

**Grants Awarded**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Grant Awarded
1	45.1	22-1928 E	Institute for Community Leadership	Changing Ourselves Through Outdoor Connections	\$70,000	\$70,000
2	44.9	22-1849 E	Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe	Klallam Places of Importance	\$75,000	\$75,000
3	44.7	22-1840 E	Wild Whatcom	Outdoor Learning for Whatcom County Special Education Students	\$73,716	\$73,716
4	44.5	22-1929 E	Methow Valley Interpretive Center	The Nature Immersion Program	\$155,332	\$155,332
5	44.1	22-1853 E	Lummi Indian Business Council	Lummi Youth Shelangan Outdoor Program	\$105,669	\$105,669
6	44	22-1939 E	Swinomish Tribe	Swinomish Between Two Worlds Indigenous Science Program	\$144,276	\$144,276
7	43.9	22-1847 E	Lower Columbia Estuary Partner	Explore Local	\$138,360	\$138,360
8	43.8	22-1930 E	Environmental Science Center	Environmental Heroes of South King County	\$65,000	\$65,000
9	43.4	22-1836 E	Thurston Conservation District	Community FieldSTEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) in Thurston	\$77,625	\$77,625
10	43.3	22-1888 E	Glacier Peak Institute	Growing Outdoor Activities and Learning	\$203,142	\$203,142
11	43.2	22-1845 E	North Cascades Institute	Mountain School in North Cascades National Park	\$250,000	\$250,000
12	43.1	22-1906 E	North Olympic Salmon Coalition	Real Learning Real Work-Restoration Engineering	\$59,819	\$59,819
13	42.9	22-1832 E	Community Boating Center	Snow to Sea: Nooksack Valley Watershed	\$176,376	\$176,376
14	42.8	22-1874 E	Confluence Project	Confluence Outdoors at Five Public Land Sites in Washington	\$44,369	\$44,369
15	42.3	22-1868 E	Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association	The Students for Salmon Program	\$47,630	\$47,630
16	42.2	22-1882 E	Lopez Island Family Resource	Lopez Island Outdoor Learning Grant	\$70,744	\$70,744
17	42.1	22-1855 E	Mason Conservation District	Mason County Partnership: Outdoor Explorations	\$129,618	\$93,471 <sup>2</sup>
18	41.9	22-1843 E	IslandWood	IslandWood's School Overnight Program	\$249,854	Alternate
19	41.8	22-1861 E	Foss Waterway Seaport	Exploring Commencement Bay and Puyallup Watershed	\$249,920	Alternate
19	41.8	22-1881 E	Skagit Land Trust	Engaging Youth in Conservation	\$30,041	Alternate
21	41.6	22-1901 E	Wenatchee River Institute	Curricula with an Indigenous Voice	\$34,573	Alternate

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding

**Grants Awarded**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Grant Awarded
22	41.5	22-1914 E	Blue Mountain Land Trust	Áwtñi Tkwátat (First Foods) Project	\$118,750	Alternate
23	40.7	22-1826 E	Mount Saint Helens Institute	Mount Saint Helens Volcano Outdoor School for All	\$135,278	Alternate
24	40.4	22-1837 E	Kiwanis Camp Wa-Ri-Ki	Earth and Sky Nature School, Washougal, Washington	\$115,605	Alternate
<b>25</b>	40.1	22-1854 E	Wenatchee Valley YMCA	Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp	\$225,420	Alternate
<b>25</b>	40.1	22-1905 E	Mid Sound Fisheries Enhancement Group	Salmon Viewing Field Trips and Stewardship Projects	\$70,240	Alternate
27	39.8	22-1925 E	Pateros-Brewster Community Resource Center	Pateros Sixth-Grade Outdoor Education	\$56,672	Alternate
<b>28</b>	39.6	22-1841 E	Vashon Nature Center	Scientists in Schools	\$82,500	Alternate
<b>28</b>	39.6	22-1943 E	Sound Experience	Washington Public Schools at Sea Aboard Adventuress	\$194,542	Alternate
30	39.2	22-1820 E	Northwest Maritime Center	Transformative Youth Maritime Experiences	\$245,282	Alternate
31	39.1	22-1828 E	Jefferson Land Trust	Learn 2 Steward	\$56,402	Alternate
32	38.6	22-1863 E	Naturebridge	Port Angeles School District Outdoor Learning in Olympic National Park	\$25,000	Alternate
33	38.5	22-1893 E	Girl Scouts of Western Washington	Girl ScOUTSIDE	\$126,275	Alternate
34	38.4	22-1842 E	Recreation Northwest	Parkscriptions at Options High School	\$30,488	Alternate
<b>35</b>	38.3	22-1824 E	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Family in Nature	\$30,000	Alternate
<b>35</b>	38.3	22-1941 E	Coastal Interpretive Center	Coastal Interpretive Center Outdoor STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Program	\$30,250	Alternate
<b>35</b>	38.3	22-1987 E	African Community Housing and Development	African Diaspora Outdoor Explorers	\$211,881	Alternate
38	38	22-1818 E	El Centro de la Raza	El Centro Outdoor Exploration	\$125,670	Alternate
<b>39</b>	37.8	22-1851 E	Port Townsend Marine Science Center	Growing Ocean Stewards	\$26,367	Alternate
<b>39</b>	37.8	22-1876 E	The Salish Sea School	Rewilding Schools Kits and Field Trips	\$242,245	Alternate
41	37.7	22-1877 E	Kittitas Environmental Education Network	Kittitas Environmental Education Network's Mountaineers Adventure Program	\$181,968	Alternate

