

DECEMBER NEWS AND EVENTS



IMPACT IN ACTION AWARDS

Our new Impact in Action Award recognizes students and educators who've taken meaningful steps to care for their environment and communities after being inspired by IslandWood programs.

In May 2025, we'll honor one student and one educator with this \$1,000 award.

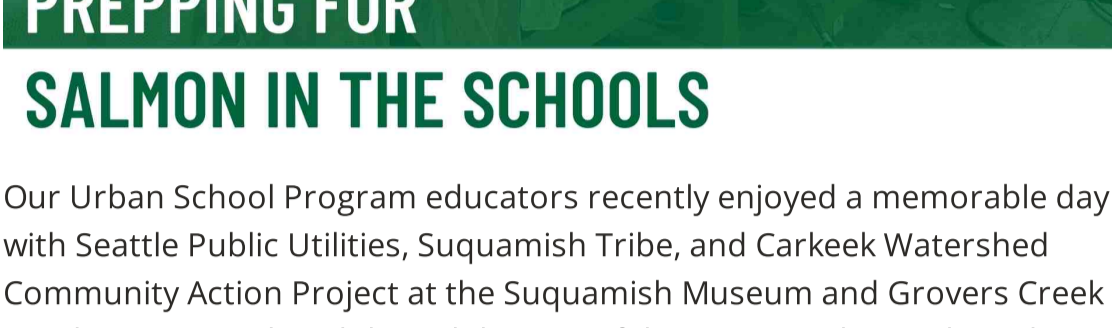
Do you know someone who embodies this spirit? Or could it be you? Teachers, school staff, students, community partners, parents, and caregivers are invited to submit nominations. Students and educators can also apply for themselves!

Learn more about [how to apply or nominate](#) someone today!



BOARD MEMBER'S ISLANDWOOD JOURNEY

IslandWood Board Member David Wu recently spent a week with our School Overnight Program. In this blog post about his time, he shares, "This experience moves one from feeling overwhelmed by the future, isolated by the unknown, and even frustrated by the past to feeling energetic, optimistic and incredibly courageous about the future." Read David's post [here](#).



PREPPING FOR SALMON IN THE SCHOOLS

Our Urban School Program educators recently enjoyed a memorable day with Seattle Public Utilities, Suquamish Tribe, and Carkeek Watershed Community Action Project at the Suquamish Museum and Grovers Creek Hatchery. We explored the rich history of the Suquamish people and delved into salmon ecology and conservation efforts.

This invaluable experience has helped us prepare to launch the Salmon in the Schools Seattle (SiSS) program in January, in collaboration with these dedicated partners.

Learn more on our [blog](#) →



GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP 2025!

It may be the holiday season, but we're already busy imagining and designing the fun we'll have during Summer Camp 2025!

Camps will be held at our Bainbridge Island campus and at the Brightwater Center in Woodinville with aftercare options available at both locations.

Scholarships, funded by our community of supporters, will be available to increase access for campers!

Here's what's new this year:

- **Pre-K and Kindergarten Camps at the Brightwater Center**
- **7th and 8th-grade camps on the Bainbridge Island Campus**

Camp descriptions and dates will be available on our website on January 15th, and registration will open February 28th at 10am.

