



GREATER PORTLAND SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATION NETWORK

A Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development

Mid-April 2016 Newsletter

GPSEN connects diverse organizations across the greater Portland region in a collaborative network that multiplies our collective capacity to educate for a more sustainable future.

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GPSEN News

Here comes Earth Day and Earth Week! Whether you celebrate Earth Day once a year or everyday, there are opportunities to learn about the planet and sustainability issues in all directions next week.

This spring season there are many opportunities to learn new ideas and shift behaviors toward a more sustainable future. From Earth Week Festivities at [Portland State University](#) and [Portland Community College](#) to film screenings, book releases, and leadership trainings, there is something for everyone. Please check out the details below and support our partners and friends, through the many community events, workshops, and resources developed by good people in the greater Portland region.

Of course, we encourage you to use the power of the network. Please help spread the word about these upcoming events and opportunities and help make our region great! Plus, don't forget to [become a GPSEN partner](#) and support our community building efforts.

Interested in having your event, news, or resources in our newsletter?

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GPSEN Events

Transforming our World through Higher Education and Agenda 2030

Tuesday, April 19

3:00 - 4:50 pm

PCC Sylvania TCB 211

12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR 97219

Agenda 2030 is an aspirational plan by the United Nations to support people, planet, prosperity, peace, and partnerships. Can we transform our world by 2030? What role can higher education play? Dr. Kim Smith, PCC Sociology Instructor and Greater Portland Sustainability Education Network (GPSEN) Coordinator, will introduce the UN's Agenda 2030 and the newly adopted Sustainable Development Goals and guide a discussion on potential strategies.. Co-sponsored by GPSEN and Portland Community College, this event builds on efforts to create a network across our region to support educational solutions to our sustainability challenges.

Check out the World Forestry Center's [#growinghope campaign](#) for some inspiration.

Memento Mori: Our Oceans in Crisis

Earth Week: April 18 - 22

PCC Sylvania, Upper CC Mall

12000 SW 49th Ave. Portland, OR 97219



Much of what is being threatened by the ecological crises isn't visible to the human eye. This is especially true with microscopic creatures. How do we develop a relationship with beings that we cannot see? How do we grieve their loss? Providing crucial food and an essential source of oxygen, we depend on healthy oceans. How can we face the realities of our rapidly changing world, including feelings of fear about climate change and despair over species extinction?

An art installation from visionary artist and environmental activist Amy Livingstone, this exhibit will explore these themes and create space for viewers to "see" the beauty of our ocean's fragile ecosystem and the vital role plankton play in maintaining life on Earth. Amy will be on site during the week at various times for deep listening. Come add a prayer or intention of hope and healing for the Earth to a community art offering that will later be gathered and gifted to sacred waters.

Learn more about Amy Livingstone, M.A., founder of Sacred Art Studio, in Portland, Oregon, at www.sacredartstudio.net.

Community Events

Faith Climate Action Week



Faith Climate Action Week

Brought to you by Interfaith Power & Light

April 15-24

It's isn't too late to join the national week-long campaign for climate healing and action, April 15-24. Here are some easy ways for you or your faith community to jump into Faith Climate Action Week. Find sermon and discussion ideas, order the Faith Climate Action Kit with climate voter petition, postcards to senators, fact sheets, organizer guides, and additional materials, and add your events to the National Map.

For more information [click here](#).

Visually Thinking Through the Circular Economy

Sunday, April 17

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Portland Art Museum, Field Ballroom
1219 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205

Our design duo will sketch out a big picture overview of the circular economy as it promotes redesigning processes, products, and systems from a “take, make, waste” scenario into a “high quality, zero waste, and sharing economy” situation to name a few. This is a whole-systems design approach that is applicable to all sectors of design and makers of many disciplines. By employing ecodesign lenses such as biomimicry, permaculture, and other sustainability frameworks, we’ll share how to clarify possibilities and innovate to co-create an environmentally, socially, and economically appealing future.

Cost: \$12. For more information [click here](#).

