

JULY NEWS AND EVENTS



\$40 MILLION FOR OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Last year, the Washington Outdoor School Coalition, which IslandWood is a member of, successfully advocated for house bill 2078. The historic legislation established a statewide Outdoor School program that set aside upwards of \$10 million to school districts to send students to outdoor schools like IslandWood. In the most recent legislative session, the Washington Outdoor School Coalition secured \$40 million in the Washington state biennial budget for outdoor education! This means that for the next two schoolyears, 90,000 students in Washington will have access to overnight outdoor education and 115,000 will access outdoor learning experiences through day programs! [Read about this fantastic win](#) →



CELEBRATING OUR RISING STAR PARTNERSHIP

Between 2021 and 2023, IslandWood, through a ClimeTime funded partnership with Rising Star Elementary, has co-designed outdoor learning experiences focused on school greenspaces. This partnership culminated in a science showcase celebration featuring student science projects in the schoolyard. [Read our blog post about the science showcase](#) →



We're very excited to announce our new membership program, **Friends of IslandWood**. When you give \$150 or more over a twelve month period, either as a one-time gift or recurring monthly gift, you are a Friend of IslandWood. Support IslandWood's programs reaching 30,000 people a year and you'll also have access to trail time on our Bainbridge campus on most Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays! [Learn more](#) →

TEACHERS AND EDUCATORS



JOIN THE LOCALIZING SCIENCE WORKING GROUP

We're looking for experienced elementary school teachers, middle school teachers, TOSAs and district science leads to be a part of a year-long working group that will continue the development of materials to support local connections to national science units.

The group will kick-off in August at our Bainbridge Island campus. We'll be providing free lodging and nourishing meals, travel reimbursement and optional relaxation and recuperation activities. Information about applying, the schedule, STEM clock hours, and stipend can be found [here](#).

EEC GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS



NEW DEMOCRACY & EDUCATION COURSE

This spring, we added a new course to our graduate program called Democracy & Education. We spoke with instructor, Michela Dimond, to learn more about it and what inspired its addition to our courses. [Read the Q&A](#) →



INFO SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE EEC GRADUATE STUDENTS

August 15 | 5 – 6pm

Save the date for our next virtual Q&A about IslandWood's graduate program in Education for Environment & Community, offered in partnership with the University of Washington's College of Education.

[Learn More & Register](#)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS



Afternoon on the Trails

Bainbridge Island Campus

August 6 · 1 – 5pm



Naturalist Summer School

Bainbridge Island Campus

August 15 · 9:30am – 3:30pm



Dine & Discover

Bainbridge Island Campus

September 14 · 4:00 – 8:00pm



Community Camp

Bainbridge Island Campus

October 6 – 8

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



DEEPENING CONNECTIONS TO THE NATURAL WORLD & EACH OTHER

Get your group together in a beautiful place that spurs new ideas and deepens team connections. And by hosting your event at IslandWood – you create social good in the world! Private events help generate the resources necessary to ensure that all students and schools, regardless of their capacity to pay, can participate in our environmental education programs across the region. [Learn more about holding your event at IslandWood](#).

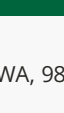
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