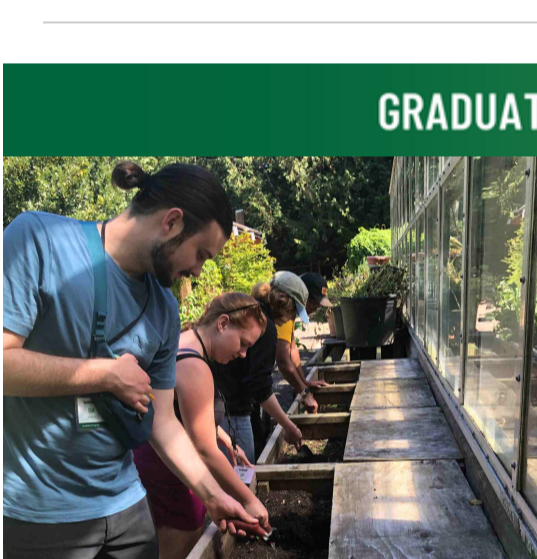
FOR EDUCATORS



EMPOWER STUDENTS TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY

Join IslandWood this January for a FREE professional learning course focused on engaging students in air quality action projects. You'll have the opportunity to earn clock hours, receive free books, and learn how to implement an exciting curriculum combining science, social studies, and community engagement.

[Learn more & register](#)



FOR 4TH GRADE AMPLIFY SCIENCE TEACHERS

Learn how to connect Amplify Science's Earth's Features unit to your students' lives, communities, and local phenomenon like the "Seattle Sloth" and "Suciasaurus Rex" with a free asynchronous course you can progress through at your own pace. [Learn more](#) →

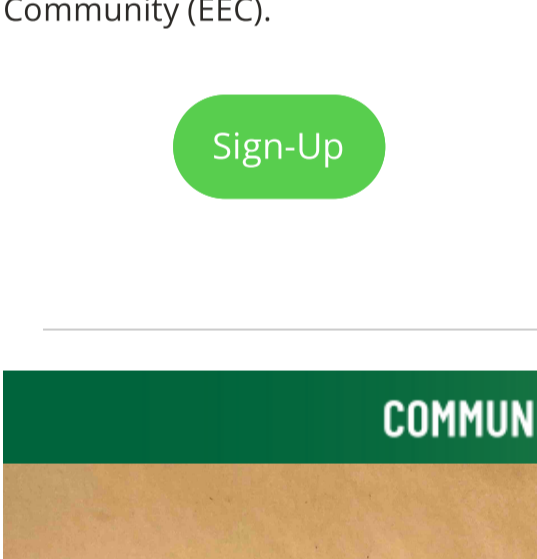
GRADUATE PROGRAM



PRIORITY DEADLINE JANUARY 3RD

Apply for the 2025-2026 Graduate Program in Education for Environment and Community (EEC) by the Jan 3rd deadline and you can save \$500!

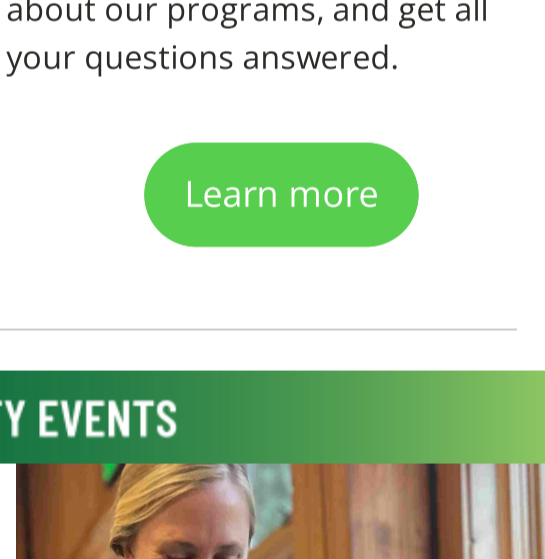
[Learn more](#)



EEC GRAD PROGRAM INFO SESSION

On Dec 9th, you're invited to join alumni and staff for a virtual info session to learn more about our justice-oriented Graduate Program in Education for Environment and Community (EEC).

[Sign-Up](#)



PROSPECTIVE GRAD CAMPUS TOUR

Join us on Dec 13th on our Bainbridge Island campus to see what it's like firsthand! This is your chance to tour our campus, meet current students and faculty, learn about our programs, and get all your questions answered.

