



# OUTREACH AND EVENTS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17



Explorando festival participants at registration



Learning about our aquifer at Groundwater 101



Aquifer Adventure participants go for a bimiran ride



Evening Canoers paddle off into the sunset

## Contacts & Highlights

- **24** Events
  - 11 Educational workshops
  - 5 Large festivals
  - 8 Small to mid-size events
- **10** Canoeing events
- **13** Science-based events
- **1676** Event participants
- **12** Average # of volunteers per event
- **12** Community outreach opportunities
- **2** Interns
- **20** Newsletters sent
- **2011** Social media followers

## Highlights

- Explorando had a new, culturally-specific education curriculum and the festival experienced the highest Latinx participation in its history
- A new partnership with Next Adventure has allowed us to serve more people at our events by providing more boats and expert staff
- Record number of private paddle tours were given
- Paddle Team had a record number of volunteer members this year. Our way of thanking them was to offer a new set of enrichment opportunities and events for them
- We are proud to have offered our first two paid internship positions

## Outreach and Event Sponsors

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AAA Oregon</li> <li>• Alder Creek Kayak and Canoe</li> <li>• Aloft Portland at Cascade Station</li> <li>• Audobon Society of Portland</li> <li>• Barry Bringham</li> <li>• Casa Bruno</li> <li>• Cha, Cha, Cha Taqueria</li> <li>• City of Gresham Water Management Division</li> <li>• City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services</li> <li>• David Biggs</li> <li>• East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESA Virgil-Agrimis</li> <li>• Fairview Lake Property Owners Association</li> <li>• Grand Central Bakery</li> <li>• Leatherman Tool Group</li> <li>• Maul Foster Alongi</li> <li>• Metro</li> <li>• Multnomah County Drainage District</li> <li>• Multnomah County Sheriff's Office</li> <li>• New Seasons Market</li> <li>• Next Adventure</li> <li>• Oregon Screen Impressions</li> <li>• Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peninsula Drainage District #2</li> <li>• Port of Portland</li> <li>• Portland Parks and Recreation</li> <li>• Portland Timbers</li> <li>• Portland Water Bureau</li> <li>• Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel</li> <li>• Stand Family Farm</li> <li>• The Boeing Company</li> <li>• Trust for Public Land</li> <li>• Tualatin Riverkeepers</li> <li>• Verde</li> </ul> |
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# VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17

## Numbers & Highlights

- **1058** volunteer hours at program events
- **222** volunteer hours in the education program
- **850** volunteer hours in the stewardship program
- **23** Paddle Team members guiding our public paddles
- **2221** total volunteer hours contributed

## Partners

Apex Consulting

Grand Central Bakery

New Seasons

Next Adventure

And all the organizations that partnered with us to make our stewardship events a success



## Projects

Project	Fiscal Year 2016-17 Activities
Events	Hundreds of volunteers support the council in providing free events for the communities within the watershed. Volunteers ensure council events are a success by filling a variety of roles including assistance with set up and break down of events.
Education	Slough School volunteers support field trips across the watershed - working with youth to interpret urban natural spaces, test water quality and canoe on the Slough.
Stewardship	Through Stewardship Saturdays, the Great Slough Clean Up and other events, individuals and groups volunteer throughout the year to plant native plants, remove invasive species, protect trees from beaver damage, and clean up the slough. Stewardship volunteers are essential to the ecological enhancement of the watershed .
Paddle Team	All major CSWC events utilize the Paddle Team to support staff in providing a fun and safe experience for participants while canoeing on the Slough. In addition, they support Slough School's canoe weeks and private paddles as birmaran captains.

## Meaningful Work

*"This is the third year I've led the Edible Aquifer station, and I want to highlight again this year how great it is to have the students from Central Catholic as volunteers. The students bring a great energy, and I was again impressed with how quickly they absorb the groundwater lesson, and how well they are able to convey that and interact with the kids who come through the station."*



## Want to Get Involved?

Would you, your business or organization like to volunteer with us for an event? We are always looking for new collaborations. Please contact us to learn more!

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# STEWARDSHIP HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17

## Numbers & Highlights

- **25** community stewardship events
- **14** Stewardship Saturdays
- **282** volunteers contributed **850** hours to perform stewardship and monitoring activities
- **6,800+** native plants were planted, a 38% increase from 15-16 FY's planting record

## Partners

- Apex Consulting
- Boeing
- City of Portland  
Bureau of Environmental Services
- Conifer Park HOA
- Dig In
- East Multnomah SWCD
- Friends of Baltimore Woods
- Friends of Trees
- George Middle School
- Grand Central Bakery
- Heron Lakes Golf Course
- Jackson Family Vines
- Key Bank
- MEChA
- Metro
- Multnomah Youth Cooperative (MYC)
- Native American Youth Alliance (NAYA)
- Nature Conservancy
- Northwest Youth Corp. (NYC)
- Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board
- Oregon Zoo Eco Team
- PacifiCorp
- Port of Portland
- Portland Parks & Recreation
- Portland Parks Foundation
- Portland State University
- Portland Youth Builders
- Salish Ponds Elementary
- SOLVE
- Verde
- Wilkes Community Group



