

Washington State Parks & Recreation Commission
No Child Left Inside
List of Awarded Programs
May 1, 2009

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Washington, Olympia. Awarded \$15,470.

Our program provides educational outings to youth and their adult mentors. The Olympia Mountaineers have partnered with us on this program to provide outdoor excursions with hands-on learning components. Some of our activities include hikes, rock climbing, sailing, kayaking, bicycling, navigation and winter sports.

Cape Disappointment State Park, Columbia-Pacific Environmental Education Program, Ilwaco. Awarded \$65,136.47.

CPEEP succeeds by working with partners to offer field- and classroom-based educational programs about the environment of the Columbia-Pacific Region.

Columbia Springs, At Home At School Outdoors, Vancouver. Awarded \$42,550.

A four-week program that includes instruction in nature photography and filming; building skills of scientific inquiry, nature journaling; instruction, use of equipment such as digital binoculars and dissection scopes. Day-long field trip to Battle Ground Lake S.P. Week-long immersion outdoor program. Students journey through trails, study macros living in the wetlands, and observe and film wildlife.

Eastern Washington University, Outdoor Learning Adventures, Cheney. Awarded \$25,736.

Outdoor Learning Adventures is an outdoor science camp for upper elementary and middle school youth that facilitates youth activities in forest ecology, water ecology, geology and wildlife study. Counselors use and effectively modify a curriculum designed by EWU faculty that provides quantitative analysis of each environment the campers encounter. WSU Extension agents and local resource professionals provide extensive background knowledge and direction for the science adventures.

Educational Service District 113, Olympia. Awarded \$10,805.

The Chehalis Basic Education Consortium's mission is "to have students use the watershed as an integral context for learning to achieve state learning goals and EALRs through real-world, problem-solving activities, provide teachers with professional development related to the Chehalis River basin, and foster community partnerships and the stewardship of the Chehalis River basin.

Environmental Science Center, Out of Doors Program, Burien. Awarded \$49,000.

The Environmental Science Center's Out of Doors Program works with 4th - 6th grade students in the Highline School District. We provide three hours of experiential environmental education per week, with a minimum of one and a half hours spent outside. We serve a diverse student population with 77% of students qualifying for free or reduced lunch.

Goldendale School District 404, Pathfinder Outdoor Adventures, Goldendale. Awarded \$48,480.

Pathfinder Adventures Outdoor School is a two-night, three-day math, science, and recreation camp. Students attend sessions with professional mentors and learn about environmental education and then on the last day go on an adventure field trip to an area Washington State Park for canoeing, fishing, or hiking. Pathfinder Outdoor Adventures is open to all students in Klickitat County. There are more students interested than we can serve with current facility and funding. Over 400 students will attend a Pathfinder session by the end of May, 2009.

International District Housing Alliance, Wilderness Inner-city Leadership Development, Seattle. Awarded \$45,924.

The WILD program is a leadership development for high school aged (14-20) leaders in Seattle's Asian and Pacific Islander, immigrant and refugee communities. Thirty-four young people have participated in IDHA's outdoor activities since the grant start date, and WILD has offered over 158 hours worth of outdoor opportunities. Together, youth accumulated over 1,837 hours of participation in outdoor activities.

King County DNR White Center Teen Program, Get Out and Learn, Seattle. Awarded \$17,510. GOAL strives to inspire thirty urban youth from White Center to “get out and learn” by introducing them to quality outdoor education and recreation programs both a bus ride away and in their own “big backyard.” Hands on outdoor education and recreation opportunities are supplemented by site-based learning.

Mountains to Sound Greenway, Seeking Solutions Plus, Seattle. Awarded \$30,000. Mountains to Sound Greenway environmental education program offers in-class lessons and field trips to King County schools. Seeking Solutions Plus extends that program by offering 25 schools a day of ecological restoration. Participants plant trees, work in the nursery or remove invasive species as a way to increase their comfort in nature, and reinforce concepts learned in the education program.

Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association, Students for Salmon, Bellingham. Awarded \$35,000. The Students for Salmon program provides place-based outdoor education to underserved youth in Whatcom County. Students learn the basics of salmon ecology through hands-on stream explorations at their local creek, turning knowledge into action by implementing restoration projects. By empowering youth to take positive action, students gain newfound confidence in their own ability to change their lives and the world around them.

North Cascades Institute, Project PLACE, Sedro Woolley. Awarded \$200,000. Partnership among North Cascades Institute, Olympic Park Institute, and Islandwood. Provides high quality environmental education experiences to over 10,000 children in Washington State regardless of income. Inspires a deep sense of place through connectivity and direct experiences in nature, assisting in increasing academic performance, personal health and understanding of nature.

Northwest Maritime Center, Puget Sound Explorers, Port Townsend. Awarded \$39,094. In partnership with schools, the Puget Sound Explorers program provides maritime experiences to young people. Based around the history of Vancouver and Puget Sound, students engage in rowing and sailing historic replica longboats. The program emphasizes physical activity, sense of place, historical context, team development, leadership experience and classroom connections.

Okanogan School District, Okanogan. Awarded \$20,682. Our NCLI program is providing our students the opportunity to experience canoeing on local lakes. We acquired two 29’ canoes, canoe trailer and 30 life jackets for our district. We trained four staff members (4-H Leadership certified training) in canoe instruction and are providing opportunities for these teachers to teach students how to canoe.

