

## MAY NEWS AND EVENTS



## 5 THINGS I'VE LEARNED TEACHING &amp; LEARNING FROM MY FELLOW GRADUATE STUDENTS

There is a lot to be said about the learning experiences in peer teaching! Each graduate student here comes to IslandWood with knowledge, skillsets, and most importantly, passion for subjects unique to one another. I have grown as an instructor through peer teaching in ways I had not anticipated, and I have had some of the most interesting encounters with science in subjects new to me. What I have learned, what I have enjoyed, and what I would like to write about is a list a lot longer than five items, but I have boiled it down to a top-five list. [Continue reading IslandWood graduate student Chloe May's blog post here](#) →



## BRIGHTWATER AND RENTON DAY PROGRAMS THIS FALL

This month we're opening registration for teachers for our fall 2022 day programs at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville and South Treatment Plant in Renton, in partnership with King County. We're so looking forward to leading stormwater and wastewater programs for 4th - 6th grade students and teachers at both of these locations. While we've been offering programs at Brightwater for many years, we're thrilled to expand our programming for the first time to schools near the South Treatment Plant!

[Learn more about our day programs at Brightwater and Renton](#) →

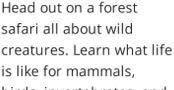


## OUTDOOR SUMMER CAMPS IN WOODINVILLE

This summer kids can learn **how to build a raft, travel on a forest safari, and meet animal superheroes** at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville. IslandWood is offering summer camps from July 5 - August 12, with a wide variety of outdoor activities, including exploring 72 acres of wetlands, streams, and forests.

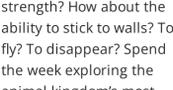
We also offer need-based scholarships for our summer camps. Please contact Joan Hutchinson at [joanh@islandwood.org](mailto:joanh@islandwood.org) for more information.

**Here's a few of the exciting camps being offered:**



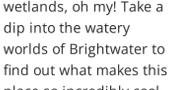
## CLAWS, PAWS, AND JAWS

Head out on a forest safari all about wild creatures. Learn what life is like for mammals, birds, invertebrates, and fish as you explore the awesome adaptations of nature's coolest predators.



## SUPER CRITTERS

Ever wish you had super strength? How about the ability to stick to walls? To fly? To disappear? Spend the week exploring the animal kingdom's most bizarre real-life superpowers in this camp that unveils nature's coolest critters.

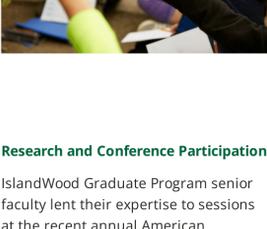


## UNDER THE SURFACE

Ponds, and streams, and wetlands, oh my! Take a dip into the watery worlds of Brightwater to find out what makes this place so incredibly cool. We'll investigate all our different aquatic ecosystems and learn about who lurks under the surface through art, science, and exploration.

[Learn More and Register](#)

## ISLANDWOOD GRADUATE PROGRAM

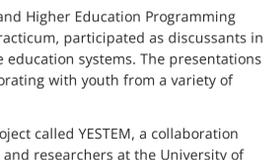


## Info Session for Prospective Grad Students

Join us on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 5:00pm for a virtual information session about our graduate program in partnership with the University of Washington. Alumni and staff will be on hand to share an overview of the program, review admissions requirements and discuss funding opportunities. [Learn more and register here.](#)

## Research and Conference Participation

IslandWood Graduate Program senior faculty lent their expertise to sessions at the recent annual American Educational Research Association 2022 Meeting, a gathering of over 14,000 faculty, research, and graduate students from across the United States.



Déana Scipio, Ph.D., Director of Graduate and Higher Education Programming and Priya Pugh, Ph.D., Senior Faculty for Practicum, participated as discussants in conversations around cultivating equitable education systems. The presentations included IslandWood's approach to collaborating with youth from a variety of socioeconomic and racial backgrounds.

In addition, IslandWood is involved in a project called YESTEM, a collaboration between our graduate practicum program and researchers at the University of Michigan to implement informal STEM teaching tools in teaching practices.



## Alumni in the News

The Seattle Times featured IslandWood alumni and UW Farm Manager, Persis "Perry" Acworth, in their story about the UW Farm [here](#).

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



## Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Campus  
May 15, 1 - 5pm



## Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Campus  
June 5, 1 - 5pm



## Fashion in the Forest

Bainbridge Campus  
June 12, 1 - 4pm

Check out our full events calendar [here](#).



## ISLANDWOOD IN THE MEDIA

IslandWood CEO, Megan Karch, was interviewed for the Learning Unboxed podcast, a production of the PAST Foundation. [The PAST Foundation](#) connects education, industry and diverse communities to problem solve for the future of work. [Listen to the podcast here.](#)



## SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Bainbridge Island and Brightwater Education Center are recruiting volunteers and interns! High school students that volunteer for IslandWood can develop leadership skills in an educational setting while working with children ages 5-11. Participants will strengthen communication and interpersonal skills, responsibility and problem solving, and group management.

Current undergraduates are encouraged to apply for our Summer Programs Internship where you can gain valuable skills in teaching, behavior management, reflection, and community building. By being paired with an experienced educator, interns can create meaningful, fun, and unique day camp experiences for children ages 4 -15.

[Learn more and apply](#) →



## DONOR SPOTLIGHT: RACHELE TURNBULL

This month, we connected with Rachele Turnbull, CEO and Founder of Clark Construction, about her company's longtime support of IslandWood. She shared that she believes in supporting IslandWood because, "It is important for everyone to understand their impact on our planet. Only then will we ensure it is still a great place to live in the future." Read more of our interview with Rachele [here](#).



## NATURE WILL CENTER YOUR TEAM

From one-day retreats to overnight meetings and conferences, IslandWood is the perfect venue to collaborate, rejuvenate, and ideate with your team. Groups that host their meetings and retreats at IslandWood find that nature is not just a backdrop, but an integral part of their experience.

The events we host 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 event at IslandWood.](#)

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