

APRIL NEWS AND EVENTS



ISLANDWOOD CELEBRATES EARTH MONTH

IslandWood is collaborating with Bainbridge Island community partners to provide a month of celebrations, activities, and adventures, and because one day isn't enough to celebrate the wonder and diversity of life on our planet!

Our goal is to inspire everyone to protect our trees, our environment, and our planet all month and throughout the year. With events happening all April, we hope you find a way to feel connected to nature and each other.

Find a complete list of local Earth Month community events, including webinars and classes, [here](#) →

EARTH MONTH EVENTS AT ISLANDWOOD



Spring Skills of a Naturalist: Birding by Ear

Bainbridge Campus

Thursday, April 14
9:30 - 11:30 AM



Spring Skills of a Naturalist: Wild Edibles

Bainbridge Campus

Thursday, April 21
9:30 - 11:30 AM



Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Campus

Sunday, April 24
1:00 - 5:00 PM



Spring Skills of a Naturalist: Wetland Ecology

Bainbridge Campus

Thursday, April 28
9:30 - 11:30 AM



LEGISLATION FOR STATEWIDE OUTDOOR SCHOOL PROGRAM PASSED

On March 22nd, the Washington State Legislature passed legislation establishing a statewide Outdoor School program that will help provide access to outdoor learning experiences like ours for all of Washington's students! We were proud to work with our peers from the [Washington Outdoor School Consortium](#) to see this legislation come to fruition.

"If environmental education was ever considered a nice-to-have, now more than ever, I'm certain it's a must-have," said Megan Karch, IslandWood CEO and Legislative Co-Chair of the Washington Outdoor School Consortium. "It's a must-have for the health of our communities now, and it's a must-have for the generations that will follow us. This legislation is a historic win for our children!"

Much thanks to all of you who shared the importance of outdoor school with your legislators and a big thank you to our legislators for this significant support of environmental education in Washington State!



ISLANDWOOD SUMMER CAMPS AT THE BRIGHTWATER EDUCATION CENTER

IslandWood will be at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville from July – August, hosting a different summer camp each week! The adventures will be endless as campers explore 72 acres of wetlands, streams, and forests.

IslandWood offers need-based scholarships for our summer camps. Contact Joan Hutchinson at joanh@islandwood.org for more information.

[Learn more and register here](#) →

FOR TEACHERS



SPRING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Earn STEM clock hours with our free teacher professional development courses, [Connecting Students to Local Systems](#) — for 3rd – 8th grade educators, and [What Makes a Weed a Weed](#) — for 3rd – 5th grade educators.

Join fellow teachers and gain tools, strategies, and hands-on outdoor activities to make science learning come to life! [Learn more and register](#) →

FREE SCIENCE LESSONS IN YOUR SCHOOLYARD

Did you know IslandWood will come to your schoolyard and give **free** 90-minute lessons? These in-person lessons help 3rd-5th graders connect to the world around them more deeply by exploring stormwater and wastewater science. Sponsored by King County and Seattle Public Utilities. [Learn more and register your class](#) →



ISLANDWOOD GRADUATE PROGRAM

Sun, April 24, is a special **Campus Visit Day** for alumni and prospective grads! It'll be a festive day centered around an adventure race on our 250-acre Bainbridge Island campus!

Prospective grads will also have opportunity to meet with key members of the IslandWood community and connect with current graduate students.

[Register for Adventure!](#)



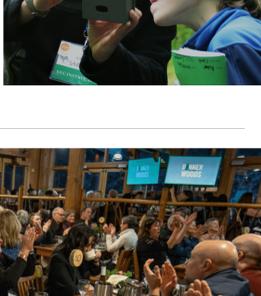
Join alumni, staff, and fellow prospective students for a **free online information session** to get an overview of the graduate program for Education in Environment and Community. Ask your questions in real-time, review admissions requirements, and discuss funding opportunities.

[Learn More and Register](#)

The deadline for the annual Robert P. Karr **Scholarship Award** is **the 2022-2023 Graduate Program is May 1**.

Apply and you could be awarded \$20,000 towards your EEC studies. This scholarship is open to BIPOC candidates, first generation college graduates, or students that demonstrate financial need.

[Apply Today!](#)



THANK YOU FOR A FABULOUS DINNER IN THE WOODS 2022!

This past Saturday we hosted our 16th annual Dinner in the Woods event, celebrating the work and impact of IslandWood in the world. We absolutely LOVED seeing all of you, whether you were on our Bainbridge campus, or joining us via the online broadcast.

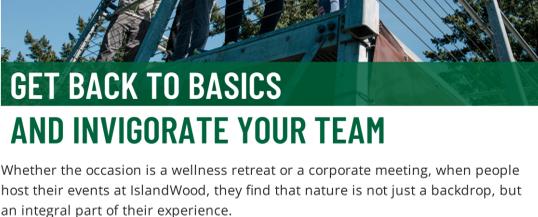
It was so wonderful to connect with you, and to share what your support has helped us create in the past year for the children, educators, and community members we serve. Your incredibly generous giving raised \$803,373 on Saturday – all of which will help create care, concern, and action for our communities and the planet! Thank you so much!

If you weren't able to make the event, don't worry – you can catch a lot of the **highlights here**. And save the date for Dinner in the Woods 2023 – coming to you on May 6th, 2023!



ISLANDWOOD IN THE MEDIA

- [The Woodinville Weekly](#) featured IslandWood summer camps in their article about the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville re-opening.
- Read about the 2022 Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference, hosted at IslandWood, in this [Bainbridge Islander](#) article.
- IslandWood April public events are featured in the [Bainbridge Islander](#), along with many other community partners celebrating Earth Month.



GET BACK TO BASICS AND INVIGORATE YOUR TEAM

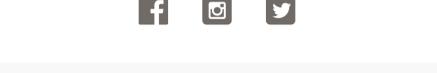
Whether the occasion is a wellness retreat or a nature meeting, when people host their events at IslandWood, they find that nature is not just a backdrop, but an integral part of their experience.

At IslandWood, you can walk straight from your meeting space into 250 acres of forest, trails, and meadows. Our tranquil campus provides a welcome respite from the challenges of working remotely, while fostering inspiration, reflection, and camaraderie.

The events we host help generate the critical resources necessary to ensure that all students and schools, regardless of their capacity to pay, can participate in our environmental education programs.

[Learn more about holding your meeting or retreat at IslandWood](#) →

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