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding

**Grants Awarded**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Grant Awarded
42	37.5	22-1899 E	Pierce County	Pierce Outdoor Leadership Instruction and Field Experiences-Spanaway School Expansion	\$74,470	Alternate
42	37.5	22-1903 E	Inland Northwest Nature Connection	Outdoor Educator for Outdoor Learning Center and Equipment in Spokane	\$42,283	Alternate
42	37.5	22-1949 E	The Global Majority Consortium	Outdoor Recreation for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Youth in	\$245,081	Alternate
45	37.4	22-1846 E	Seattle Aquarium	Community Science: Youth Driven Inquiries	\$64,790	Alternate
46	37.3	22-1866 E	Sound Salmon Solutions	Salmon in Schools	\$45,000	Alternate
46	37.3	22-1867 E	Greater Gig Harbor Foundation Curious by Nature School	Forest Fridays with Greater Gig Harbor Foundation Curious by Nature School	\$26,290	Alternate
48	37	22-1931 E	University of Washington Mount Rainier Institute	Mount Rainier Institute: Climate and FieldSCOPES	\$60,735	Alternate
48	37	22-1938 E	Burien	Burien Teen Outdoor Connections Program	\$76,053	Alternate
50	36.6	22-1891 E	Oasis Youth Center	Inspiration and Enrichment for LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+) Youth	\$60,005	Alternate
51	36.2	22-1912 E	CultureSeed	Klickitat and Skamania Year Round Outdoor Immersion	\$164,760	Alternate
52	35.9	22-1864 E	Bike Works	Bike Works Program at Rainier Beach High School	\$100,000	Alternate
53	35.7	22-1915 E	Friends of Stonerose Fossils	Educational Outreach and Fossil Site Field Trips	\$130,753	Alternate
54	35.6	22-1834 E	Northwest Outward Bound School	Evergreen Schools Clark County Outdoor Education	\$38,326	Alternate
55	35.5	22-1965 E	YMCA of Greater Seattle	YMCA of Greater Seattle Outdoor Learning Project	\$250,000	Alternate
56	35.4	22-1924 E	Northwest Youth Corps	Sound To Summit Expansion	\$35,162	Alternate
56	35.4	22-1947 E	Asia Pacific Cultural Center	Outdoor Cultural Connection for At-Risk Asian American and Pacific Islander	\$88,000	Alternate
58	35.3	22-1916 E	Tilth Alliance	Place-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Field Trips for Kindergarten through 12th Grade	\$68,195	Alternate
59	34.7	22-1886 E	Northwest Avalanche Center	Mount Baker SnowSchool	\$28,100	Alternate

