
- **Engage people of all ages & demographics** in parks & natural areas through recreation, stewardship, education, exploration & employment
- Foster a sense of place in people of all ages that leads to a passionate advocacy for Portland Parks
- **Diversify our workforce** by getting urban teens interested in nature and PP&R and providing the training and opportunities they need to be successful
- Facilitate programs regardless of weather and help participants to have a successful & engaging experience



Environmental Education improves the physical, mental and economic wellbeing of people from birth through adult.

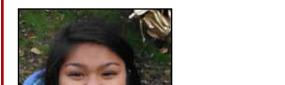
- 25% of Oregon children and teens are overweight or obese
- 9% of Oregon's children are diagnosed with ADD or ADHD
- 35.4% of Oregon teens are unemployed
- Youth spend more than 7.5 hours a day consuming media
- 20% of 2-yr-olds watch 2 or more hours of TV a day
- 30% of children & youth in Portland lack access to a natural area within walking distance of home



Our Outcomes

Total number of visits: 12,350

- Hours spent in nature by preschoolers: 6,620
- Number of guided field trips: 62
- Scholarship dollars awarded: \$23,430
- Hours spent exploring nature during the Summer Nature Day Camp program: 18,744
- Percent of Nature Day Camp staff who participated in a GRUNT program: 64%
- Number of lunches served in teen programs: 444
- Hours of stewardship completed by teens: 804
- Number of Community Partners: 46



This was a great experience to get him out in nature in sun or rain, and help him be more comfortable in the natural world. We thank you for the excellent and caring teachers and fun activities he got to do." -Mother of a Lil' Nature Kid, age 4

Environmental Education - A Path of Nature Connection from "Cradle to Career"







Summer Employment with PP&R can lead to part-time or full-time employment in EE programs or other environmentally-focused careers Lil' Nature Kids Programs*

Nuts About Nature Preschool Ecology & Exploration for Ages 4-5

Nature Play & Ecology for Ages 3-6

Preschool Field Trips

Ecology Lessons for Ages 4-6

Private Ladybug Walks Nature Exploration for Ages 3-6

Rockin' Robins Nature Camp* Summer Nature Program for Ages 4-6

Weekly Ladybug Walks* Family Nature Exploration for Waddlers to Age 6

> **Early Childhood** (Birth - Age 6)

Nature Birthday Parties

Nature Games & Crafts for Ages 5-12

Nature Day Camp*

Summer Nature Program for Ages 4-12

Nature School!

Hands-on Ecology for Ages 5-8

Nature Recess - After School Ecology Games & Exploration for Ages 5-8

School Field Trips

Ecology Lessons for Grades K-5

Middle Childhood (Ages 7 - 12)

Nature Day Camp - Raven Tribe

Summer Nature Program for Ages 11-13

School Field Trips

Ecology Lessons for Grades 6-12

Teen Environmental Adventures

Adventure, Recreation & Environmental Education for Ages 11-17

G.R.U.N.T. & Jr G.R.U.N.T.*

(Greenspaces Restoration & Urban Naturalist Team) Naturalist training & job readiness for students from diverse populations. This program includes long-term mentoring, career counselling & job search resources for students ages 13-22.

Teens

(Ages 11-22)

Environmental Career Opportunities (ECO) Internship Program*

School-Year Employment Opportunities for Students Ages 16 - 22







Summer Employment with PP&R

Nature Day Camp Staff*

Summer Camp Naturalists (ages 16+) are trained to work with children & youth

Rockin' Robins/Preschool Staff*

Summer Camp Naturalists (ages 16+) are trained to work with preschoolers

Youth Conservation Crew*

Natural Resources Job Opportunties for teens from diverse populations (ages 14 - 18)

^{*} Denotes Program that is part of the Environmental Education Teen Employment Pipeline

Our Partners

Special Thanks to our Sponsors:

- East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District
- Oregon Community Foundation
- Nike GO Pass Program
- Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League
- Teragan & Associates
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

School Partners:

- Centennial School District
- David Douglas School District
- Portland Public Schools
- Reynolds Public Schools

Community Partners:

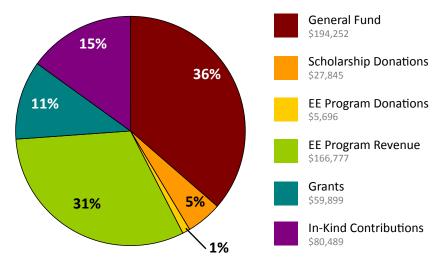
- Amer Sports
- All Hands Raised (9th Grade Counts Collaborative)
- Adventures Without Limits
- Audubon Society of Portland
- Backyard Birdshop
- Big City Mountaineers
- Bike Gallery
- Catholic Charities
- Columbia Slough Watershed Council
- Danza Azteca
- Forest Park Conservancy
- Future Connect Scholarship Program
- Guia
- Hacienda Community Development Corporation
- Hoyt Arboretum Friends
- Johnson Creek Watershed Council
- Latino Network
- Leach Botanic Garden
- IRCO Asian Family Center
- Nau Clothing
- NAYA
- New Columbia Housing Authority
- Next Adventure
- Northwest Trail Alliance
- Office of Youth Violence Prevention
- Oregon Campus Compact
- Oregon Fish & Wildlife Department
- Ortiz Family Center
- Porterhowse Nursery
- Rainy Mountain Farms
- ReWild Portland
- ROSE Community Development Corporation
- Student And Family Refugee Network (SAFRN)
- Warm Current
- Work Systems, Inc.

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Leveraging Resources



The total budget for the Environmental Education Program is \$534,958.



"I like Nuts about Nature more than regular preschool because it is outside all the time, and you talk about all the stuff I like!" - A Nature Preschooler, age 5



"If you can climb a mountain and go through all the pain you went through to do this, you can do anything. Never give up."

- Teen Participant on the 2012 Backpacking Trip











Stewardship

Employment

Exploration





You guys are always so great with the kids! It's good to have someone else talk to them about the same things they are learning! -Teacher on a Field Trip

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