

May News and Events

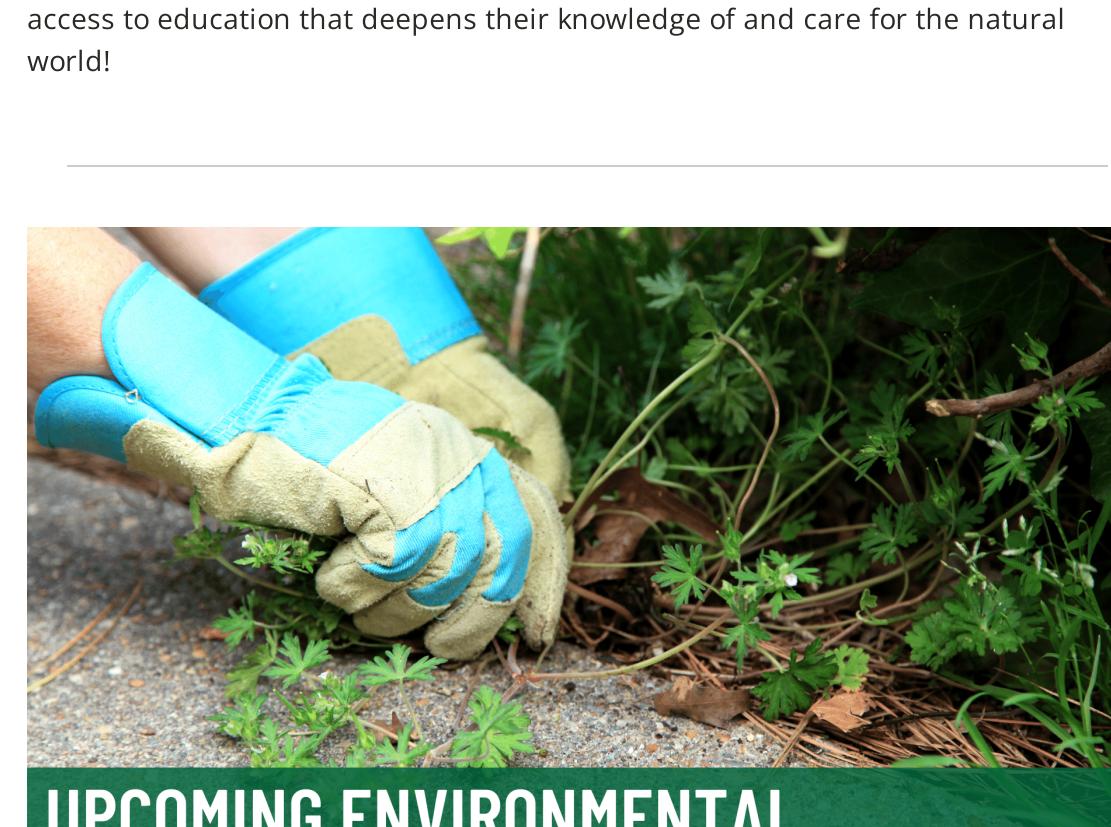
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IS THIS SATURDAY!

If you haven't yet, [register to join us](#) for **Dinner in the Woods this Saturday, May 8!** We can't wait to celebrate the power of environmental education with you during this virtual event, which will feature live speakers, inspiring videos, and an auction full of amazing experiences!

Bidding for auction items is now live and will end during the live broadcast this Saturday. If you haven't yet, click [here](#) to bid on a variety of fun, fabulous, and one-of-a-kind items and experiences, including a romantic getaway to Las Catalinas Costa Rica, winemaker dinner at Chateau Lill estate, Texas Hold 'Em with poker all-star Phil Gordon, Sunset Supper in the IslandWood Treehouse, and many more.

CELEBRATING STATEWIDE
FUNDING FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Alongside many other organizations, we advocated for several state funding and public policy initiatives during the most recent legislative session. We're thrilled to announce that each of these initiatives have successfully passed!

