This fall, we'll be offering a variety of programs for students and educators throughout the region, designed to connect science learning to students' identities and experiences and inspire deeper knowledge of and action for the planet. Click on the icons below to learn more about each of the programs, and if you're a teacher, sign up to get notified when registration opens!

Compiled by our educators, this list of children's books is drawn from recommendations we've shared with K - 5th grade teachers in our teacher professional development workshops and courses. The books included in this list support science education that connects to place and community, reinforce connections between classroom learning and students' identities and experiences, and represent individuals from a wide variety of cultural and racial groups. We hope you find a book (or two, or five!) to add to your own classroom collection or home!

Dr. Déana Scipio, Director of Graduate and Higher Education Programming, was recently published in the book Preparing Science Teachers Through Practice-Based Teacher Education. In collaboration with four other educators from throughout the country, Déana co-wrote a chapter discussing culturally and linguistically sustaining approaches to teacher education. We invite you to check out the book to gain valuable strategies and insights. Read more about Déana's approach to research and publishing here!

You're invited to an Open Trails Day on our Bainbridge campus, coming up on Sunday, August 29 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm! Gather friends and family for a leisurely afternoon walk under the forest canopy, as you listen for birdcalls, adventure across the suspension bridge, and visit our magical Bog Treehouse.

As a proud partner of Washington Outdoor School for All (which was awarded $10 million in funding during the most recent legislative session), we were thrilled that Bill Nye and Governor Jay Inslee discussed the initiative during their visit to Mount St. Helens' Johnston Ridge Observatory last month. Access to outdoor education "is an issue of equity," Governor Inslee said. "A lot of kids get this experience because their parents can afford it or because their parents grew up in it. We want every child to have this."

We're currently booking holiday celebrations for this winter, as well as 2023 and 2024 weddings (with just a few fall 2022 wedding dates left!). With dates filling fast, now is the time to plan your event on our beautiful Bainbridge campus, complete with cozy lodging, delicious dining, on-site activities, and more. And the best part is that the revenue generated from the events we host helps support our environmental education programs throughout the region.

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