Portland Community College's Earth Week



Next week is Earth Week! PCC Campuses are celebrating across the district with speakers, art installations, a movie, freecycling, a birthday party for our planet, and much more. For an in-depth calendar of events and activities, [visit the PCC Earth Week page](#) and click on each campus.

Environmental Film Series

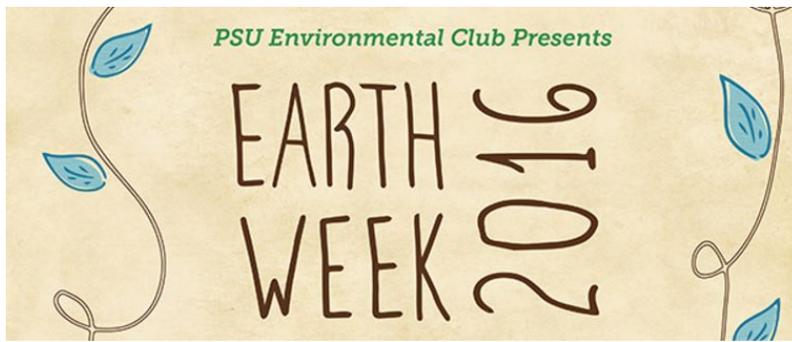
Wednesdays, April 20 and 27

7:00 pm to 8:30

First Christian Church, 1314 SW Park Avenue, Portland

The Caring for Creation Committee at St. James Lutheran Church invites you to view environmental films in an Emmy Award-winning docu-series by James Cameron of Titanic and Avatar fame. The films take us to 9 different locations to show how climate change is affecting the planet. There will be an opportunity for discussion after each film. No charge. For information, contact Doris Nielsen wirtz.doris@gmail.com

Portland State University's Earth Week



Join Portland State's Environmental Club to celebrate Earth Week 2016 with a series of free events on campus April 20-23. All events are free and open to all.

Brunch and Panel on Legacy Fellowship

Wednesday, April 20

11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Center for Philanthropy

221 NW Second Ave, Portland OR 97209

Changing the world, even just a corner of it, takes more than good intentions. If you're like most people, it can be difficult to decide what to do and how to start. A good first step is to join SAGE's Legacy Fellowship, our nine-month leadership program to train you to carry out a community benefit project of your own design. Join us and our panel of fellows for an informational brunch on the program, and to learn how SAGE can help you launch a project that will change your corner of the world for the better.

No cost. To register [click here](#).

Film: Catching the Sun

Wednesday, April 20

Living Room Theater

341 SW 10th Ave, Portland

The [Bonneville Environmental Foundation](#) (BEF) would like to invite you to a screening of [Catching the Sun](#), a new, a feature length documentary about the role of solar in developing a clean economy and clean energy future. The film follows the hope and heartbreak of unemployed American workers seeking jobs in the solar industry, and sheds light on the path to an economically just and environmentally sustainable future. Set against the struggle to build a "green economy," Catching the Sun will engage new audiences in solutions to climate change and income inequality.

Check out the [trailer here](#). While this event is free, seats are limited. So, **reserve your tickets** through [Eventbrite](#) today!

For the Love Of Documentary

Thursday, April 21

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Aladdin Theater

The film explores the journey of evangelical worship artists John Mark McMillan, Sarah McMillan, William Matthews, and Stephen Roach (from Songs of Water) to Paris for COP21 to learn about how climate change is impacting the world's most impoverished. This short film dives into what they learned as they engaged with activists, scientists, and people directly impacted by climate change. The event is especially geared to Christian millennials. Donation of \$5 or more.

Northwest Earth Institute



April 22 marks the 46th annual celebration of Earth Day, and the Northwest Earth Institute (NWEI) hopes you'll join them in taking action in your community. NWEI will be closing their offices on April 22 this year, and staff will be taking part in Earth Day activities -- we'll be doing everything from teaching preschoolers about Earth Day to tabling at local Earth Day Fairs. [We'd love to hear what you're doing to celebrate our planet too.](#)

Earth Day in Music and Song

Friday, April 22

7:30 - 9:00 pm

First Unitarian Church

SW 12th & Salmon, Portland

[The Center for Earth Leadership](#) invites you to celebrate our remarkable planet with us. The program includes instrumental and vocal performances, meditative singing, poetry, and candle lighting. Refreshments and conversation following in the Buchan Room. Featured Music: Madrona Viola Duo with guest pianist, Gary Skye. Guest Artists: Sky in the Road, David Roth, and Satori Men's Chorus.

