The school year has come to a close, and with it the end of another great year of Outdoor School! For this edition of the Woodcookie, we’d like to share with you some of the innovative, creative, and fun things that happened across the state. We share our gratitude to the intrepid educators working with and for the students of Oregon. We also share deep gratitude for you, our Outdoor School community of champions and supporters. With your unwavering support, we are able to ensure stable, adequate funding so that every child in Oregon has the opportunity to experience outdoor learning that inspires, challenges, and supports them to grow and learn. Enjoy these stories and have a wonderful summer!

**WHAT’S COMING UP**

- Over the course of ten weeks of night classes, Elmira High School students learned leadership skills while developing Outdoor School field study lesson plans. They taught those science lessons while also leading cabin groups, songs, and skits during their week at Sky Camp.
- MESD Outdoor School created a gear library where families can come and get clothes and equipment for free, reducing barriers to attendance.
- Pacifica launched their first-ever high school leadership program with a successful training program and enthusiastic teens.
- Baker Web Academy’s Outdoor School program brings together their students in person, often meeting for the first time. Two high school leaders met at ODS and ended up at prom together!
- In Butte Falls, high school students are building a natural resources learning center at a retired fish hatchery. They teach science to younger students using trails, bridges, greenhouses, gardens, and science labs they built!
- Northwest Outdoor Science School staff completely revamped their curriculum to support students’ scientific literacy and inquiry skills. Students used the phenomena they experienced in nature to design and conduct an investigation that they presented to their peers at the end of the week.
- Perrydale High School students created a home away from home for students in their cabins with thematic decorations and outfits.
- Rogue Outdoor School students used an increment borer to collect core samples of tree ring growth. They used the historical data they obtained to learn about weather and climate in southern Oregon.
- OSU Extension Service Outdoor School staff taught a series of thoughtful workshops to teachers around Oregon to help them better integrate the Outdoor School experience into the classroom.
- Community members and Outdoor School staff raised over $8000 in a golf tournament to provide scholarships to MESD high school leaders!
- Tillamook Outdoor School field study included sessions on mental health, empathy, and teamwork. Students engaged in hands-on and discussion experiences to learn about, for example, the physiology and psychology of anxiety and stress. They learned how to recognize and respond to anxiety and gained self-advocacy skills while outdoors in a natural setting.
- A student at Baker Web Academy said she couldn’t go to Outdoor School because of a schedule conflict. After digging deeper, the principal learned that the reason was that she was embarrassed that she didn’t have a sleeping bag. The principal and counselor drove from Bend to Klamath Falls to bring a sleeping bag to her so that she could attend.
- Outdoor School programs graciously hosted legislators on tours, teaching elected officials like Rep. Lucetta Elmer about the value of Outdoor School for students and creating champions in the process!