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding

**Grants Awarded**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Score	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Grant Applicant	Project Name	Grant Request	Grant Awarded
60	34.3	22-1910 E	Building Youth Through Music	Outdoor STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Enrichment for Marginalized Youth	\$180,488	Alternate
60	34.3	22-1944 E	Boys and Girls Clubs of Skagit County	Skagit Clubs Outdoor Education Program	\$202,253	Alternate
62	33.4	22-1883 E	YMCA of Tacoma-Pierce County	YMCA Camp Seymour Outdoor Environmental Education	\$241,000	Alternate
63	33.2	22-1933 E	Pierce County	Pierce County Outdoor Early Learning Pre-kindergarten	\$66,000	Alternate
64	32.6	22-1879 E	Pierce County	Pierce County's Environmental Education Program	\$220,000	Alternate
65	32.4	22-1844 E	Camp Solomon Schechter	OSPREY (Opportunities for Stewardship Promoting Respect for the Environment and Youth) Camp Outdoor School Expansion	\$149,886	Alternate
66	32.3	22-1884 E	Boy Scouts of America Chief Seattle Council	Outdoor Science Camp at Camp Pigott	\$150,742	Alternate
67	31.8	22-1997 E	The Edge Effect	The Edge Effect	\$43,428	Alternate
68	31.3	22-1927 E	Cispus Learning Center	Cispus Learning Center Outdoor School	\$226,087	Alternate
69	30.9	22-1850 E	Boys and Girls Clubs of Pierce	Outdoor Leadership Program	\$50,838	Alternate
70	30.7	22-1856 E	Lakewood	Wolf College Kids Nature Day Camp	\$27,500	Alternate
71	29.5	22-1911 E	State Parks and Recreation Commission	Art in the Park and Nature Discovery School	\$25,000	Alternate
72	29.1	22-1848 E	Adopt A Stream Foundation	Junior Streamkeepers and Watershed Education Experience	\$67,324	Alternate
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$8,030,448</b>	<b>\$1,850,529</b>

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

<sup>2</sup>Partial Funding

**Evaluation Scores**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	1. Outdoor Education Program	2. School and Student Information	3. Program Evaluation	4. Budget	Total
			Point Range	0-20	0-15	0-10	0-5
1	22-1928 E	Changing Ourselves Through Outdoor Connections	17.70	13.50	9.10	4.80	45.10
2	22-1849 E	Klallam Places of Importance	18.10	13.90	9.00	3.90	44.90
3	22-1840 E	Outdoor Learning for Whatcom County Special Education Students	17.40	13.80	8.90	4.60	44.70
4	22-1929 E	The Nature Immersion Program	17.80	13.90	8.50	4.30	44.50
5	22-1853 E	Lummi Youth Shelangan Outdoor Program	17.90	14.20	7.70	4.30	44.10
6	22-1939 E	Swinomish Between Two Worlds Indigenous Science Program	18.30	13.20	8.20	4.30	44.00
7	22-1847 E	Explore Local	16.80	13.90	8.80	4.40	43.90
8	22-1930 E	Environmental Heroes of South King County	17.30	13.40	8.60	4.50	43.80
9	22-1836 E	Community FieldSTEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) in Thurston County	17.50	13.10	8.40	4.40	43.40
10	22-1888 E	Growing Outdoor Activities and Learning	17.30	13.40	8.60	4.00	43.30
11	22-1845 E	Mountain School in North Cascades National Park	17.90	13.00	8.40	3.90	43.20
12	22-1906 E	Real Learning Real Work-Restoration Engineering	17.20	12.90	8.40	4.60	43.10
13	22-1832 E	Snow to Sea: Nooksack Valley Watershed	17.30	13.10	8.50	4.00	42.90
14	22-1874 E	Confluence Outdoors at Five Public Land Sites in Washington	17.90	12.50	8.10	4.30	42.80
15	22-1868 E	The Students for Salmon Program	16.60	13.40	8.00	4.30	42.30
16	22-1882 E	Lopez Island Outdoor Learning Grant	16.90	12.60	8.60	4.10	42.20
17	22-1855 E	Mason County Partnership: Outdoor Explorations	17.70	12.60	7.80	4.00	42.10
18	22-1843 E	IslandWood's School Overnight Program	17.10	11.80	9.00	4.00	41.90
19	22-1861 E	Exploring Commencement Bay and Puyallup Watershed	16.50	13.10	8.10	4.10	41.80
19	22-1881 E	Engaging Youth in Conservation	16.90	12.60	7.80	4.50	41.80