RSVPs appreciated at 503-244-0026 or jeanne@earthleaders.org

Portland EcoFilm Festival: BARAKA

Friday, April 22 - Sunday, April 24

7:00pm

Hollywood Theater

4122 NE Sandy Blvd Portland, OR 97212

"Baraka" is an ancient Sufi word, which can be translated as "a blessing or the breath or essence of life from which the evolutionary process unfolds." Featuring no

conventional narrative and no dialogue, BARAKA takes viewers around the globe to witness a variety of spectacles in both natural and technological realms, from chaotic cities to barren wilderness. Filmed in 152 locations in 25 countries on six continents, BARAKA brings together a series of stunningly photographed scenes to capture what director Ron Fricke calls “a guided mediation on humanity.”

[TICKETS](#) Tickets: **\$12 general admission; \$9 Student/Senior, Friend, and Director members**

Sandy River Delta Eco-Blitz

Saturday April 23

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Sandy River Delta

Crown Point Hwy, Troutdale, OR 97060

The Sandy River Delta Eco-Blitz is part of a region wide, on-going Eco-Blitz Series to find and collect data on the Portland-Vancouver metro area’s wildlife. This event is free, open to all ages, and no experience is necessary. Community members will be paired with identification specialists who will lead them on an outing to observe species of interest.

For more information about this event and to register [click here](#). For information about Eco-Blitzes happening around the country [click here](#) or [watch this short, video](#) by Oregon Field Guide.

Community Energy Project Spring Social

Wednesday, May 4

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Base Camp Brewing Company

930 SE Oak St, Portland, OR 97214

Join us for an evening of appetizers, socializing, silent auction, and entertainment as we celebrate another successful year. Donations from the event will help us ensure we are keeping homes safe, healthy, and efficient for low-income residents of Portland. We will also be honoring outstanding volunteers who help make Community Energy Project a truly community focused organization.

\$50 General Admission. Use Discount Code "healthyhomes" for early-bird price of \$45. [Get your tickets today](#) to support Community Energy Project!

Science on Tap: How to Keep Hope and Good Health as Climate Change Worsens

Wed, May 4

7:00 pm (doors at 6:00 pm)

Clinton Street Theater

2522 SE Clinton Street, Portland

It’s easy to get overwhelmed by the doom and gloom of climate science. Projections

for Oregon show increasing risk of drought, wildfires, heat waves, storms, and floods, and predictions for worldwide consequences are even more scary. These impacts threaten our health and the systems that support us...but maybe there is a silver lining in this dark cloud looming? Climate change may be the greatest challenge we have known as a society, but it is also the greatest opportunity to achieve the kind of systemic change we need to improve the health of our communities and our environment. Come hear from **Emily York**, coordinator of the [Oregon Climate and Health Program](#), about how they are working with partners to integrate climate resilience strategies into our public health system.

Cost: [\\$8.00 advance tickets](#), \$10.00* suggested cover at the door. Online sales end at 4:00pm on day of show. For more information [click here](#).

Visiting SAGE Paul Hawken

Thursday, May 12

7:00 pm – 9:30 pm

First Congregational United Church of Christ
1126 SW Park Ave, Portland, OR 97205

Senior Advocates for Generational Equity (SAGE) brings Paul Hawken to speak in Portland! World-renown environmentalist, entrepreneur, and best-selling author on sustainability will speak about his work with Project Drawdown, a non-profit that is mapping and modeling 100 existing, substantive solutions to reverse climate change. These solutions are widely practiced, commonly available, economically viable, and scientifically valid. When implemented globally and at scale over the next thirty years, they'll not only forge a pathway to reverse climate change, but will also result in more security, more prosperity, more jobs, and better health. Hawken will show how a wide variety of actors can advance these solutions – engaged citizens, students, teachers, farmers, business leaders, policymakers, and more.

