

Parks and Nature Sponsorships for Community-led Activities Fall 2019

BIPOC Family Retreat

Recipient: Transformative Living Community, International

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: TLC, Int'l will organize an opportunity for families and friends of color to connect and commune with one another in a natural environment. People of color often do not feel safe camping alone, this large group setting will provide a greater sense of security.

CCC Community Building Retreat

Recipient: Coalition of Communities of Color

Sponsorship amount: \$3,410

Program summary: CCC will host a retreat for member organizations at Oxbow Regional Park. This will be an opportunity for knowledge sharing and community building among organizations.

Climbing Stewards Event

Recipient: PDX Climbers of Color

Sponsorship amount: \$2,100

Program summary: The Climbing Stewards Event aims to diversify the faces, experiences, and relationships of greater Portland's natural areas through a LOVE of climbing rocks, doing restoration work, and eating at potlucks!

Embracing Girl Power on Purpose

Recipient: Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Members of the Portland Alumnae Chapter and students from St. Andrew Nativity School will spend a day at a Metro park, engaging in STEM-related activities with a Metro naturalist to explore the forest and identify ways to help restore and protect natural spaces.

Grounding Waters Environmental Science Mentoring Program

Recipient: The Blueprint Foundation

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Grounding Waters is a mentoring program that prepares Black high school youth for careers in environmental science through place-based learning and community enhancement projects including stewardship and learning projects.

Latino Outdoors PDX Outing

Recipient: Latino Outdoors PDX

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: A large Community- gathering for the Latinx community and our local partners to connect with nature and build community. Activities may include: camping, nature-based and multicultural education, ancestral skills, “ted talks”, discussion panels, music and dance.

Leadership Development Training

Recipient: Wild Diversity

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: We want to build up more queer/trans leaders and leaders of color to support our programing and outdoor adventures for 2020. Training our leaders in safety and risk management will create safe and welcoming spaces for BIPOC and LGBTQ folx in the outdoors.

Nature & Me

Recipient: WomenFirst Transition & Referral Center

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: WomenFirst Transition & Referral Center is a grass-roots organization that provides nourishing environments where women can rebuild their lives. Nature & Me will give women an opportunity to connect with nature in a positive way and see the benefits it can bring.

Portland POC Hikes

Recipient: Portland POC Hikes

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This is a series of hikes that focus on introducing POC to the

outdoors through plant ID and stream/lake/river/etc ecology and cleanups while also including nature photography using the "professional" setting on their cellphone.

The Greater Middle East Family Celebration

Recipient: Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This event will be an opportunity for families from Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Iran, Afghanistan and elsewhere to learn about local parks and meet others with a shared cultural heritage to overcome the isolation they sometimes feel living as refugees in a new country.

Verde Landscape's Worker-centered Nature Retreat and Career Pathways Learning at Oxbow Regional Park

Recipient: Verde

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: All crew members and their three management staff will connect with nature in a meaningful way, build and strengthen relationships among the Landscape team, and learn about environmental career opportunities for and from POC and in Spanish.