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

**Evaluation Scores**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	1. Outdoor Education Program	2. School and Student Information	3. Program Evaluation	4. Budget	Total
21	22-1901 E	Curricula with an Indigenous Voice	16.70	12.60	8.10	4.20	41.60
22	22-1914 E	Áwtni Tkwátat (First Foods) Project	16.90	12.50	7.90	4.20	41.50
23	22-1826 E	Mount Saint Helens Volcano Outdoor School for All	16.00	12.50	8.20	4.00	40.70
24	22-1837 E	Earth and Sky Nature School, Washougal, Washington	16.70	12.20	7.70	3.80	40.40
25	22-1854 E	Lake Wenatchee YMCA Camp	16.00	12.50	7.80	3.80	40.10
25	22-1905 E	Salmon Viewing Field Trips and Stewardship Projects	16.00	12.20	7.70	4.20	40.10
27	22-1925 E	Pateros Sixth-Grade Outdoor Education	14.10	13.30	8.00	4.40	39.80
<b>28</b>	22-1841 E	Scientists in Schools	15.80	11.70	8.10	4.00	39.60
<b>28</b>	22-1943 E	Washington Public Schools at Sea Aboard Adventuress	16.30	11.80	7.60	3.90	39.60
30	22-1820 E	Transformative Youth Maritime Experiences	16.80	11.00	7.80	3.60	39.20
31	22-1828 E	Learn 2 Steward	16.10	11.90	6.80	4.30	39.10
32	22-1863 E	Port Angeles School District Outdoor Learning in Olympic National Park	15.20	11.30	7.90	4.20	38.60
33	22-1893 E	Girl ScOUTSIDE	15.70	10.80	7.70	4.30	38.50
34	22-1842 E	Parkscriptions at Options High School	14.80	12.10	7.50	4.00	38.40
<b>35</b>	22-1824 E	Family in Nature	15.90	10.70	7.70	4.00	38.30
<b>35</b>	22-1941 E	Coastal Interpretive Center Outdoor STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Program	14.20	12.30	7.40	4.40	38.30
<b>35</b>	22-1987 E	African Diaspora Outdoor Explorers	15.10	12.30	7.30	3.60	38.30
38	22-1818 E	El Centro Outdoor Exploration	15.10	11.20	7.70	4.00	38.00
<b>39</b>	22-1851 E	Growing Ocean Stewards	14.90	11.00	7.70	4.20	37.80
<b>39</b>	22-1876 E	Rewilding Schools Kits and Field Trips	15.70	11.00	7.80	3.30	37.80
41	22-1877 E	Kittitas Environmental Education Network's Mountaineers Adventure Program	14.60	11.30	7.90	3.90	37.70

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education

**Evaluation Scores**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	1. Outdoor Education Program	2. School and Student Information	3. Program Evaluation	4. Budget	Total
42	22-1899 E	Pierce Outdoor Leadership Instruction and Field Experiences-Spanaway School Expansion	14.20	12.30	7.20	3.80	37.50
42	22-1903 E	Outdoor Educator for Outdoor Learning Center and Equipment in Spokane	14.10	11.80	7.60	4.00	37.50
42	22-1949 E	Outdoor Recreation for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) Youth in Washington	14.50	12.00	7.40	3.60	37.50
45	22-1846 E	Community Science: Youth Driven Inquiries	14.50	11.40	7.20	4.30	37.40
46	22-1866 E	Salmon in Schools	14.80	11.60	7.00	3.90	37.30
46	22-1867 E	Forest Fridays with Greater Gig Harbor Foundation Curious by Nature School	15.10	11.60	6.70	3.90	37.30
48	22-1931 E	Mount Rainier Institute: Climate and FieldSCOPES	14.50	10.60	7.70	4.20	37.00
48	22-1938 E	Burien Teen Outdoor Connections Program	14.30	11.40	6.70	4.60	37.00
50	22-1891 E	Inspiration and Enrichment for LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+) Youth	13.50	11.70	7.40	4.00	36.60
51	22-1912 E	Klickitat and Skamania Year Round Outdoor Immersion	14.10	11.20	6.90	4.00	36.20
52	22-1864 E	Bike Works Program at Rainier Beach High School	13.10	11.70	7.10	4.00	35.90
53	22-1915 E	Educational Outreach and Fossil Site Field Trips	14.50	11.00	6.30	3.90	35.70
54	22-1834 E	Evergreen Schools Clark County Outdoor Education	13.00	10.70	7.70	4.20	35.60
55	22-1965 E	YMCA of Greater Seattle Outdoor Learning Project	15.10	10.60	6.50	3.30	35.50
56	22-1924 E	Sound To Summit Expansion	13.40	11.90	6.10	4.00	35.40
56	22-1947 E	Outdoor Cultural Connection for At-Risk Asian American and Pacific Islander Youth	14.30	10.70	6.60	3.80	35.40
58	22-1916 E	Place-based STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Field Trips for Kindergarten through 12th grade	14.40	9.60	7.30	4.00	35.30
59	22-1886 E	Mount Baker SnowSchool	14.90	10.00	5.90	3.90	34.70
60	22-1910 E	Outdoor STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) Enrichment for Marginalized Youth	13.50	10.30	6.90	3.60	34.30
60	22-1944 E	Skagit Clubs Outdoor Education Program	13.50	10.50	6.80	3.50	34.30
62	22-1883 E	YMCA Camp Seymour Outdoor Environmental Education	14.10	9.10	7.20	3.00	33.40