Tickets start at \$20. Get tickets at www.wearesage.org.

Classes, Workshops & Conferences

Workshops: Landscape for Healthy Watersheds

Spring is here, and your garden calls! Looking for a little inspiration before you dig in? Check out these FREE WORKSHOPS and learn about all kinds of ways you can make a positive impact on your watershed with your landscaping decisions. All workshops are FREE and open to anyone. To register [click here](#).

Naturescaping

- Saturday, April 23 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm (NE Portland)

Rain Gardens 101

- Sunday, April 17 from 1:00 - 5:00 pm (Troutdale)
- Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Gresham)

Urban Weeds

- Tuesday, May 3 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm (NE Portland)

Workshop: Decolonizing Environmental Justice



Monday, April 18

Portland Community College, Sylvania Campus
1200 SW 49th Ave., Portland, OR 97219

As part of Whiteness History Month and Earth week, the District Sustainability Office and the Sylvania Multicultural Center have partnered to sponsor a workshop and open lecture by scholar and activist, Eriel Deranger. Decolonizing Environmental Justice is an event that will allow participants to think critically so that they may be able to serve as catalyst for creating more just, livable, and sustainable communities through exploring the interdependence between self, social, economic, and ecological systems.

Workshop: 8:00 am - 12:30 pm

CC Building, Tree Rooms

The workshop will explore the intersections between oppression, race, and environmental injustice finishing with discussion of successful movements to promote social & environmental justice. (30 slots available with breakfast at 8am). Please Contact Briar.Schoon@pcc.edu to RSVP.

Public Lecture: 1:30 - 2:30 pm

ST Building, room 100

Eriel will speak on her work as an indigenous rights and environmental activist, including fighting tar sands development in First Nations and Treaty lands.

For more information contact: Briar.Schoon@pcc.edu. Or by phone: 971.722.8322

The Ecology of Whiteness: A Workshop on Race, Land & Decolonization

Wednesday, April 20

2:00 pm- 4:00 pm
PCC Rock Creek Learning Garden
12000 SW 49th Ave, Portland, OR 97219

This workshop invites participants to examine the relationship between the construction of whiteness and the ecological crises we currently face. It will suggest that "whiteness" was constructed in opposition to multiple constructions of "wild" and "savage" others. In short, the construction of colonized peoples and lands as wild and savage, and the corresponding construction of white authority as rational,

progressive and civilizing, function to legitimize and naturalize colonial power. Participants will discuss questions like:

- What is the relationship between ecological crises and racial oppression?
- If socially constructions of division are central to racial and environmental exploitation, what are some methods for healing these fissures?
- How might white environmentalists contribute to the decolonization of the environmental movement?
- Can we work toward environmental healing or racial healing without working toward both?

Webinar: The Transformational Company - The New Sustainability Leadership Standard

Thursday, April 21

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Corporate responsibility and sustainability have become crucial for business success. Join us to discuss the drivers, trends, and case studies of these transformations and the most important qualities companies need to adopt to steward themselves, and their stakeholders, to a sustainable future. This webinar will provide an overview of The Qualities of a Transformational Company, a new leadership standard in corporate responsibility and sustainability. Based on research conducted for Canadian Business for Social Responsibility, The Qualities of a Transformational Company focuses on the new imperative for business and societal success. The webinar will include the drivers and trends of this new business paradigm, the business case, and suggestions for how you can use the qualities in your organization. Case studies of the transformational company qualities in practice will be shared so you can learn how other companies are operationalizing these ideas today.

Cost: \$25. For more information [click here](#).

Sustainability Works: Rethinking Business As Usual

Launches Friday, April 22

NWEI has released its newest book! [Sustainability Works](#) is a four-session discussion course which will give you the tools to engage your team and create an action plan to achieve your sustainability goals. If your sustainability efforts are already underway, this discussion course will offer an opportunity to fine-tune your goals and commitments while also engaging new stakeholders. Sustainability Works will launch on Earth Day 2016.

