

JANUARY NEWS AND EVENTS



THE WISHING TREE

The Wishing Tree at IslandWood was started by staff instructor Talia and IslandWood class of 2023 EEC grad, Cathy. Inspired by a similar tree in Seattle, it's meant to be a safe space for grads and students in our School Overnight Program (SOP) to express their hopes and intentions for themselves, their community, and the world. On the last day of their visit, SOP students share a wish for the world and an action they'd like to take in their community, making the tree a place for reflection and inspiration. Learn more about IslandWood's Wishing Tree in our [blog post](#).

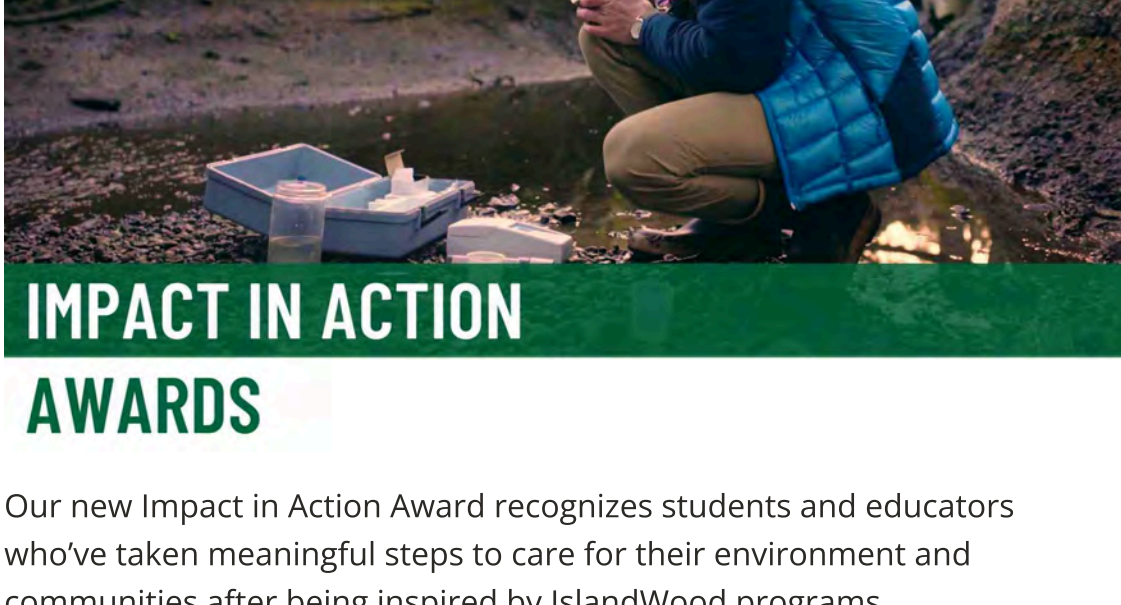


SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION COUNTDOWN

Get ready for an unforgettable summer filled with adventure and discovery! On January 15th, our website will be updated with our exciting lineup of **summer camps** at both our Bainbridge campus and the Brightwater Education Center in Woodinville.

Don't miss your chance to secure your spot in the fun! Summer camp registrations open on Friday, February 28th.

Thanks to our donor community, financial assistance is available for summer camps! Email CampRegistrar@islandwood.org to learn more.



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, we will award one student and one educator with this \$1,000 award at our annual Dinner in the Woods event.

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

FOR EDUCATORS



TEACHER PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

We have a few spots left for our Jan 10th free professional development course, "Community-Centered Climate Action" for 3rd - 5th grade teachers. Eligible for STEM and Equity clock hours. [Learn more](#) →

GRADUATE PROGRAM



EEC GRAD PROGRAM INFO SESSION

Get ahead of the priority deadline for application to the Graduate Program in Education for Environment and Community on March 14th! You're invited to join alumni and staff for a virtual info session on January 15th to get your questions answered before you apply.

[Register](#)

Applications for the \$20,000 **Robert P. Karr Scholarship** are open! To be eligible for the scholarship, students must apply and be accepted to both IslandWood and to the University of Washington's Master's in Education Program. [Learn more](#) →



\$20,000 KARR SCHOLARSHIP

COMMUNITY EVENTS



LEARN HOW TO BARK UP THE RIGHT TREE

Fri · Jan 10 · 9:30 - 11:30am

Join us on January 10th as we unravel the mysteries of tree identification on our Bainbridge Island campus during our Winter Skills of a Naturalist: Barking Up the Right Tree event. Learn to recognize common species by their unique bark and winter features, gaining valuable insights into the Puget Sound lowland forests.

[Get Tickets](#)

Build your skills as a naturalist with more winter skills!



MOSESSES, LICHENS, & LIVERWORTS

Sun · Jan 19 · 1 - 3pm

[Get Tickets](#)



FAMILY EXPLORATIONS

Sat · Jan 25 · 1 - 3pm

[Get Tickets](#)



Conservation Work Parties*

Jan 11 · 10 - 12pm
Jan 18 · 10 - 12pm

* at Blakely Harbor



Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service*

Mon · Jan 15 · 10am - 1pm

* at Blakely Harbor



Public Site Tour

Sun · Jan 19 · 1 - 4pm

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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