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education



**Evaluation Scores**  
**Outdoor Learning Grants**  
2022-2023

Rank	Project Number and Type <sup>1</sup>	Project Name	1. Outdoor Education Program	2. School and Student Information	3. Program Evaluation	4. Budget	Total
63	22-1933 E	Pierce County Outdoor Early Learning Pre-Kindergarten	13.50	10.90	5.50	3.30	33.20
64	22-1879 E	Pierce County's Environmental Education Program	12.20	9.70	7.30	3.40	32.60
65	22-1844 E	OSPREY (Opportunities for Stewardship Promoting Respect for the Environment and Youth) Camp Outdoor School Expansion	13.00	9.30	6.30	3.80	32.40
66	22-1884 E	Outdoor Science Camp at Camp Pigott	13.70	8.80	6.40	3.40	32.30
67	22-1997 E	The Edge Effect	12.10	10.50	5.40	3.80	31.80
68	22-1927 E	Cispus Learning Center Outdoor School	12.00	9.80	6.30	3.20	31.30
69	22-1850 E	Outdoor Leadership Program	10.90	10.10	6.30	3.60	30.90
70	22-1856 E	Wolf College Kids Nature Day Camp	12.40	9.30	5.90	3.10	30.70
71	22-1911 E	Art in the Park and Nature Discovery School	12.30	8.30	5.00	3.90	29.50
72	22-1848 E	Junior Streamkeepers and Watershed Education Experience	12.00	8.00	5.30	3.80	29.10

<sup>1</sup>Project Type: E=Education



# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

### Clallam County

#### **North Olympic Salmon Coalition Supporting the Real Learning Real Work Program**

**Grant Awarded: \$59,819**

The North Olympic Salmon Coalition will use this grant to support its Real Learning Real Work education program that gives 340 students in Sequim, Chimacum, and Blue Heron Middle Schools experience working on habitat restoration projects. The middle school students will design habitat restoration actions in their watersheds and plant the trees they specify in their action plans at nearby restoration sites. The students learn critical thinking and problem-solving that are developed through fieldwork. The program helps teachers deliver state Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) learning requirements by challenging students to evaluate habitat, engineer solutions, and respond to the complexities of restoring wild salmon to local watersheds. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1906)

### Clark County

#### **Confluence Project Teaching about the Columbia River with Indigenous Voices**

**Grant Awarded: \$44,369**

The Confluence Project will use this grant to host five field trips for at least 250 students in its Confluence Outdoors program, which teaches students about the Columbia River system through Indigenous voices. Native American educators and tradition keepers will teach students in kindergarten through twelfth grades about traditional ecological knowledge of the Columbia River system, share its cultural history, and create art that connects people to place. The field trips will be to Cape Disappointment State Park in Ilwaco, Vancouver Land Bridge in Clark County, Columbia Hills State Park in Dallesport, Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, and Chief Timothy Park near Clarkston. Students will be from schools within 30 miles of each site. During each field trip, students will experience Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math (STEAM)-based lessons as they rotate through four, hands-on learning stations. Students will broaden their understanding of river, land, and people-based Columbia River ecologies and the civic stewardship needed for these resources to remain viable. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1874)

# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

### **Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership**

**Grant Awarded: \$138,360**

### **Providing Environmental Science Education through Explore Local**

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership will use this grant to support its Explore Local program, which provides elementary school students with environmental science lessons and field trips. The partnership will provide lessons for up to 355 third- through fifth-graders with three environmental science lesson blocks at their schools and three outdoor experiences on public lands. Each student will receive 18 hours of instruction. The Explore Local program will partner with five elementary schools in southwest Washington. Programming will enhance science learning, expose and connect students to nearby natural areas, and explore the interconnectedness of humans and nature through hands-on learning. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1847)

## **King County**

### **Institute for Community Leadership Teaching Environmental Stewardship**

**Grant Awarded: \$70,000**

The Institute for Community Leadership will use this grant to engage 90 students in environmental stewardship and civic activities through its Changing Ourselves Through Outdoor Connections program. Students in two Puget Sound area high schools will participate in Saturday leadership and outdoor education classes, monthly environmental stewardship sessions at the O'Dell Education Center, and two, 2-day cultural exchanges with the Quinault Indian Nation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1928)

## **Kitsap County**

### **Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Helping Kids Understand Klallam Places of Importance**

**Grant Awarded: \$75,000**

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's Career and Education Department will use this grant to fund the Klallam Places of Importance program. This program will engage 15 kindergarten and first-grade tribal students at the David Wolfe Elementary School in outdoor learning activities that will follow two broad themes: Klallam Native Ways of Knowing and Places of Importance to learn traditional wisdom. Klallam Ways of Knowing activities will include learning about salmon life cycles, seafood harvesting and processing, traditional song and dance, and visual arts such as painting, wood carving, beading, cedar bark weaving, and cattail weaving. Places of Importance activities will include trips to Point Julia to learn about harvesting food with canoes, Heronswood

# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

Botanical Garden and reservation forests to learn about plants and their medicinal uses, and reservation trails to hear traditional story telling. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1849)

### Mason County

#### Mason Conservation District Providing Outdoor Learning to Mason County Students

**Grant Awarded: \$93,471**

The Mason Conservation District, in partnership with the Pacific Shellfish Institute, Capitol Land Trust, South Puget Sound Salmon Enhancement Group, Pacific Education Institute, and Puget Sound Estuarium, will use this grant to provide environmental education, career-connected learning, and hands-on activities to about 3,400 students in Mason County in kindergarten through twelfth grades. Collectively, this group is called the Mason County Partnership. Each student will receive an average of 3 hours of instruction, but program offerings will vary by grade level. Kindergarten students will visit a state park and learn about marine and shoreline habitats; first-graders will work with the Squaxin Island Tribe to learn about local watersheds; second-graders will collaborate with the Skokomish Tribe to learn about estuaries; third-graders will visit a local preserve and learn about salmon; fourth-graders will visit a shellfish farm and learn about invertebrate biology; fifth-graders will learn about native plants and participate in vegetation surveys; sixth-graders will visit a local preserve to learn about earth science, conservation, and restoration; seventh-graders will visit a preserve and learn about spawning salmon and salt marsh ecology; and students in eighth- through twelfth-grades will participate in unique field experiences. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1855)

### Okanogan County

#### Environmental Science Center Supporting the Environmental Heroes of South King County Program

**Grant Awarded: \$65,000**

The Environmental Science Center will use this grant to support its two Environmental Heroes programs in south King County. The fall Salmon Heroes program allows 2,800 fourth- through eighth-grade students to participate in 5-hour programs that combine classroom lessons and field trips to investigate the health of local salmon-bearing streams. The spring Beach Heroes program allows 2,200 kindergarten through third-grade students to participate in 3-hour programs that combine classroom lessons with trips to Seahurst Beach in Burien for a beach walk and clean up. Additional programs will be offered to classes that allow students to dive into schoolyard environmental action projects or participate in community science projects on the

# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

beach. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1930)