For more information [click here](#). To reserve a review copy email us at: contact@nwei.org

Conference: Next Generation STEM, Standards and Sustainability

Saturday, April 23

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Eugene: University of Oregon, Baker Downtown Center
975 High Street, Eugene, OR
Portland: University of Oregon, White Stag Block
70 NW Couch Street, Portland, OR

Please join the University of Oregon and [Partners for Sustainable Schools](#) at their Second Annual Conference. Join keynote speakers, presentations, and project-based learning activities to align with [Next Generation Science Standards](#).

Participants have the option to register and pay an additional \$75 for 1 graduate academic credit. All enrolled participants who have not registered for credit will receive a secure PDF certificate indicating the number of PDUs earned at the conference.

Conference Fee: \$50 for the first 50 registrations; \$125 for each subsequent registration. For more information or to register [click here](#).

Active Hope: An Interactive Workshop in Joanna Macy's Work That Reconnects

Saturday, April 23

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Jean's Urban Forest Farm

3707 SE Johnson Creek Blvd, Portland

The times in which we live are marked by realities of unprecedented ecological destruction, social injustice, and spiritual impoverishment, alongside a growing awareness of the implicit interconnections that define the web of life. Many are moved by a deep and abiding love for the world, and by compassionate responses of sorrow and despair for the losses and suffering that we face.

How do we cultivate active hope: the motivation, courage, and resilience necessary to respond to the challenges and opportunities of our time? This is a participatory workshop based in the pioneering, open-source work of Joanna Macy. Through experiential practices that include dialogue, imagination, movement, and reflection, participants will connect with deep sources of strength and inspiration to take part in the transition to a more just and sustainable future.

Suggested donation \$25 - 50. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. All proceeds will go toward ongoing development of [Root Down Rise Up](#), an intensive year-long self-discovery, community leadership, and rites of passage program for adolescent girls. Pre-registration is required. For more information or to register [click here](#).

Workshop: Strategies for Integrating Nature into Therapy

Friday, April 29

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Lewis & Clark College, York 107

615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland, OR

EcoWellness counseling is an approach for integrating the natural world into

traditional and non-traditional counseling settings. The overarching purpose of this workshop is to help attendees consider how they might skillfully and ethically integrate EcoWellness into counseling. While this training will emphasize the application of EcoWellness to counseling settings, professionals and graduate students from diverse educational and professional contexts are welcome to attend. This workshop will be interactive and experiential, providing attendees with practical and effective strategies for integrating nature into counseling with persons of all ages and backgrounds. Workshop emphasis areas include clinician/nature worldview and self-awareness, the ethical parameters of working with clients in outdoors settings, theoretical integration and intervention, and EcoWellness cross-cultural applications.

Cost: \$125 by April 7, \$150 after; includes 6.5 CEUs or PDUs. \$50 students. Lewis & Clark Alumni save 20%.

For more information and to register, [click here](#). For information about other [Eco-Psychology](#) events at Lewis & Clark [click here](#).

Program: Young Leaders in Action

Sunday, May 1 (application deadline)

The World Affairs Council's Young Leaders in Action brings together 20 high school students from across the Portland area for global issue workshops, leadership training, and community service projects with an international impact. Any Portland-area high school student with a graduation year of 2017 or later is eligible to apply. There is no fee or other cost to participate. Young Leaders in Action meet the second Saturday and fourth Sunday of each month from June 2016 to April 2017, taking part in workshops, leadership training, community service activities, and networking opportunities with leaders from Portland and around the world.

Young Leaders in Action also receive mentorship and advising on study abroad scholarships, and college and career opportunities in the field of international affairs, and guidance in creating an action project on a global issue.

For more information [click here](#).

GoGreen Call for Speakers

Proposals due May 4

GoGreen Portland is now in its ninth year empowering business and government decision-makers with sustainability strategies and tools to create positive change by facilitating environmental, economic and social performance improvement through the connections, topics and best practices. The Call for Speakers and Session Proposals is now open through May 4 and we encourage you and anyone in your network to contribute a session or workshop for our Program. View the theme and topics we are interested in for the program and submit today through the [online portal](#).

