

NOVEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS



Many States Omit Climate Education. These Teachers Are Trying to Slip It In.

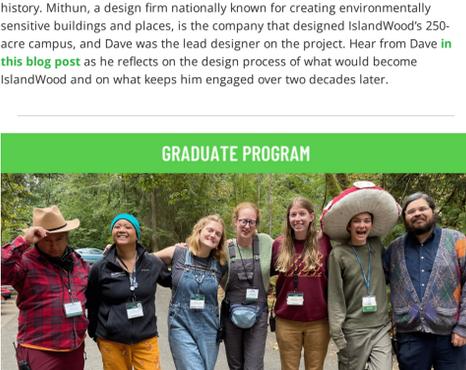
NYT FEATURES IMPORTANCE OF CLIMATE EDUCATION SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

A recent **New York Times** article shares the challenges that teachers across the country face in integrating climate education into their middle school classrooms. "It falls largely on teachers and individual school districts to find ways to integrate it into lessons, often working against dual hurdles of limited time and inadequate support. The most crucial intervention that we have to make progress on is professional support for teachers."

The article highlights the positive work of Washington State in addressing the needs of teachers in this challenge – "National science educators have lauded **ClimeTime** as one of the best efforts. The program receives several million dollars a year in state funding. Since 2018, it has trained 14,000 teachers, or more than a fifth of the teachers in Washington State."

IslandWood is proud to have been an active advocate in Olympia for the funding that supports the ClimeTime initiative and to also be a recipient of the funding that supports the very teacher training programs mentioned in the article. Our **teacher professional development programs**, including the upcoming **Community-Centered Climate Change course** for 6th-8th grade teachers, are offered free of charge, thanks to ClimeTime funding, and provide teachers with strategies to deepen students' climate literacy.

We are proud of Washington State for its commitment to climate science education and equally proud to offer teacher training support to our incredible Washington teachers!



CELEBRATING OUR 20TH ANNIVERSARY, FEATURING MITHUN & DAVE GOLDBERG

As we celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, it feels essential to celebrate and honor the significance of Mithun, and board member, Dave Goldberg in IslandWood's history. Mithun, a design firm nationally known for creating environmentally sensitive buildings and places, is the company that designed IslandWood's 250-acre campus, and Dave was the lead designer on the project. Hear from Dave in **this blog post** as he reflects on the design process of what would become IslandWood and on what keeps him engaged over two decades later.

GRADUATE PROGRAM DEADLINE

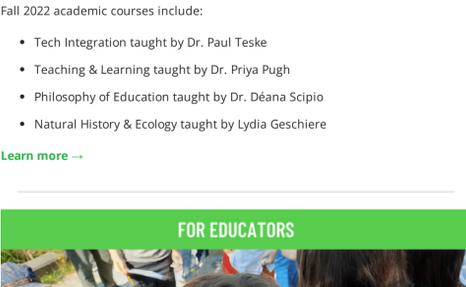
Our 10-month immersive, justice-oriented environmental education program in partnership with the University of Washington College of Education is designed to create the space for deliberate integration of theory and practice in the field, along with a strong mentoring focus to help each graduate thrive in their experience.

The **Nov 12th priority application deadline** is in a matter of days and early applicants save \$750 on tuition! [Learn More & Apply](#) →



VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

Want to learn more about the program before applying? We have a live info session on Dec 13th. The session gives prospective graduates an opportunity to speak with alumni and staff, get an overview of the program, dig deeper into the practicum, review admissions requirements, and discuss funding opportunities, **including our \$20,000 Karr Scholarship**. [Learn more](#) →



EEC CLASS OF 2023 FALL COLLOQUIUM

Join us virtually or in-person on December 9th in celebrating IslandWood's EEC class of 2023 graduate cohort! This is an opportunity to learn about the tremendous work our grads have done in their fall quarter classes and to highlight their academic achievements thus far. Come ready to learn, ask questions, and celebrate the growth and learning of our esteemed scholars, educators, and community members!

Fall 2022 academic courses include:

- Tech Integration taught by Dr. Paul Teske
- Teaching & Learning taught by Dr. Priya Pugh
- Philosophy of Education taught by Dr. Déana Scipio
- Natural History & Ecology taught by Lydia Geschiere

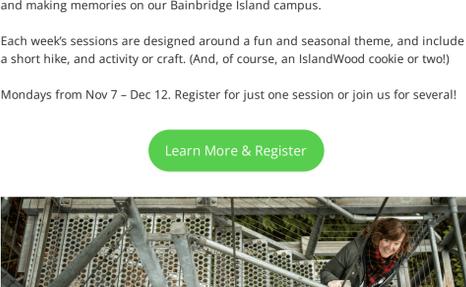
[Learn more](#) →

FOR EDUCATORS



FREE DAY PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS

IslandWood and King County's day programs for 3rd – 5th graders at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville and the South Plant in Renton are designed to connect science to students' own neighborhoods and local communities. Lessons include hands-on demonstrations, outdoor observations, and extension activities. We have some dates available in December and have opened registration for January and February dates. [Learn more](#) →