[Learn more](#)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



Winter Art Extravaganza*

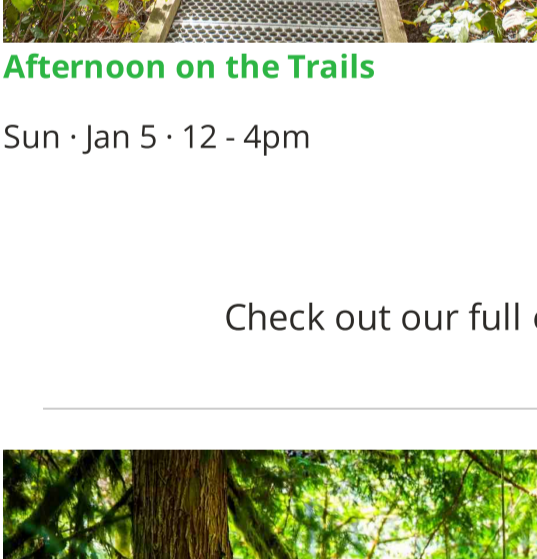
Sat · Dec 7 · 10am - 12pm

* at Brightwater Education Center



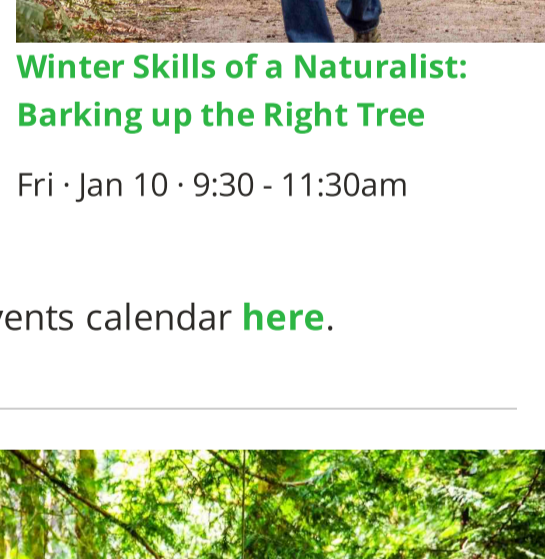
Hollydays Wreath Making & Plant Walk

Sat · Dec 14 · 1 - 3:30pm



Afternoon on the Trails

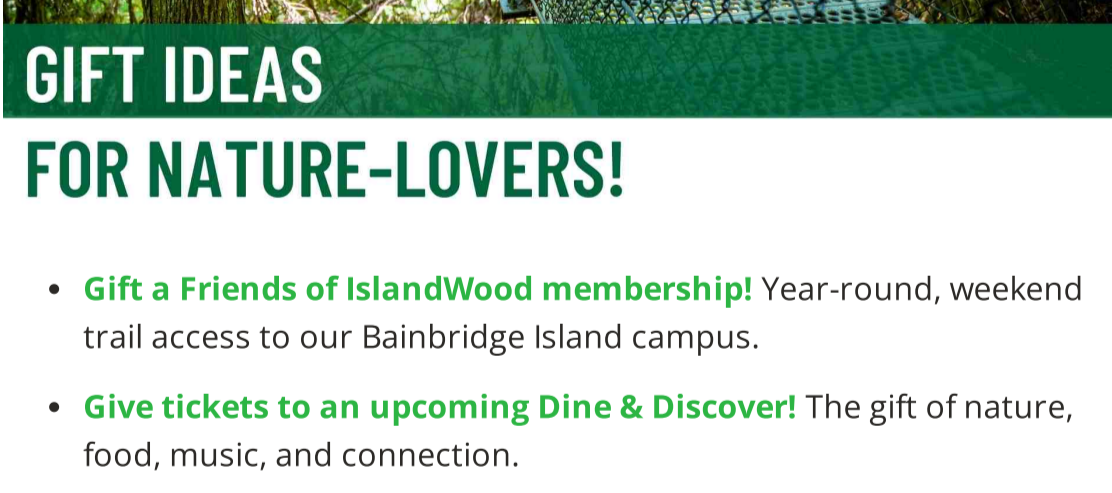
Sun · Jan 5 · 12 - 4pm



Winter Skills of a Naturalist: Barking up the Right Tree

Fri · Jan 10 · 9:30 - 11:30am

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



GIFT IDEAS FOR NATURE-LOVERS!