Transforming the Way We Lead

May 4 - 6

Portland State University - Native American Center

Transforming the Way We Lead and the Art of Hosting training is about how to create effective meetings and practices for working better together amidst times of rapid change and high complexity. Many people are awakening to different ways of being in leadership together, moving beyond the typical traps of adversarial agendas and into processes of co-learning and participatory leadership that lead to wise action and change.

Many practitioners and leaders are seeking processes, tools and engagement strategies that bring out the best in our communities and foster deeper collaboration. The Art of Hosting is an international movement that is working to develop participatory leadership skills and practices.

For more information and to register [click here](#).

Workshop: Inspiring Equity and Justice in Sustainability Education

Friday, May 13

8:45 am – 2:00 pm

PCC Cascade Student Union Building

705 N Killingsworth St, Portland, OR 97217

Enhance your teaching and engagement with sustainability methods and practices by participating in our 4th annual faculty training workshop. This workshop uses a cross-disciplinary approach in curricular change and will explore how faculty can meaningfully integrate issues of equity and justice within a sustainability context into our classrooms. Guest speakers will engage participants in facilitated small group discussions following a panel presentation. Also, learn how PCC's Climate Action Plan drives SPARC's initiatives to support sustainability curriculum development at PCC.

We invite faculty from all disciplines and perspectives in the region to attend. Participants will receive morning refreshments, lunch, and workshop materials; also a stipend is available for part-time PCC faculty. SPARC will also provide follow up curriculum development support to any participant.

To register: please submit your name, department, and a one paragraph description of how you'd like to incorporate sustainability in a current or new course (with course title) to: Heidi Sickert, SPARC Chair (Sustainability Practices for Academics and Resources Council), heidi.sickert@pcc.edu

UNA-USA Leadership Summit: A Time for Humanitarian Action

June 12 - 14

Scholarship deadline: April 18

Washington D.C.

Join fellow members from around the country for three days of dynamic chapter sustainability trainings, advocacy workshops, and networking opportunities. Meet with high-ranking U.S. government and UN officials, learn from global experts, and urge Congress to support key humanitarian issues. Full details, including travel and hotel information, are available online. Space is limited so we encourage you to [register today!](#)

For more information [click here](#). To apply for a scholarship [click here](#).

Jobs, Internships & Volunteer Opportunities

Job: Community Outreach Organizer

April 15 (application deadline)

The Community Outreach Program of the [ReBuilding Center](#) provides free tools and resources to individuals and organizations working to achieve equitable, more vibrant and resilient communities. We strive to strengthen the capacity of local, grassroots projects in their efforts to effect and sustain positive change in N/NE Portland. If you are searching for an opportunity to work in a collaborative, values-based work environment where the mission drives decision-making; where employees are committed to being the change they wish to see in the world; where building relationships matter; and can illustrate how your passion and qualifications are a great fit, we encourage you to apply today! This hourly position is 32 hours per week, Tuesday - Friday.

For more information [click here](#).

Job: Trackers Summer Educators and Mentors

Working with Trackers Earth is a unique experience. Founded in 2004, we're an eclectic mix of raucous pirates, foragers and muppets. Our school of wilderness skills has earned a unique reputation with families and grown into one of the most well-known outdoor camps in our area. We've won awards for best programming and grown to serve several thousand students each year. We pride ourselves in offering something for every kid. If you visit our summer page, you will see our camps are a surreal mix of straight-up skills programs (Rangers, Wilders or Mariners Guild) and role-playing adventure (Artisans Guild). The goal for every one of our camps? Get kids outside, connected to nature and community, while learning authentic skills.

While this may all sound like a lot of fun and games, in reality it's also a lot of work. We provide intensive experience and training in risk management, program logistics and development. If you want to make outdoor education your career, our camp

programs will be very useful experience.

For more information [click here](#).

