HIGHLIGHTS OF 2018

• Columbia Springs nearly doubled its environmental stewardship event capacity, hosting a total of 21 stewardship events, where 375 volunteers gave 1,966.5 hours towards restoration and maintenance.

• 62 campers were reached over the course of two weeks of summer camp! 10 of these students participated with a full scholarship, through partner organizations like Habitat for Humanity and SHARE.

• 25 campers were returning for their 2nd, 3rd or even 4th year in a row!

• Six high school summer camp interns and two volunteers contributed 628 hours to summer camp programming, including training, preparation and working directly with campers.

• 781 students, teachers and chaperones attended this year's Columbia River Watershed Festival at Salmon Creek Park (Klineline Pond).

• 12 community organizations came together with staff and volunteers to offer environmental learning stations at the Columbia River Watershed Festival. In total, 51 partners, staff and volunteers were on site each day to make the event a success.

• Columbia Springs staff and volunteers attended many City of Vancouver events including Critter Count, Watershed Congress, Sturgeon Festival and more, reaching over 1,300 people.

SUMMER CAMP SUCCESS

The City of Vancouver and Waste Connections Inc partner with Columbia Springs each year to bring Nature Nuts Summer Day Camp to the community. These partnerships allow students to learn the important skills of caring for our planet, while spending their days outside and immersed in nature.

From feeding lunch scraps to the worms to playing recycle relay and creating recycled art crafts, campers absorb valuable information about waste-reduction, recycling, composting and more!

Community Volunteers also lend their expertise by leading special learning activities. Ellen Wilson (pictured above) led an amazing owl presentation for campers this year!

"My son absolutely loved camp. The teachers and camp counselors were fantastic—kind, helpful and taught them so much. He learned about recycling and compost and now he better understands why I compost and he wants to help!" - Alissa, Parent
SUMMER CAMP INTERN REFLECTIONS

"The most surprising part of my summer camp experience was realizing that I can be a leader. As the summer camp weeks went on I saw how I was able to take the lead in ways I did not realize before." - Caroline, Age 16

"I would LOVE to work for a non-profit organization again, especially if it's something that I have interest in. When this internship was over I just got this amazing feeling, like I accomplished something in life." - Ben, Age 16

"Now I better understand what it takes to be a good leader and the kind of personality traits that a leader needs to possess. I can use these skills that I have gained in so many job opportunities and other scenarios in the future." - Josh, Age 16

LESSONS LEARNED FOR SUMMER CAMP 2019

What worked: We provided additional training and added some new training topics for interns including emotional safety and growth mindset. We also did a better job of setting expectations for professional behavior including dress code, punctuality, and documentation.

What didn’t work: We got in over our heads on morning craft activities, spending a ton of time prepping materials, organizing, setting up, cleaning up and training interns on how to facilitate the craft. We over-planned activities and didn’t have time to get to all the things we planned and prepped.

What we’ll do differently in 2019: Less is more will be the mantra of activity planning in 2019. This will allow us to have flexibility for a more camper guided experiences, based on their interest and abilities. It will also create a more grounded and less rushed experience in nature. Most importantly, using and preparing less materials will model the “reduce” ethos of our waste-reduction themed camp and allow students to experience the joy and ease of simply using less stuff. With less prep time we will be able to add a half hour to the time campers are on-site, which is really what it’s all about.

How did you hear about camp?

- Regulars 12%
- Word of Mouth 30%
- Facebook 6%
- Walk-in 24%
- Email 8%
- Event 6%
- Field Trip 14%

"My son said this was the best camp EVER! I just love that he has the opportunity to be outside—so few camps do that. It left him with a calm and happiness at the end of each camp day!" - Alissa, Parent
SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Brother and sister pair, Talia "Butterfly" and Tre "Tree" Taylor were able to attend summer nature day camp on a full scholarship through a partnership with SHARE. Staff at SHARE have worked with their family through episodes of homelessness and instability. Currently, the pair did have housing with their mom in a small Vancouver apartment, but had to get up really early, take two buses and travel for over an hour and half to attend to camp each day.