Outdoors for All Foundation, Seattle. Awarded \$34,995. The Outdoors for All Foundation’s mission is: To enrich the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities through outdoor recreation. NCLI funding has purchased eight kayaks and a travel trailer for these kayaks so that children with disabilities and their families and friends will be able to exercise their abilities with paddling for many years to come. Support also is being used with a variety of 15 different adaptive recreation demonstration events throughout the state for youth with disabilities and their families and friends. Demonstration activities include: hiking, cycling, kayaking, canoeing and snowshoeing.

Passages Northwest, Girls Wilderness Program, Seattle. Awarded \$45,000. The goal of the Girls Wilderness Program is to introduce girls to the power and the beauty of the outdoors in a safe, structured, and fun way: helping to transform them into lifelong stewards of the environment through outdoor expeditions, parent-daughter activities, and alumnae activities with community partners, schools, and other youth-serving organizations.

Salish Sea Expeditions, Bainbridge. Awarded \$52,500. Salish uses 3 – 5 day sailing and camping expeditions in Puget Sound and its local watersheds as the venue for engaging 5 – 12th grade students in project-based scientific research of their own design, thus improving scientific literacy and creating new citizen scientists who better understand and respect the fragile Puget Sound ecosystem.

Seattle Parks and Recreation O2 at Camp Long ELC, Outdoor Opportunities Program, Seattle. Awarded \$93,678.

The O2 program is an outdoor recreation, environmental education, conservation and stewardship program that serves at-risk, inner city teens. O2 program activities include weekly after-school workshops and educational events, overnight events and conservation projects. We operate program activities in three locations in north, south and west Seattle.

Sound Experience (aboard the schooner Adventuress), Youth at Risk Initiative, Port Townsend. Awarded \$15,680.

We uniquely deliver powerful day and overnight environmental education programs for at-risk and underserved children and teens aboard Puget Sound's environmental tall ship, the schooner Adventuress. Our on-the-water programs inspire youth to learn about and care for the natural marine environment within a supportive network of peers and adults. With support from NCLI, we have partnered with schools and youth groups including: Sierra Club Inner City Outings and Rainier Beach High School, Seattle's Aki Kurose Middle School, Behavioral Health Resources in Olympia and Treehouse, serving foster youth throughout the region.

Thurston Conservation District, South Sound GREEN, Olympia. Awarded \$47,495.

South Sound GREEN serves children from foster homes, girl programs, and special needs students in elementary, middle, and high schools. Programs include: water quality monitoring tests (stream, river, lake and wetland), plant walks, nature journal drawing, viewing creatures through a scope, writing poetry, identifying and tabulating collected organisms, planting native plants. HS students select research and service projects including: urban restoration, marine bird surveys, juvenile or spawning fish surveys, safer teen cosmetics outreach, designing and installing interpretive signs, macro-plankton monitoring, marine citizen science, and forest snag surveys.

Urban Wilderness Project, Wilderness Works – Adventure Works, Seattle. Awarded \$16,244.

Urban Wilderness Project provides culturally relevant recreational and educational service-learning opportunities focused on community building. Middle school, high school and adult opportunities include storytelling, one-day outdoor adventures, trail building and environmental restoration projects. Our 17-day wilderness expeditions include all of these activities.

Woodland Park Zoo, Ready Set Discover, Seattle. Awarded \$72,123.

"Ready, Set, Discover" builds upon Woodland Park Zoo's successful teacher training, "Wild Wise" and "Nature Exchange" programs to break down barriers to outdoor access for youth at risk. Through this program at least 600 students are exploring the out-of-doors with the eyes of trained naturalists - their own! This partnership engages students in outdoor exploration, hands-on science and inquiry-based learning.

WSU Chelan County Extension, Environmental Stewardship Program, Wenatchee. Awarded \$44,908.

The 4-H Eco-Stewardship Program engages youth in meaningful natural resource projects related to classroom curriculum. Outdoor projects include studying the cause and effects of diminishing mule deer populations, creating Kestrel nesting boxes to control starling populations at a regional landfill, researching and building educational "wildlife boxes" for local schools and community outreach programs.

WSU Snohomish County Extension, Fish and Forest Stewards, Snohomish. Awarded \$43,670.

Our program involves introducing classrooms to the outdoor world through in-class presentations and learning activities. Upon completion of the in-class portion of the program students are taken on an on-site field trip to participate in restoration of forest activities. The final, culminating event includes an overnight (most likely at Cama Beach S.P.) where they will be invited to attend along with their parents.

YMCA of Greater Seattle, Metrocenter Earth Service Corps, Seattle. Awarded \$28,287.

YESC engages middle and high school teens in meaningful service, outdoor adventure and environmental education through weekly club meetings, summer outdoor expeditions, environmental education retreats and environmental restoration projects. Teens build familiarity with nature and an understanding of ecosystem functions, ultimately leading to improved academic achievement, confidence in their leadership abilities and a lifelong appreciation of the environment.

YMCA Tacoma Pierce County, Camp Seymour OEE Program, Gig Harbor. Awarded \$167,760.

YMCA Camp Seymour's Outdoor and Environmental Education (OEE) program serves 4th through 6th grade students from low income Western Washington schools in either a half-week or full-week residential experience. Students take a series of OEE classes that are aligned with Washington State EALR's and GLE's and gain exposure to ecological concepts, environmental issues, behavior change, outdoor recreational skills, and career opportunities in the outdoors.