That means funding for the following critical initiatives:

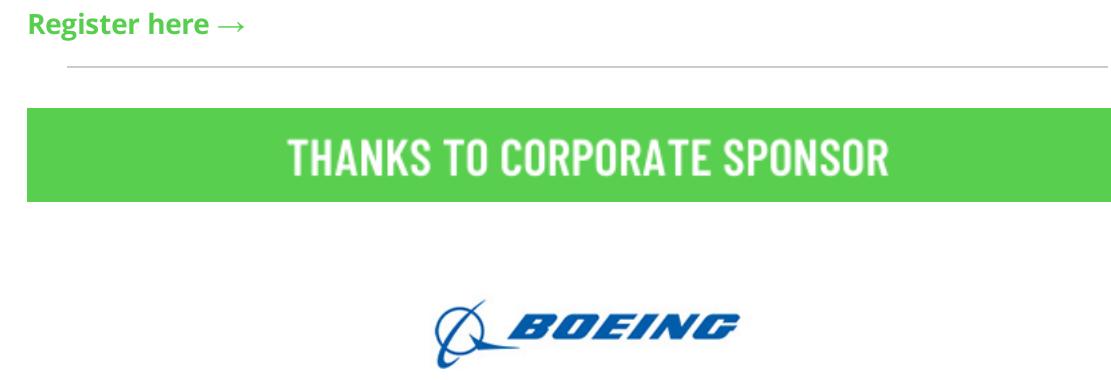
- [No Child Left Inside](#)
- [Office of the Superintendent for Public Education's ClimeTime program](#), which has historically helped fund our teacher professional development opportunities
- [Washington Outdoor School for All \(WOSFA\)](#), in support of residential outdoor learning for students across the state
- WOSFA research into the impact of outdoor education experiences on learning outcomes and socio-emotional wellbeing

This funding will help ensure that more Washington children than ever have access to education that deepens their knowledge of and care for the natural world!

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY

As part of our first-ever [Community Week](#) in the lead up to **Dinner in the Woods**, we're offering many different opportunities to learn, engage, and connect - including a community stewardship project! Roll up your sleeves and join us for a morning of invasive plant pulling and trail maintenance this **Thursday, May 6** from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Not on the island? We encourage you to visit [Green Seattle Partnership](#) to find a project near you! Green Seattle Partnership is a collaboration of several partner organizations we greatly admire and support, including [Forterra](#), and [Seattle Parks & Recreation](#).

[Learn more and register to help out here →](#)

MAKE CLIMATE SCIENCE MEANINGFUL
AND ENGAGING FOR YOUR STUDENTS

Collaborate with IslandWood educators and fellow teachers during our upcoming Community Science professional development workshop to make climate science engaging and meaningful for your 6 - 12th grade students! Learn how to center local phenomena and investigations in a Next Generation Science Standards storyline to connect climate science learning to the interests and identities of your students. Teachers who participate can earn a \$380 stipend and up to 4.5 STEM Clock Hours.

[Learn more and register →](#)

JOIN US FOR
SKILLS OF A NATURALIST CLASSES

Whether you're a longtime Northwesterner, new resident, or somewhere in between, there's always more to learn and explore about the region you call home. Join our staff naturalist, Christina Doherty, to explore IslandWood's forest and trails, and strengthen your naturalist skills along the way. Classes will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 - 11:30 am.

[Learn more and register →](#)

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LEARN MORE ABOUT
OUTDOOR SCHOOL FOR ALL

As a member of the [Outdoor School for All](#) (OSFA) consortium, we wanted to share that OSFA is hosting a virtual [Legislative Session and Campaign Update on Tuesday, May 11th from 5:00 to 6:00 pm](#) to share campaign successes, the initiative's long-term vision, and opportunities to engage. Meet OSFA leaders and supporters in Washington, and hear about the similar (and successful) work of outdoor education advocates in Oregon.

[Register here →](#)

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