

APRIL NEWS AND EVENTS



DINNER IN THE WOODS

SATURDAY, MAY 4

You're invited to Dinner in the Woods, our annual event to celebrate and support IslandWood! By taking environmental learning out of the classroom and into the living laboratory of the natural world, we deepen students' knowledge, capacity, and confidence to make a difference in their communities and for the planet. The impact that students and educators are having on our region and the planet, inspires us and is sure to inspire you as well! [Learn more and buy your tickets here!](#)



ARTISTS INSPIRING CONNECTION WITH NATURE

Our **Artist in Residence** program consistently brings incredible talent to IslandWood, inspiring students and staff alike. In March we welcomed poet Vicky Edmonds, who guided students on a poetic journey, using words to explore and deepen their relationship with nature. Vicky was followed by artist Hannah Meadown, whose intricate nature collages showed a different form of artistic expression. Both artists helped students discover diverse ways to connect with and express their appreciation for the natural world. Check out our Q&As with **Vicky** and **Hannah**, respectively.



GARDEN POETRY AND SCAVENGER HUNTS

Our garden team recently hosted alumni of IslandWood's Graduate Program in Education for Environment and Community (EEC), and many brought their little ones along. Check out two fun activities they used to explore the garden, engage everyone's senses, and learn about plants in our [blog post](#) →

SPRING INTO SUMMER CAMP



SUMMER CAMPS AT BRIGHTWATER AND ON BAINBRIDGE

Registration for IslandWood summer camps on Bainbridge Island and at the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville is now open. We have scholarships and after care options available! [Register Today!](#)



TEACH OUTDOORS THIS SUMMER

Do you like kids and the outdoors? Come work with IslandWood at our Brightwater Education Center summer camps! You'll work with our educators and gain valuable experience in environmental education. [Apply here](#) →

FOR EDUCATORS



LOCALIZING YOUR OPENSCEI ED SECONDARY SCIENCE UNIT

Staff from IslandWood, NWESD and OESD will facilitate a series of short introductions to opportunities and ideas for localizing your OpenSciEd Unit to your community. Join us for a FREE Saturday session (including lunch and travel) on April 27th at the Brightwater Education Center near Woodinville. [Learn more](#) →



CREEKOSYSTEM FIELD STUDY

Registration is open for the Creekosystem Field Study, a free program for 5th grade teachers at Seattle-based schools. This is a great opportunity to get your students out and about! [Learn more](#) →



SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR CLIMATE CHANGE EDUCATION

We're leading a cohort for the **Summer Institute for Climate Change Education!** Join us, and educators from across North America, for an impactful 3-day online training July 15th – 16th with one regional cohort day on July 18th at IslandWood. [Learn more](#) →



YEAR-ROUND LOCALIZING WORKING GROUP

We're assembling a working group that will spend Aug 2024 - Jul 2025 developing materials to support local connections in national Amplify Science Units. [Learn more](#) →

EEC GRADUATE PROGRAM



DEADLINE FOR EEC PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

Our last deadline for applications for the 2024-25 cohort is May 6th! Interested in applying? Check out our Ask a Grad virtual session on May 7th, when current grads will share their experience in the program and answer your questions. [Sign up](#) →

There are financial aid options, including the **Robert P. Karr Scholarship!** This annual scholarship awards five students \$20,000 towards their studies in the IslandWood Graduate Program in Education for Environment and Community.

[Learn More](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



EARTH MONTH 2024

IslandWood is collaborating with Bainbridge Island community partners to provide a month of celebrations, activities, and adventures on our planet! Find a list of local **Earth Month community events** [here](#) →



NATURE'S NURTURERS: A CELEBRATION OF MOTHERS

Sun · May 12 · 10am - 2pm

Join us at IslandWood this Mother's Day to celebrate the incredible dedication of mothers everywhere – both human and animal! Honor a special mom or mother-figure with a delightful brunch featuring fresh, seasonal bites, tea, coffee, juices, and Mama's Mimosas. Explore six miles of stunning trails and enjoy fun family activities or arrive early to play in our meadows. It's a perfect way to relax, connect with nature, and nurture the special moms in your life.