### **Methow Field Institute**

**Grant Awarded: \$155,332**

### **Supporting the Nature Immersion Program for Students of Color**

The Methow Field Institute will use this grant to support an environmental education program, called the Nature Immersion Program, for about 70, sixth- through eighth-grade students in Paschal Sherman Indian School and up to 30 local high school students, up to 10 of which will be enrolled in Wenatchee Valley College's Running Start program. Students will engage in experiential education that supports social and emotional learning, peer collaboration, and place-based connection while they participate in field trips, equine-assisted sessions, eco-camps, and backpacking expeditions. The Running Start students also will receive Wilderness First Aid certification, serve as mentors, and participate in workshops that will allow them to explore internships and career pathways in natural resources and outdoor recreation. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1929)

## **San Juan County**

### **Lopez Island Family Resource Center**

**Grant Awarded: \$70,744**

### **Providing Outdoor Education and Leadership Skills to At-Risk Kids**

The Lopez Island Family Resource Center will use this grant to launch YOLO Salish Sea, an outdoor education and leadership program for 55 youth. In collaboration with Lopez Island School District, Washington State Parks, Coast Salish partners, and Advocates of Lopez Island Gathering for Neurodiversity, YOLO will take sixth- through twelfth-grade students on field trips that incorporate tribal ecological knowledge, interpretative education, outdoor skills, conservation activities, and social and emotional learning. Sixth-graders will travel to Deception Pass State Park to learn about waterways of the Salish Sea and to Moran State Park to learn about natural resource management and public lands; seventh-graders will visit Spencer Spit State Park to learn about plants, forests, and fire, and Jones Island to learn about ecology and habitat restoration; eighth-graders will travel to Lime Kiln State Park to learn about watershed management and orca conservation, and to Sucia Island to learn about geology. High school mentors, tribal knowledge keepers, and natural resource professionals will accompany the groups on each trip. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1882)



# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

### Skagit County

#### Glacier Peak Institute

**Grant Awarded: \$203,142**

#### Expanding the Growing Outdoor Activities & Learning Program

The Glacier Peak Institute will use this grant to expand its Growing Outdoor Activities & Learning (GOAL) program, which is an outdoor education program for pre-kindergarten through twelfth-grade students. The grant will allow the addition of social and emotional learning and state-mandated tribal sovereignty curriculum. The program will engage more than 500 students from the Concrete School District in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) learning activities, outdoor recreation, and natural resource career paths. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1888)

#### Swinomish Tribe

**Grant Awarded: \$144,276**

#### Teaching Indigenous Science

The Swinomish Department of Environmental Protection, in partnership with the La Conner School District, will use this grant, to continue its Between Two Worlds program for high school students. The program will teach Indigenous science to about 37 students, at least 80 percent of whom will be Native Americans. The program will use experiential, outdoor learning methods. Classes will meet twice a week in addition to several trips each semester to explore local sites. In addition, each student will participate in the Canoe Journey and will be exposed to tribal careers in science, technology, engineering, and math. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1939)

### Thurston County

#### Thurston Conservation District

**Grant Awarded: \$77,625**

#### Providing Outdoor Field Trips for Thurston County Students

The Thurston Conservation District will use this grant to offer 90 days of outdoor field trips for 5,000 students in the North Thurston School District. Outdoor learning activities will include tending the Nisqually Tribal Garden, cedar bark weaving, native plant identification, water sampling and investigations, water quality testing, habitat assessments, species population sampling, and plankton sampling and identification. Programs will take place on public and tribal lands throughout Thurston County. This Community FieldSTEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) program will support outdoor learning programs developed in tandem with North Thurston Public Schools, the conservation district's South Sound GREEN program,

# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

and the Nisqually River Education Project. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1836)

### Whatcom County

#### Community Boating Center

**Grant Awarded: \$176,376**

#### Supporting the Snow to Sea Program in the Nooksack River Watershed

The Community Boating Center will use this grant to support Snow to Sea, which is a series of field trips through the Nooksack River watershed for Nooksack Valley Middle School students. The series will provide more than 400 students, ages 10-14, with environmental education, outdoor recreation opportunities, and social and emotional development. Sixth-graders will participate in Snow School, which is led by the Northwest Avalanche Center, Western Washington University, and Mount Baker Ski School, and a 2-day spring visit to Camp Saturna to study hydrology and participate in outdoor recreation activities. Seventh-graders will participate in the Pacific Shellfish Institute's Garden of the Salish Sea curriculum while they visit Birch Bay State Park and will learn about local agriculture with the Whatcom Conservation District. Eighth-graders will explore Bellingham Bay with the Community Boating Center using its fleet of sailboats and kayaks. In addition, all grades will participate in Western Washington University's Science Fair and will experience Whatcom Explorer lessons developed by the Whatcom Conservation District. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1832)

