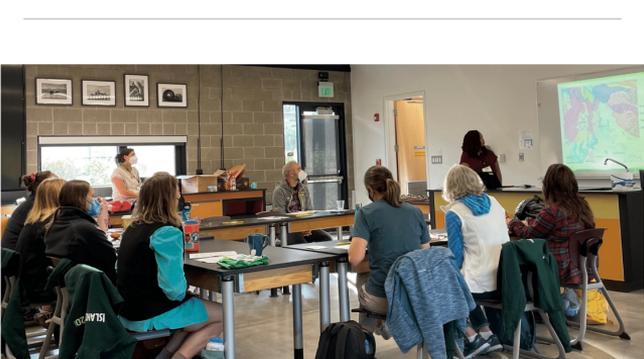


OCTOBER NEWS AND EVENTS



BACK TO SCHOOL WITH ISLANDWOOD PROGRAMS

It was fantastic to be "back to school" with our region's children right from the beginning of September. We welcomed our first groups of the school year to our Bainbridge campus for the **School Overnight Program**, and for the first time in well over a year, we'll be having a regular schedule of children attending our day programs at the **Brightwater Education Center** in Woodinville. We hope you are all having a wonderful back to school season! (Photo above is from the first evening School Overnight Program Friendship Circle of the school year!)



CELEBRATING OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY, FEATURING PAT O'ROURKE

Pat O'Rourke served as IslandWood's Director of Education from 2002 to 2008, creating an indelible impact that continues to ripple out into the region many years later. In honoring her significance in our history, we asked if she'd reflect on her time at IslandWood, which she so beautifully shares in her own words [here](#).



FALL TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Our free professional development course "**Seasonal Change in the Schoolyard for Pre-K-2nd grade teachers**" starts Wed, Oct 5th! If you're a teacher or know a teacher that might be interested, it's not too late to register. Participants will learn activities to implement in the classroom and have an opportunity to adapt and debrief with peers.

Participants will earn 10 STEM clock hours and be prepared to apply strategies towards increasing equity, justice, and engagement in the classroom.

[Learn more about all our professional development opportunities](#) →

GRADUATE PROGRAM



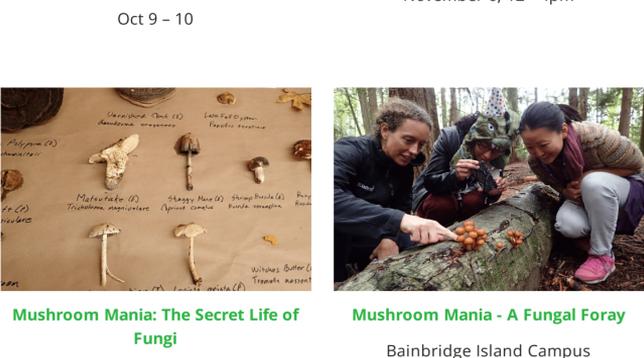
WHAT I GAINED THROUGH MY MENTOR/MENTEE RELATIONSHIP

In this blog post from Kellan (IslandWood Graduate Program, Class of '22), she shares her reflections on the mentor/mentee component of the program. [Read her five biggest takeaways here](#).



CHANGES TO OUR NATURAL HISTORY & ECOLOGY COURSE INFORMED BY JEDI

What does it mean to teach natural history and ecology through a justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) lens? That question led to a redesign of our graduate course, Natural History & Ecology. [Learn more here](#).



INFO SESSIONS AND DEADLINES FOR PROSPECTIVE GRADS

Our 10-month immersive program in conjunction with the University of Washington School of Education brings together educators from diverse backgrounds to embark on environmental, equity-based learning. The program is designed to create the space for deliberate integration of theory and practice in the field, along with a strong mentoring focus to help each graduate thrive in their experience.

The **November 12 application priority deadline** is coming up, so mark your calendars and save \$750 by applying early! Do you have some questions you'd like to ask before applying? Great! We're hosting virtual info sessions on Oct 18th and Nov 2nd and hope to see you then.

The sessions are designed to give prospective grads the opportunity to speak with IslandWood staff, get an overview of the program, dig deeper into the practicum, review admissions requirements, and discuss funding opportunities. [Learn more](#) →

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

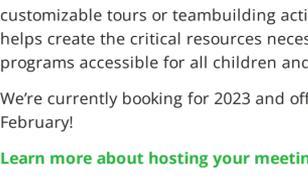


ANNUAL HOWL-O-WEEN IS BAAAACK

On Sunday, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> come to our Bainbridge Island campus and get some treats while learning a few tricks! This family-friendly event will feature warm cookies, hot cider and seasonal treats, a visit to the garden to learn the science of squash, storytelling next to a roaring bonfire at the Friendship Circle, a fall craft in the art studio, and a boneyard investigation with Dr. McDiggins.

Costumes are highly encouraged!

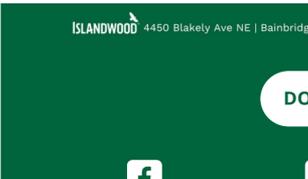
[Buy Tickets](#)



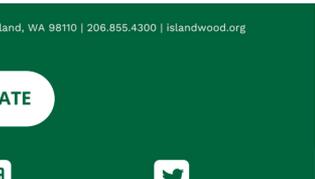
**Indigenous People's Day Celebration**  
Location: The Bainbridge Artisan Resource Network (BARN)  
Oct 9 - 10



**Afternoon on the Trails**  
Bainbridge Campus  
November 6, 12 - 4pm



**Mushroom Mania: The Secret Life of Fungi**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Nov 9, 6:30 - 8:30pm



**Mushroom Mania - A Fungal Foray**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Nov 13, 12 - 2:30pm



**#OptOutside Afternoon on the Trails**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Nov 25, 12 - 4pm



**Dine & Discover**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Dec 3, 5:30 - 8:30pm

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



LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR DOCENT TRAINING!

We couldn't do the work we do at IslandWood without our amazing docent community. Docents are an essential part of sharing IslandWood with the public by leading thoughtful educational experiences for visiting event groups, special guests, and members of the community on our Bainbridge campus. It's been a few years since we've done a docent training program and we couldn't be more excited to bring it back. Docents are members of a professional learning community that develop and share expertise, collaborate, mentor, and have a whole lot of fun!

Training begins Monday, October 10, 9 - 12pm on our Bainbridge Island campus and the deadline to sign-up is TODAY! Learn more about this 5-week training program [here](#).



ISLANDWOOD IN THE MEDIA

The Bainbridge Island Review covered IslandWood's 20th anniversary and impact in [this recent article](#).



CONNECT WITH YOUR TEAM NATURALLY

With cozy overnight lodging, warm and inviting gathering spaces, and a delicious seasonal menu, IslandWood is the perfect venue for your corporate event! Your team can connect within the forested landscape of our 250-acre campus and enjoy customizable tours or teambuilding activities. Best of all, your meeting or retreat helps create the critical resources necessary to keep our environmental education programs accessible for all children and educators in the region.

We're currently booking for 2023 and offer seasonal discounts in January and February!

[Learn more about hosting your meeting or retreat at IslandWood.](#)

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