Volunteer: Oregon Environmental Council

April 20, 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Culture is Wellness Night

Native American Youth and Family Center

Join our Health Outreach Director, Jen Coleman, in sharing personal action steps toward a less toxic life. Your role: Support Jen in her demonstrations and table with OEC materials. We need one volunteer.

April 23, All Day

Sustainability Shindig

Mt. Hood Meadows

Mt. Hood Meadows is inviting us to table at their event, and they are inviting YOU to ski! Your role: Set out OEC materials on green living, collect your free lift ticket, go ski. Check in during lunch to talk to folks about toxic-free living. Ski some more! We need one volunteer.

Contact [Michelle McGrath](#) for details.

Job: Seasonal Environmental Education Instructor

April 22 at 5pm (application deadline)

This position is responsible for planning, instructing and leading environmental education activities for program participants in a summer full of week long day camps. Hiking, field trips, games, crafts, and kids that love nature make this an awesome summer job.

For more information about the job description [click here](#). Or check-out the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District job postings at:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/thprd>

Job: Summer Camp Positions at Oregon Zoo

April 28 at 5:00 pm (application deadline)

Camp Counselors (Instructor I) -- Pay: \$10.50/hour

These instructors implement existing program curriculum or non-formal education activities. They work in a team to teach thematic programs for participants of all ages, utilize best practices in teaching and non-formal techniques and child/group management, and may be asked to assist in the assessment of learner outcomes and mentor youth or adult volunteers.

Camp Specialists (Instructor II) -- Pay: \$13.50/hour

Camp Specialists assist in creating and implementing thematic lessons and presentations for a variety of audiences using zoo exhibits, hands-on activities, animal bio-facts and discovery stations. These staff members provide input and

assist with program/presentation development, activity scheduling, classroom/program organization, program logistics, maintenance of teaching materials, requisition of supplies, and communication with education team leadership.

Assistant Camp Coordinator (Instructor III) -- Pay: \$15.00/hour

Assistant Camp Coordinators assist with coordinating and leading multi-faceted complex seasonal education programs or a program that requires advanced skills in teaching and/or animal handling.

To view the complete job descriptions, [click here](#). To view the Metro Job Center with information about how to apply for these positions [click here](#).

Job: Sierra Club Director, Oregon Chapter

The Sierra Club is searching for a vibrant, proven leader. This position is responsible for executing the strategic vision of an elected, volunteer executive committee and to sustain and expand the work of the Sierra Club as the leading grassroots environmental advocacy organization in the state. Managing a staff of three, and overseeing a current budget of approximately \$350,000, the director will have overall responsibility for the chapter's programs, including state lobbying, grassroots organizing, outdoor activities and public education. Successful candidates will have a passionate commitment to Oregon's environment and communities, a track record of successful fundraising, and a dedication to grassroots organizing and volunteer leadership development, and they will bring a spirit of inclusion and collaboration to their work.

For more information [click here](#).

Board: EarthShare Oregon

EarthShare Oregon is recruiting new board members for our upcoming fiscal year. Interested applicants can contact Jan Wilson at Jan@earthshare-oregon.org.

Internships & Volunteer: Tualatin Hills Parks & Rec

Camp Green Intern

Assist with providing engaging activities, preparing materials and supervising children ages 10-14 in all program activities. Positions available June-September. Minimum of 200 hours, up to 550 hours. Camp Green runs eight hours daily, Monday - Friday. Flexible schedules are available.

Nature Explorers Camp (NEC) Intern

Assist with the facilitation of engaging activities, preparing materials and supervising children ages 4-14 in all program activities to provide a safe, enjoyable and educational experience. Interns are expected to put in a minimum of 200 hours from June - September and must be available for four full weeks throughout the summer.

Outreach Intern

Programs are based out of the Tualatin Hills Nature Center and take place at parks, schools and community destinations throughout Beaverton, Oregon. This position will assist with program outreach. Interns are required to serve a minimum of 200 hours from June through September; positions can be expanded up to 550 hours if

needed. Outreach programs are scheduled weekdays, weekends and evenings over the summer months. Flexible schedules are available.