Talia and Tre LOVED their experience at Columbia Springs. Particularly when they were able to learn about local native plants, make sun tea from conifer needles and just spend time in the forest. They both enjoyed learning about and building wilderness shelters. And of course, all the games were a hit! Pictured to the right is Talia running from her brother Tre after soaking him with a sponge during a game of "Water Goose" at the end of the camp day.

COLUMBIA SPRINGS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

2018 was an exciting year for the Columbia Springs Volunteer Program. The program expanded its capacity in a variety of ways, including increased overall volunteer engagement, the development of a volunteer committee, expansion of volunteer roles, several capital improvement projects, and an increase in stewardship events.

- Total Volunteer Hours: 6,853.75 (14.7% growth from 2017)
- 1,672 total volunteer shifts filled by 558 volunteers (36% growth from 2017)
- Hosted 21 park stewardship events that engaged 375 volunteers. Planted 896 native trees and shrubs as part of restoration efforts.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM GROWTH

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Volunteer Hours by Category
- K-12 Education: 1,737.75
- SITC Volunteers: 350.5
- Stewardship & Park Maintenance: 1,966.5 hours
- Docent Activities: 66
- Event Volunteers: 639.75
- Total hours includes hours given by board members, committees, and other volunteer activities not captured by this grant or specified categories.
VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

With the support of Hewlett-Packard Volunteers (HP) and our own dedicated volunteer leaders, we completed two structural improvements to our site that greatly improve our services for on-site education.

- **Wetland Platforms Accessibility Upgrade**: Over two days, 11 HP volunteers gave 44 hours to re-deck the wetland platform, add a new platform, add bumper guards, and develop an entrance ramp. These additions provide more accessibility for students with limited mobility to fully participate in this interactive learning station during our field trips.

- **East Biddle Bridge**: Over the course of four days, 26 HP volunteers gave 104 hours to re-deck the East Biddle Bridge, which connects Heron Loop to the East Biddle Lake. Previously, the bridge had been narrow with only one hand rail. The new bridge is large enough to accommodate walkers in both directions and has sturdier handrails on both sides. This bridge, used by students during field trips, is now much more safe and inviting. We hope this will encourage more park visitors to explore the eastern part of our site.

DOCENT PROGRAM

In 2017, guided walks were scheduled twice a month and volunteers were responsible for developing and delivering specific topics at each walk. However, we struggled to keep attendance consistent at each walk and volunteers expressed feeling concerned about their ability to deliver subject specific material.

In 2018, four new docents joined our docent program and completed an 8-week, 16-hour training series to learn in-depth information about Columbia Springs and Pacific Northwest ecology, wildlife, and fish hatchery functions. **We adjusted the training so that all docents learned a standardized guided tour, with specific talking points we wanted all volunteers to discuss.** The tour leads participants on a 1-hour tour through the Vancouver Trout Hatchery and Heron Loop trail. **Volunteers expressed feeling much more confident in their ability to lead a standardized tour following our training.**

In 2018 we scheduled a guided walk for every 2nd Wednesday of the month, April – October which resulted in 7 events total. **We had an average of 20 participants at each walk, with a total of 145 guided walk attendees.** Each walk was led by two docents, with a total of 10 volunteers participating. This success has led us to replicate the same schedule for 2019. We intend to add additional, topic-specific walks on weekends for docents who feel confident leading a more technical walk.

In addition to the guided walks, docents are expected to serve in the Columbia Springs Visitor Center and host interpretive activities throughout our site. Unfortunately, the Visitor Center was under development for the majority of 2018 due to renovations and construction. Docents also felt that the interpretive activities were difficult to host on their own. **Looking into the future, we are excited to have more volunteers in our visitor center, which will be re-launched in April 2019.** In addition, we plan to change our format for interpretive weekend activities—we will host multiple activities in our Visitor Center, classroom, and throughout the park once a month.
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COLUMBIA RIVER WATERSHED FESTIVAL

... at Klineline Pond in Salmon Creek Park!

