

Parks and Nature Sponsorships for Community-led Activities Spring 2019

AYCO Girls Leadership Hiking Trip

Recipient: African Youth Community Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This program promotes women's empowerment. This activity will bring girls of the African immigrant community, many whom have never had the opportunity to explore nature, to a Metro park to enjoy a new outdoor experience together.

AYCO Boys Leadership Hiking Trip

Recipient: African Youth Community Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This program promotes boys' leadership. This activity will bring boys of the African immigrant community, many whom have never had the opportunity to explore Oregon's pristine parks, to hike/ have a picnic and become more familiar with the outdoors.

Potluck by Brown Folks Fishing

Recipient: Brown Folks Fishing

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: "Potluck by Brown Folks Fishing" is a series of community building events that bring together various outdoor influencers and leaders of color to host a community potluck at several different park locations throughout the Portland Metro area.

Wayfinders Biomimicry Summer Camp

Recipient: Camp ELSO

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: The Biomimicry themed camp week will include a visit Sauvie Island Center/Howell Territorial Park to learn about the history of Sauvie Island exposing youth to new concepts like biomimicry and allowing them to connect with nature and local history/wildlife.

Reclaiming Spaces: Adding Our Stories

Recipient: Camp ELSO

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This event will take young children to explore parks and natural areas that are within their communities for free time and to build connection with elders who will talk about their connection to nature and how they experience and build relationships with the natural world.

Art and Nature for Latinos

Recipient: Familias en Accion

Sponsorship amount: \$2,800

Program summary: This program will engage the Latino community in art and nature activities to increase their involvement, knowledge and build a stronger community in the Portland Metro area.

Africa Immigrant and Refugee Youth Weekly Hikes

Recipient: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) – Africa House

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: African Immigrant and Refugee Youth enrolled in IRCO Africa House youth programs to go on weekly hiking trips to Metro Parks and Natural Areas over the summer and into the school year to get to know their new home, develop life-time outdoor habits, learn about stewardship and place, and culturally specific team-building in the outdoors.

Asian Family Celebration

Recipient: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) – Asian Family Center

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: An Asian Family Celebration at Blue Lake this summer will be an opportunity for families from Vietnam, Nepal, Bhutan, China, Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar to eat together, play games, enjoy fun family activities and learn about Portland's wonderful natural areas.

Middle East Family Celebration

Recipient: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: A Middle Eastern Family Celebration at Blue Lake this summer will be an opportunity for families from Syria, Jordan, Iraq, and Egypt to meet others with shared cultural heritage and overcome the isolation they sometimes feel living as refugees in a new country.

Pacific Islander Family Celebration

Recipient: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) – Asian Family Center

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: A Pacific Islander Family Celebration will be an opportunity for newcomer Pacific Islander Families from Chuuk and the Marshall Islands to connect with Tongan and Samoan families who have been in Portland for longer eat food together, play volleyball and other games.

Slavic Youth Leadership Trips

Recipient: Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) – Slavic Center

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: 15 emerging youth leaders from IRCO Slavic Immigrant and Refugee Youth Programs will engage in three leadership retreats at Metro Parks and Natural Areas over the 2019-2020 school year for team building activities as part of forming the IRCO Slavic Youth Counsel.

Gathering of Native Americans

Recipient: Native Wellness Institute

Sponsorship amount: \$3,000

Program summary: Three separate Native community gatherings will connect community members to the land, traditional medicines, each other and healing and wellness strategies including a mental health walk, a women's wellness gathering and a community Gathering of Native Americans.

Discovering Self-Care in Nature

Recipient: PDX ALLIANCE FOR SELF-CARE

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: A self-care discovery adventure (adaptable/accessible for everyone) including a nature walk with stations for healing plant identification, self-care kit making, and mindfulness exercises incorporating the sights, sounds, smells, and tactile opportunities available in nature.

Medicine Gathering at Oxbow Park

Recipient: Pacific Northwest Council of Water Protectors

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This gathering will bring indigenous and non-indigenous people together in the twin causes of protecting our sacred waters and strengthening the sovereignty of tribal nations with the theme of “Warrior Women Protecting Mother Earth.”

Outdoor Mentoring in Urban Greenspaces for Diverse Youth

Recipient: Urban Nature Partners PDX

Sponsorship amount: \$3,000

Program summary: Support one-on-one mentorship with mentors of color and access to summer exploration and programming including outdoor clothing and gear for youth of color ages 9-15.

Mazingira Bora (Healthy Environment)

Recipient: Risen Community

Sponsorship amount: \$900

Program summary: A community walk, getting everyone out of the homes together with their families and friends to be outside and enjoy healthy picnic food.

Club Aves

Recipient: Verde

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Club Aves participants spend their time exploring natural areas, learning about native birds, animals and plants; all while fostering community with peers and growing their interest in the natural world.

Plotting the Course

Recipient: Wild Diversity

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Reducing barriers for POC & LGBTQ youth and adults to enjoy educational activities and build a relationship with the different bodies of water that are in close proximity to where they live.