Nature Play Survey Volunteer

Nature Play is any kind of play that takes place in nature and/or with natural elements. This type of play has proven to be a valuable part of childhood development. Surveys of the district's [nature play areas](#) will help us better understand how these areas are being used. The work can be performed at any time of day, year-round. Volunteers are asked to perform surveys for a minimum of two hours, every two weeks, for a three-month period.

Nature Adoption Volunteer

The volunteer or group of volunteers will make designated improvements to an assigned park or portion of a park. Open to all ages. An adult must accompany children under 14. For individuals, a minimum eight hours per month for at least six months; for groups, a minimum of four projects and 60 hours over the duration of a year.

For more information about these positions, contact [Jubilee Brennem](#).

GPSEN Internships and Volunteering

There are many ways to [get involved](#) in GPSEN, either as an intern, volunteer, or committee or working group member. Credit and non-credit opportunities are available.

Grants & Resources

Grant: Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board

April 18 (application deadline)

OWEB provides grants to help Oregonians take care of local streams, rivers, wetlands and natural areas. OWEB will accept applications for Restoration and Technical Assistance. For more information [click here](#).

Grant: RiverHealth Stewardship Program

April 27 (application deadline)

The RiverHealth Stewardship Program is administered by Clackamas County Water Environment Services. Grants are available to groups who seek to improve the health of watersheds located within Clackamas County Service District No. 1. Grants up to \$30,000 are available for rainwater infiltration, environmental restoration, habitat improvement or pavement removal projects that improve watershed health, are visible to the general public and show a clear community benefit. For more

information [click here](#).

Grant: Nature in Neighborhoods Restoration and Community Stewardship

Deadline: May 16, 2016

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, getting rid of weeds, or restoring nature in the Portland metropolitan area, a Metro Nature in Neighborhoods restoration grant can help get your idea off the ground. In 2015, Metro awarded \$600,000 to 15 organizations for local restoration projects. Read more about the projects [here](#) or see examples of successful applications [here](#).

Fill out a simple application [HERE](#) by May 16 for habitat restoration grants up to \$50,000.

If you have additional questions, please visit www.oregonmetro.gov/grants or contact [Crista Gardner](#) or [Heather Nelson Kent](#).

Grant: Renewable Energy Educator Lab

May 25 (application deadline)

Solar 4R Schools announces open Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Renewable Energy Educator Lab, which is a year-long STEM curriculum design opportunity for teachers. Participating teachers will be part of a small group of educators that collaborate throughout the year to design, test and implement exciting new lessons into their classrooms while diving deeper into renewable energy science and technology. Along with access to renewable energy content experts, teachers also receive a \$5000 stipend and up to \$3500 in materials to test and implement up to 3 renewable energy units/lessons. These new units/lessons will become part of the Solar 4R Schools Online Educator Library, and available for use for teachers around the country. The Educator Lab runs from June 2016 - June 2017.

For more information about the opportunity and to download a copy of the RFP [click here](#).

Outdoor School Petition

"If Ever The World Needed Outdoor School, It Is Now." There's increasing evidence that making sure kids have a strong connection to the natural world is much more than just a nice idea; it can change lives. Research from Portland State University now correlates Outdoor School participation with improved attendance rates. Check out this [great guest article](#) on the topic from the Portland Tribune.

The benefits of Outdoor School are many. In Oregon, the time is now to save it. You can help. Please learn how you can get involved and [sign the online petition](#) today.

Resource: AASHE's Campus Sustainability Hub

The [Campus Sustainability Hub](#) is an online resource library that allows AASHE members to connect, share and learn about sustainability in higher education. The Hub is designed to raise visibility of institutions' sustainability programs and materials, and to facilitate information sharing between campuses and organizations. Users can submit resources to share information on their programs and achievements. Please see our [Submission Guidelines](#) to learn more.

Free Earth Day Program

"Remember the Rainforest" is an Eco education resource based on the explorers' expeditions of the 1800s. It can be used year-round for reports and projects with its extensive index, 700 pages of text and 1000s of downloadable images including Earth Day posters. [Check out the lessons.](#)

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