#### Lummi Indian Business Council

**Grant Awarded: \$105,669**

#### Expanding the Shelangan Outdoor Program

The Lummi Natural Resources Department will use this grant to expand its Shelangan Outdoor Program for students in Grades 5-12. Shelangan translates to "Way of Life" and this program will provide excursions and outdoor programming for more than 180 Native youth to learn natural sciences, cultural traditions, and Indigenous ways of knowing. Shelangan Outdoor programming for high school students will integrate traditional storytelling, media technology, and social studies courses with visits to important cultural sites and interviews with Lummi tribal elders. Students in Grades 6-8 will travel throughout their "usual and accustomed" fishing territory in Bellingham Bay, Lummi Bay, and the San Juan Islands with Camp Orkila, Snow Goose Excursions, and Salish Sea Expeditions. Students in Grades 5-6 will travel up the Nooksack and Skagit Rivers to learn about themselves as "Salmon People" while also learning with the Northwest Avalanche Center and North Cascades Institute about scientific concepts of salmon habitat, watersheds, old-growth forests, snowpack, and watershed ecology and disturbance. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1853)



# Outdoor Learning Grants

## Grants Awarded 2022

---

### **North Cascades Institute**

**Grant Awarded: \$250,000**

#### **Offering Mountain School in North Cascades National Park**

The North Cascades Institute will use this grant to support Mountain School at the Environmental Learning Center in North Cascades National Park. More than 2,150 students from 40 elementary schools in the Bellingham, Blaine, Burlington-Edison, Concrete, Ferndale, La Conner, Mount Baker, Mount Vernon, and Sedro-Woolley School Districts and Lummi Nation schools will participate. Mountain School is a 3-day environmental education program that engages fifth-grade students through hands-on, interdisciplinary activities. The primary goals of the program are for students to gain knowledge of north Cascade Mountain ecological systems and scientific processes, connect to nature and fellow classmates, and be inspired to continue learning and connecting with the natural world. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1845)

### **Nooksack Salmon Enhance Association**

**Grant Awarded: \$47,630**

#### **Offering the Students for Salmon Program**

The Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association will use this grant to offer its Students for Salmon Program. The program provides about 1,500 students in seven public school districts and tribal schools in Whatcom County with an outdoor educational experience during school hours. Students visit a salmon-bearing stream to investigate stream health for salmon. Students rotate through stations (water quality, macroinvertebrates, native plants) collecting and documenting data in journals. Students design and engineer restoration projects to address imperfections discovered in the morning's investigations. The primary goals of the program are to connect students to place, increase their ecological science literacy, and inspire a sense of personal responsibility for the stewardship of nature. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1868)

### **Wild Whatcom**

**Grant Awarded: \$73,716**

#### **Providing Outdoor Learning for Special Education Students**

Wild Whatcom will use this grant to expand the Student Environmental Education and Discovery (SEED) program in Bellingham public schools and pilot the program in Blaine and Mount Baker School Districts. SEED provides outdoor experiential learning, environmental science, and opportunities to practice social and emotional skills in nature for special education students in kindergarten through twelfth grades. The expanded program will reach up to 200 students across the three districts and provide 90-minute weekly or bi-weekly outings throughout the school year. Outings will take place on school grounds and at nearby public parks. Wild Whatcom works with teachers to align content and activities to help students progress on their Individual Education Plan goals. The students engage in hands-on, environmental science and





## Outdoor Learning Grants Grants Awarded 2022

---

stewardship activities and develop increased comfort exploring outdoors, physical endurance, sensory-motor integration, and social and emotional growth. In addition, teachers receive field practice in delivering environmental science and outdoor learning to their students. SEED lessons are seasonal and place-based and include themes such as spiders, seasonal changes, fungus and decomposition, animal adaptations, birds, flowers and pollinators, insects and bugs, and the sun. Visit RCO's online Project Snapshot for [more information and photographs of this project](#). (22-1840)