

Parks and Nature Sponsorships for Community-led Activities Spring 2020

Canoeing for Beginners

Recipient: People of Color Outdoors

Sponsorship amount: \$3,494

Program summary: This canoeing outing will include a basic water safety lesson, paddle lesson, instructions on how to properly enter and exit a canoe, and basic canoe care, canoes, paddles and life jackets. Participants will also learn to identify area inhabitants while on the water and share a picnic meal afterwards.

Girls' Trip

Recipient: African Youth & Community Organization (AYCO)

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: 30 African immigrant girls will participate in outdoor to support them in connecting with nature and realizing all the health benefits that can be gained by being outside.

Latina Women: Healing through Environmental Stewardship

Recipient: Adelante Mujeres

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Latina Women: Healing through Environmental Stewardship will provide enhanced culturally-specific adult programming services on environmental education and stewardship opportunities for Latina students and their families.

Latino Outdoors 3-part outing series 2020-2021

Recipient: Latino Outdoors PDX

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: A three-part outing series to a diverse sample of Metro parks and natural areas with a focus on riparian and watershed ecosystems with the objective of building community among outing participants and rapport between Portland metro's Latinx community and Metro.

People of Color Outdoors & iUrban Teen Geology and Old Growth Walk

Recipient: People of Color Outdoors

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: This is a gathering of children, teens and adults from iUrban Teen and People of Color Outdoors for nature based educational activities and interactive presentations, which will include history, basic geology, and the impact that Estella Ehlebe had on old growth at Oxbow Park.

Potluck by Brown Folks Fishing

Recipient: Brown Folks Fishing

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: A series of community building events that brings together various communities and leaders of color to host a potluck at several parks throughout the Metro area, to create an accessible and safe space for people of color to gather and participate in guided nature walks, fishing activities and lessons, and conservation work.

Rumbo al Rio

Recipient: Centro Cultural del Condado de Washington

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Rumbo al Rio engages all ages of the Latinx community and connects community with nature to freely enjoy and gain a deeper understanding of our home of Washington County, through an introduction to kayaking, a cook-out, STEAM activities for youth, and interactive nature walk.

Self-Care in Nature Walk

Recipient: PDX Alliance for Self-Care (PDX ASC)

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: The Self-Care in Nature Walk offers nature education and healing-plant identification, mindfulness and self-care kit-making activities, introductory yoga, journaling, and archery workshops in nature, plus opportunities to meet culturally relevant community partners who can expand participants' opportunities to connect with self-care and nature.

Soccer in the Park and Fishing Education

Recipient: African Youth & Community Organization (AYCO)

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: The focus of this soccer and fishing activity in nature is to expose the kids to nature so that they become lifelong enthusiasts of wellness and physical activity and build on their leadership and team work skills.

Two Nature Education Activities for Elevate Oregon Summer Transition Program Students

Recipient: Elevate Oregon

Sponsorship amount: \$3,500

Program summary: Students will gain familiarity with nature and environmental concepts under the guidance of Elevate's trained, culturally responsive TeacherMentors, in collaboration with Metro staff.