[Get Tickets](#)



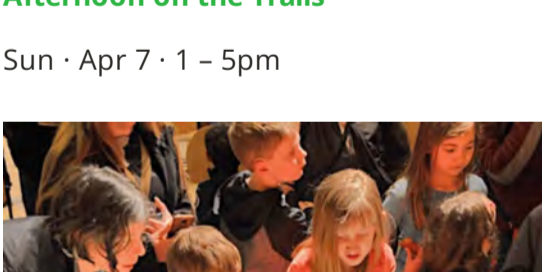
Afternoon on the Trails

Sun · Apr 7 · 1 – 5pm



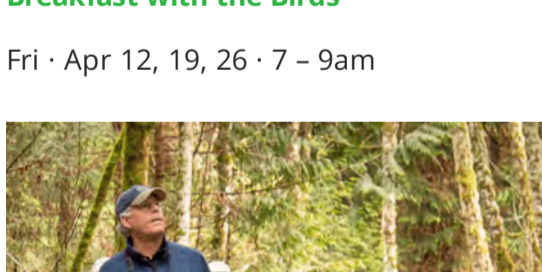
Breakfast with the Birds

Fri · Apr 12, 19, 26 · 7 – 9am



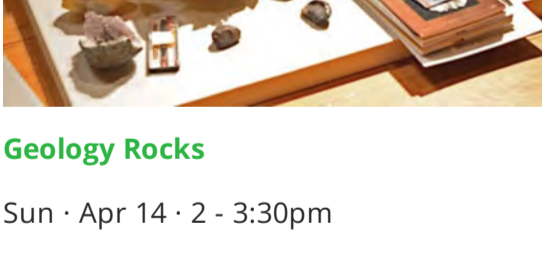
Geology Rocks

Sun · Apr 14 · 2 - 3:30pm



IslandWood Public Site Tour

Sun · Apr 21 · 1 – 4pm



Earth Day Expo at Battle Point Park

Sat · Apr 27 · 10am – 2pm

\*Off-campus at Battle Point Park

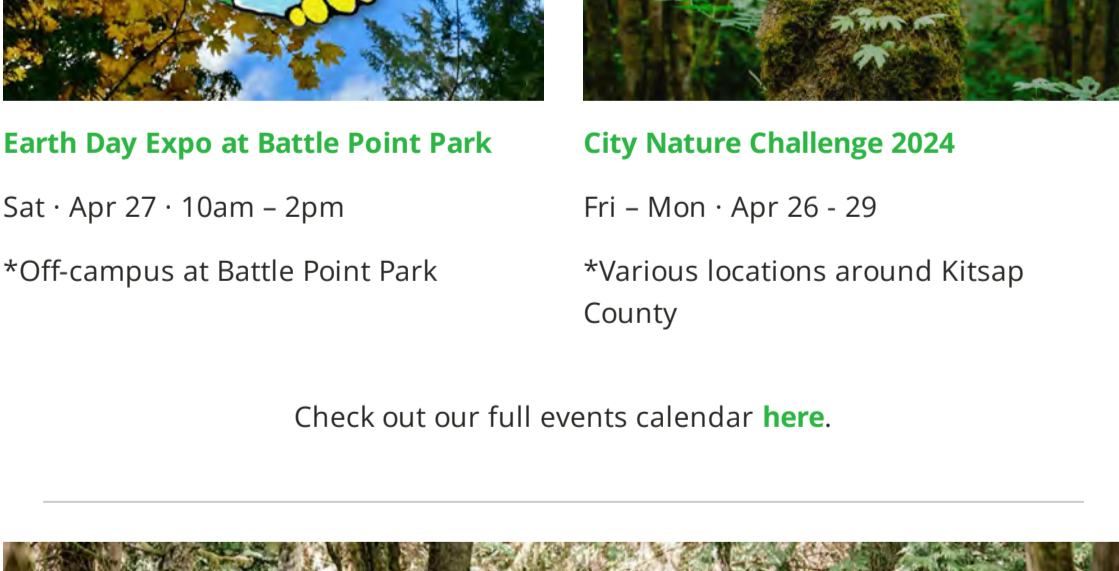


City Nature Challenge 2024

Fri – Mon · Apr 26 - 29

\*Various locations around Kitsap County

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

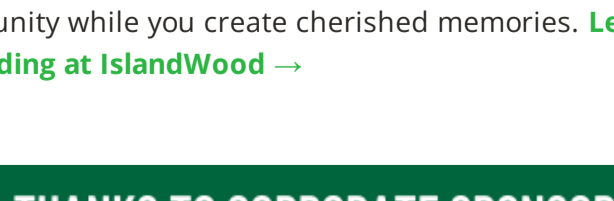


YOUR DREAM DESTINATION WEDDING

Escape the bustle of the city and host your dream destination wedding at IslandWood. Our 250-acre sanctuary offers the perfect blend of rustic charm and Pacific Northwest beauty. Stroll through lush forests, indulge in cuisine crafted by our talented kitchen, and gather loved ones in our cozy on-site lodges for a truly unforgettable multi-day celebration.

Best of all, your wedding supports our environmental education programs, giving back to the community while you create cherished memories. [Learn more about holding your wedding at IslandWood](#) →

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