2017 Columbia River Watershed Festival
Teacher Feedback Report
32 teachers reporting

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What people are saying about the Columbia River Watershed Festival:

- "Melissa (our class guide) was super critical to our success and was wonderful, kind and helpful! All the presenters were extremely approachable and amazing educators. Fabulous job, everyone!" - Royce Andrews, Hazel Dell Teacher
- "Such a great day! My class learned so much (me too) and the content aligns perfectly with what we are teaching!!" - Emily Mundy, Anderson Elementary Teacher
- "You all do such a wonderful job! Great setup, everyone knows where they need to be, and you treat volunteers/presenters so well with your generous food and snack layout!" - Sonja, Mount Saint Helens Institute Presenter
- "You guys are the best! Excellent event. Teachers and kids both get so much out of it and you all host it so well." - Melissa Johnston, Partner
- "The best part of the festival is interacting with new students in an outdoor environment and being there while they make discoveries about the natural world." - Shane Carter, Water Resources Education Center
- "This was my first watershed festival and it was extremely well organized. The layout was easy to follow and everyone seemed to have a great time. I really enjoyed the presentations." - Jana Grote, Volunteer

IN NUMBERS!

- 8 schools attended from Vancouver Public School District, Evergreen Public Schools and Our Lady of Lourdes.
- A total of 30 classes of 4th graders attended.
- Over 781 people attended the festival including students, teachers and chaperones.
- 12 community partners came together with staff and volunteers to offer environmental learning stations.
- In total, 51 partners, staff and volunteers were on site each day to make the event a success.

2018 COLUMBIA RIVER WATERSHED FESTIVAL STATIONS INCLUDED:
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| Watershed Festival           | 661        | 120      | 781   |
| Summer Nature Camps          | 62         | 0        | 62    |
| **Totals**                   | 1043       | 281      | 1324  |

An example of the stewardship award/newsletter that each camper receives at the end of the week is on page 7.
TALES FROM THE TRAIL

Nature Nuts Summer Day Camp | July 17, 2018 | Columbia Springs Environmental Education

Wow! What a Week!!!

Wondering why your camper came home each day tired and happy? Let me clue you in to some of our activities this week...

Our youngest campers, in the Dragonfly Cabin, had a chance to catch water bugs out of the wetlands, dissect owl pellets, practice daily nature yoga and engage their inner artist in forest based water color painting!

The Foxglove Cabin also had a busy, busy week... They built survival shelters AND had a chance to play tracker-seeker (an extreme, team-based game of hide and seek in the forest) AND create their own "Eagle Eyes"! They also constructed nature journals, went hiking, went bug hunting and completed a salmon habitat challenge by constructing a salmon stream.

Our oldest crew of campers, the Worm Cabin, had adventures galore! They also collected bugs from the wetlands, but then they brought them up to the lab and checked them out under microscopes... so cool! They also had a chance to play tracker-seeker and as a cabin they chose to complete a service project (which we’re so grateful for!!) at our nature play area.

On top of all that each of our campers had the chance to enjoy a fun and creative "up-cycled" recycle craft each morning followed by all camp games. It was hot this week, so water-based games like "water goose" and "sponge relay" were VERY popular!!

All in all we couldn't ask for a better week with a better crew of campers. From our education team at Columbia Springs, thank you so much for joining us at Nature Nuts Summer Day Camp. We can't wait to see everyone again next year!

- Ms. Fern

Take a peek! (Photo descriptions):
1. Campers learn from Waste Connections staff all about how much garbage we create, where it goes and how to create less waste.
2. Foxglove cabin learned all about salmon and completed a habitat challenge to construct their own salmon stream.
3. All camp game every morning is a great way to start the day!
4. Dragonfly cabin had a chance to solve the mystery: "What did my owl eat for dinner?" by dissecting owl pellets!

Each camper receives a stewardship award at the end of camp with a short newsletter on back that they can share with their parents about environmental stewardship and waste reduction!

Partners Make it Possible

The City of Vancouver and Waste Connections Inc partner with Columbia Springs each year to bring Nature Nuts Summer Day Camp to the community. These partnerships allow students to learn how to care for our planet, while spending their days outside and immersed in nature.

When we feed lunch scraps to the worms, play the recycle relay, and make recycled crafts, campers absorb valuable information about waste-reduction, recycling, composting and more!

What household items do you normally cast away that could be used for crafting? Check out some of our favorite recycled art projects from camp, made from plastic spoons and paper plates!!
Dear Columbia Springs' Community,

Columbia Springs connected nearly 19,000 people with nature in 2018. Our field trips reached over 6,000 children and supported in-class learning for 250 teachers. With growing community support, we were able to improve the quality of our educational and experiential opportunities for people of all ages. We are looking forward to continuing to achieve new heights in 2019 with your help.