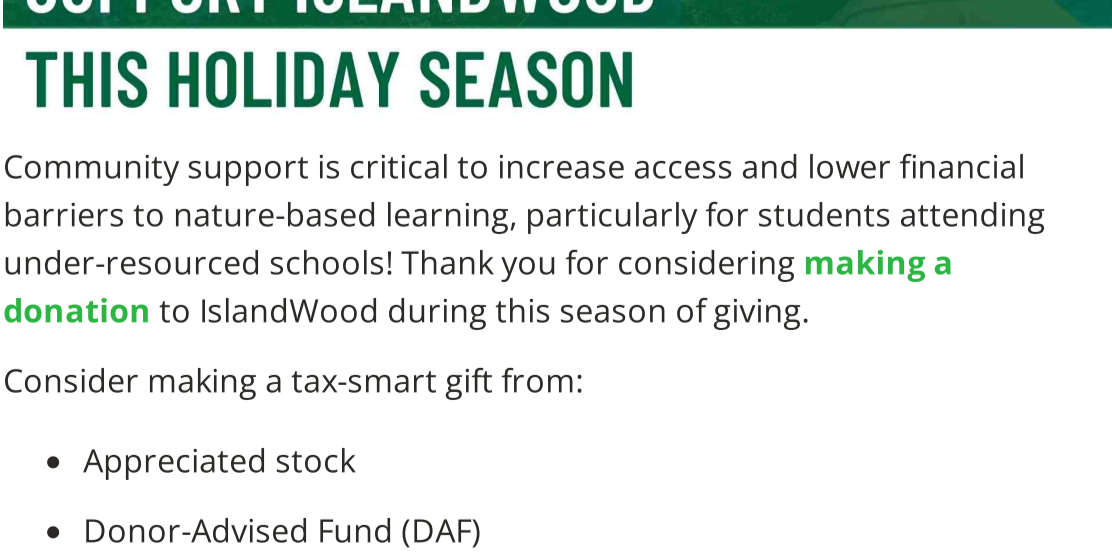
- **Gift a Friends of IslandWood membership!** Year-round, weekend trail access to our Bainbridge Island campus.
- **Give tickets to an upcoming Dine & Discover!** The gift of nature, food, music, and connection.
- **Donate in honor of someone!** Your tax-deductible gift in honor of a loved one provides increased access to nature-based learning for youth in our region.



WHERE INSPIRATION TAKES ROOT

Escape the ordinary and inspire your team at IslandWood. Our unique setting fosters creativity and collaboration, offering a refreshing alternative to traditional corporate meeting spaces. Gather in any of our indoor spaces surrounded by forest, where your team will be inspired to brainstorm and innovate. Unwind in cozy lodge accommodations with fireplaces, perfect for team bonding and rejuvenation. Embrace the tranquility of nature and tap into the reservoir of your team's potential at IslandWood.

[Contact us today](#) to reserve your date!



SUPPORT ISLANDWOOD THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

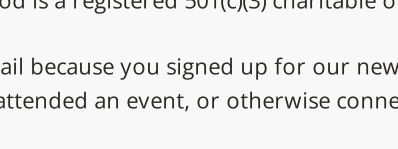
Community support is critical to increase access and lower financial barriers to nature-based learning, particularly for students attending under-resourced schools! Thank you for considering [making a donation](#) to IslandWood during this season of giving.

Consider making a tax-smart gift from:

- Appreciated stock
- Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)
- IRA account (if you're 70 ½ years or older)
- *We recommend making your gift before December 18 to ensure there is time for your brokerage, custodian, or DAF provider to process the gift and return your receipt before the end of the year.*

More information about how to make a gift to IslandWood is available [here!](#)

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