From the minute Eddie Westerman stepped foot on IslandWood's Bainbridge campus, she was inspired. Since then, she and her husband have been dedicated supporters. We caught up with the Westermans recently to learn about some of their favorite things about IslandWood (spoiler alert: Chef Jim White's cooking is on their list), and their hopes for our continued work to center justice, equity, diversity, and inspire teamwork!

The program will deepen science knowledge, strengthen problem-solving skills, and expand student’s curiosity and creative thinking to transform lives and inspire communities. The program’s educators are inspired by their classrooms, students, and families, as well as their community, with a conviction that the classroom can blossom and thrive when given the opportunity to be different, expand, and inspire teamwork!

We're always cooking up something new for our community, and the evening will be no exception. We are so excited to have our friends from Island Wood, Chef Jim White, and the Chef White’s crew preparing dinner for us.

What’s for dinner Wednesday is open to all IslandWood staff, board members, and supporters.

In response to COVID-19, we’ve adapted the way we do everything at IslandWood - from our work with groups to safely gather and celebrate, at a fraction of our typical wedding cost.

We are grateful to corporate sponsor, AH&T Insurance, for their support!

Learn more about our summer camp offerings here.

Registration for summer camps on Bainbridge Island opens on March 15th! The 2021 Bainbridge Island Environmental Conference is this year’s Island Environmental Conference. Each year, the Island Environmental Conference brings together professionals and interested islanders to learn about the latest environmental issues and the trends shaping our region, and collaborate with fellow educators and community members. We’re so grateful to be hosting this important conversation this year. Registration is now open for the Island Environmental Conference, coming up on March 27! This workshop will help educators connect to their sense of identity, and more.

Join us for upcoming events!

**Spring Session of Afternoon Ecologists**

For 3rd - 6th graders, March 15, April 5, and April 19 from 1-4 pm.

**Hand in Hand Nature Explorations**

Designed for 3 and 4-year-olds and includes a short hike, a story, and an activity. Register for just one session, or sign up for all five.

**Skills of a Naturalist Hikes**

Explore the Suspension Bridge, visit our magical Bog Treehouse, and warm up with cider and cookies at the Friendship Circle.

**Join Us on Monday, February 15 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm for a socially-distanced hike on our trails. See how many animal tracks you can spot, cross the Suspension Bridge, visit our magical Bog Treehouse, and warm up with cider and cookies at the Friendship Circle.**

**Join Us On Tuesday Mornings From 9:00 - 12:00 PM for a Run On Tuesday**

Join us for the whole series! Sessions include a short hike, a story, and an activity. Register for just one session, or sign up for all five.

**Learn More and Register**

Learn more + register just one lesson, or sign up for all five.

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“Culturally responsive teaching” is everywhere at IslandWood. From our work with teachers in the Seattle area, to our programs on Bainbridge Island, our educators connect to their sense of purpose and advance equity in their personal identity, and more.

We spoke with three of our educators about why this approach is so important and how it influences every aspect of our educational philosophy and practices.

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