The number of site volunteers increased by 22% and the number of hours they gave more than doubled in 2018. Committed volunteers helped to complete major projects such as building a new wetland dock that is ADA accessible. Our field trips use the wetland docks daily. Now students in wheelchairs can have the same experience as other students at this learning station.

Our new Repair Clark County Program, supported by a grant from the Washington Department of Ecology, partnered with organizations around the county to host 8 events. Volunteers fixed 855 broken household items for free. One of our most successful events in 2018 was hosted by Smith Tower Apartments, a low-income senior home. Volunteers were able to fix items such as walkers, helping to restore mobility to residents.

Our Field Trip Program taught over 6,000 grade-school students about science and nature using Next Generation Science Standards. Our educators attended lectures and conferences to learn about the best practices for environmental education to refine our programs. Our goal, for students to go home feeling they can be successful at science, was achieved according to the hundreds of thank you letters we received.

Salmon in the Classroom, funded by Clark Public Utilities, provided new and meaningful activities to students. Since 2016, we have doubled the number of student contacts in Clark County schools. This is possible because of the support we receive from our dedicated classroom teachers and our skilled staff.

Our Events Program grew in numerous ways. Kids Fishing Festival and Family Nature Festival saw a 26% increase in attendance. We partnered with a record number of organizations and volunteers to host activities and walks, providing more opportunities for participants.

A grant awarded by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust allowed us to hire a Development Director, Dave Eiteland, in 2018. Dave has over 30 years of experience in charitable giving. We are excited to see how Columbia Springs will continue to grow and improve our programs with increased financial support.

Supporters like you empower Columbia Springs to continue to provide excellent programs and services in 2019 and beyond. Thank you for helping us to create a community of life-long learners and nature stewards.

Sincerely,
Columbia Springs Staff and Board of Directors
Thank you 2018 Partners, Donors and Sponsors!

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Columbia Credit Union
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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

K-12 EDUCATION

- Hosted a record number (248) of on-site field trips.
- Reached over 7,066 students, teachers and chaperones.
- Columbia River Watershed Festival hosted 30 classes and 781 people.
- 1/6 of summer camp attendees were able to participate on a full scholarship.

SALMON IN THE CLASSROOM

- A Fingerling ID activity in the fall utilized staff and volunteers to provide 1,116 students a meaningful classroom experiences, almost doubling our student contacts.
- Offered six different learning opportunities for in-class activities.
- Provided by Clark Public Utilities.

REPAIR CLARK COUNTY

- Hosted 8 events around the county. Fixed 855 items with an 84% fix rate.
- Volunteer hours increased 6x.
- Served more participants with less wait times.

VOLUNTEERING

- 560 volunteers (36% growth).
- 6,870 hours (15% growth).
- Stewardship volunteers gave 1,299.7 hours (51% growth) to complete impactful projects such as upgrading our wetland dock to be ADA accessible.

EVENTS

- Record number of attendees at our on-site festivals.
- 26% increase from 2017, providing more children with low-cost nature-based learning activities.
- We were able to offer more engaging activities thanks to our volunteers, partners and committed staff members.

18,937 people directly served through our programs.

$135,229.13 received as in-kind donations to support our programs.

REVENUE

- Partnerships: $263,695.29
- Corporate: $75,599.06
- Individual: $50,064.66
- Earned Revenue: $64,934.99
- Special Events: $21,409.00

Total: $475,703.00

EXPENSES

- Programs: $371,513.00
- Administration: $77,510.00
- Grounds and Facilities: $2,570.00
- Development: $34,887.00

$78,177.00 was taken out of our restricted funds for Visitor Center improvements

Total: $486,480.00

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"I have one of the best jobs in the world because I get to volunteer at Columbia Springs. Many of the kids have never even been in the forest before and it fills my heart with joy when you see their enthusiasm during these field trips. Columbia Springs is a true gem in our community."

– Cliff, education volunteer

Volunteer. Donate. Advocate. Join our Columbia Springs community today!

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