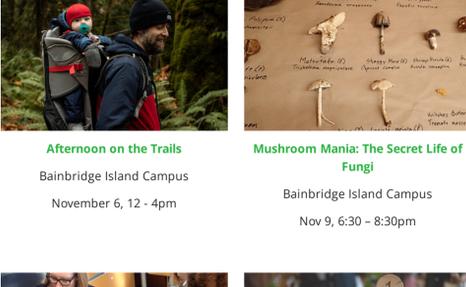


PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 6TH-8TH GRADE TEACHERS

From Jan 18 – Feb 15, we are offering a free teacher development course, Community-Centered Climate Change for 6th – 8th grade science teachers. The course will focus on climate and community to help teachers connect to the interests and identities of students while building understanding about the local impacts of climate change. Eligible for STEM clock hours and stipends.

All sessions will be online, with one optional in-person session at **Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center** on the Snoqualmie River. [Learn more and register](#) →

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



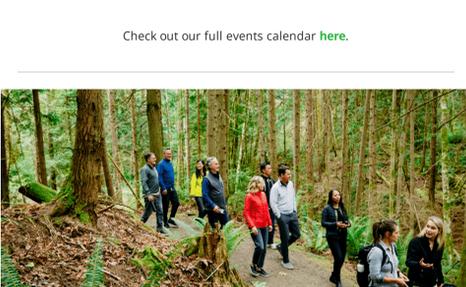
FALL EXPLORATIONS

Our new Caterpillar Club is a 6-week series created for 3-4-year-old kiddos and their parents, grandparents, or caregivers to spend time exploring, discovering, and making memories on our Bainbridge Island campus.

Each week's sessions are designed around a fun and seasonal theme, and include a short hike, and activity or craft. (And, of course, an IslandWood cookie or two!)

Mondays from Nov 7 – Dec 12. Register for just one session or join us for several!

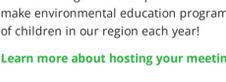
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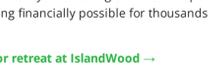
#OPTOUTSIDE AFTERNOON ON THE TRAILS

Black Friday is not just for shopping! #OptOutside on our beautiful Bainbridge campus on November 25th instead! Hike miles of trails, climb the Canopy Tower, peek into two treehouses, look out for wildlife at Mac's Pond, and so much more. Bring some Thanksgiving leftovers (for a leave-no-trace picnic!) and join us for a beautiful afternoon in the woods.

[Learn More & Register](#)



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



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



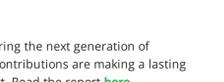
**Brightwater Winter Art Extravaganza**  
Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville  
Dec 3, 10am - 12pm



**Dine & Discover**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Dec 3, 4pm - 8pm

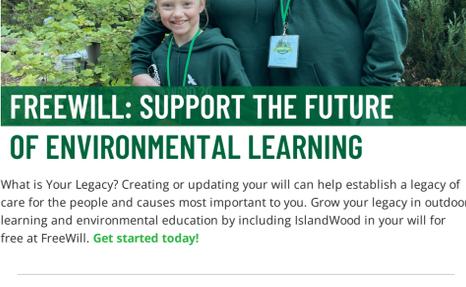


**Holly-Days Wreath Making**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Dec 10, 1 - 3pm



**NOLS Hybrid Wilderness First Responder Course**  
Bainbridge Island Campus  
Jan 4 - 8, 2023

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



5 IDEAS FOR YOUR MEETING AT ISLANDWOOD

Come for the day or stay for the night for your corporate meeting or retreat! There is **so much to do at IslandWood** to make your meeting a truly memorable event for your team!

1. Hold part of your meeting at our outdoor **amphitheater** (or, if you'd rather, have music, drinks and s'mores out there instead!)
2. Hike with a **naturalist**
3. Try a **teams course challenge**
4. Climb the **canopy tower**
5. Take a **yoga breather**

And don't forget the best part. The revenue from your meeting or retreat helps make environmental education programming financially possible for thousands of children in our region each year!

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



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Together, with your support, we are preparing the next generation of environmental stewards. Learn how your contributions are making a lasting difference in our most recent annual report. Read the report [here](#).



FREEWILL: SUPPORT THE FUTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING

What is Your Legacy? Creating or updating your will can help establish a legacy of care for the people and causes most important to you. Grow your legacy in outdoor learning and environmental education by including IslandWood in your will for free at FreeWill. [Get started today!](#)

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