## Projects

Project	FY 2016-17 Activities
Heron Lakes Golf Course	We are working with Heron Lakes and MEChA to convert the rough areas of the course to native vegetation, providing habitat and other benefits.
Main Channel Benches	We contracted Northwest Youth Corps to remove over 200 cubic feet of yellow flag iris along a 1/2 mile of the main channel of the slough. The Oregon Zoo's Eco-Team helped to plant 550 native shrubs, ferns and sedges by boat on the channel benches to provide aquatic habitat.
Buffalo Slough	An acre of riparian PacifiCorp property on Buffalo Slough was overgrown with blackberry on the banks and yellow flag iris. With volunteer and Verde crews, we planted over 2100+ native trees, shrubs, ferns and forbs. The project will be finished in the Winter of 2017.
Stewardship Saturdays	Sites: Columbia Children's Arboretum, Baltimore Woods, Smith and Bybee Wetlands, Kelley Point Park, Wilkes Headwaters Natural Area, & Johnson Lake. Activities: native plantings, invasive removals, litter pick-up, beaver cage installation
Heron Pointe wetland	This wetland amidst cul-de-sacs was overgrown by reed canary grass (RCG) that crowds out other species. In partnership with Boeing, Dig In, Multnomah Youth Cooperative (MYC) and Salish Ponds Elementary, we planted native shrubs and trees to shade out the RCG and provide attractive habitat. MYC youth mentored the younger students.





# EDUCATION PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS 2016-17

**Slough School:**  
Authentic learning from the Columbia Slough and its Watershed



Sitton 5th grade at the Slough's mouth at Kelley Point Park



5th grader post planting at Salish Ponds

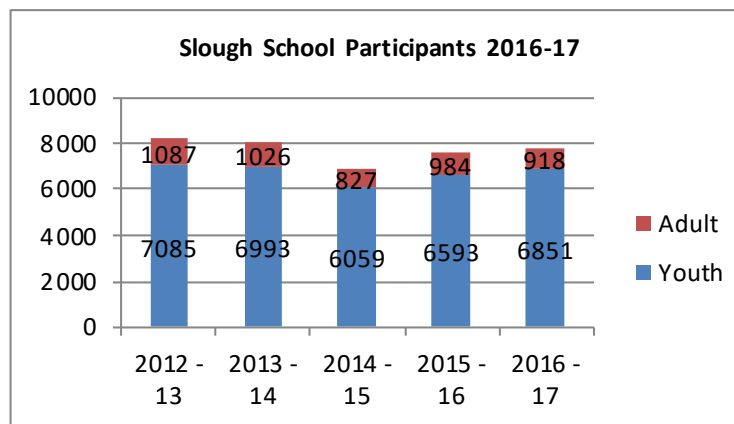


Fairview 5th graders restore Wilkes Creek Headwaters and investigate what lives in the water



Rigler 2nd grade studies Habitats at Kelley Point Park

**Slough School serves K-college students with free field, classroom, and canoe programs about the natural and cultural history of the Columbia Slough Watershed.**



Woodland 3rd graders illustrate plants behind their school in Fairview Creek's riparian zone

## Slough School Contacts

- 6,851 Student Contacts
- 918 Teacher & Adult Contacts
- 322 programs for 49 Schools/Orgs
- 4 School Districts
- 943.5 Volunteer Hours
- 79% of students that participated are low income; 65% are students of color

## Highlights

- Slough School brought 527 students & 80 adults on the water in canoes, including 99 George 7th graders
- New afterschool partnership at NAYA
- 15 5th grade classes from Salish Ponds, Shaver, Fairview, Sitton, Woodland, and Boise-Eliot Humboldt schools restored habitat
- Field learning at: Whitaker Ponds Nature Park, Kelley Point Park, Columbia Children's Arboretum, Salish Ponds Wetlands Park, Wilkes Headwaters, and Nadaka Nature Park.
- Helped Creek Colleges take place at Whitaker Ponds during Assembly 2017
- Partnered with Living Cully, Verde, Clean Rivers Education, and more to help Scott 5th & 6th graders learn in depth about the new Cully Park

## Partners

**Community Partners :** City of Portland's Clean Rivers Education :: Portland Parks & Recreation :: Portland Water Bureau :: City of Gresham :: City of Fairview  
**Student Mentors :** Multnomah Youth Cooperative / Reynolds Learning Academy :: Project YESS / Mt Hood Community College

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