Our Mission…

The Columbia River Gorge Information and Education (I&E) staff work to promote public stewardship of fish and wildlife resources and support for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The I&E staff work for the Carson, Little White Salmon, Spring Creek and Willard National Fish Hatcheries (NFH) and the Lower Columbia River Fish Health Center.

Columbia River Gorge National Fish Hatchery Complex

Outreach Notes

2012

Who is the Complex?

Carson National Fish Hatchery

Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery

Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery

Willard National Fish Hatchery

Events

- HUGS (Help Us Grow Safely) Fair (700 contacts)
- Wagons to Wildflowers (100 contacts)
- Water Jam 2012 (425 participants)
- Benton County Salmon Summit (400 contacts)
- USFS Fish Education Day (500 participants)
- Hood River County Fair (400 contacts)
- Trout Lake Community Fair (75 contacts)
- Carson NFH Disabled Fishing Day (65 participants)
- Carson NFH Kid's Fishing Day (700 contacts)
- Spring Creek NFH Open House (325 visitors)

Condit Experiential Learning Project

The goal of this project was to provide a science-based, locally relevant, experiential education program focused on removal of Condit Dam. Learning opportunities included: field trips, in-class presentations, water quality monitoring, habitat surveys, habitat restoration, Condit Dam informational booth at community events, library art show and displays. The grant culminated with an "Opening of the White Salmon River" parade during the White Salmon Art and Wine Fusion, July 2012. The large salmon (seen to the right, during the parade) was an art project by a local White Salmon high school student. This effort was funded by a Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund grant in partnership with Yakama Nation Fisheries Program and Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group.

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Partnerships

- Benton County Conservation Dist.
- Boy Scouts of America
- Clark County Public Utilities
- Columbia Gorge Comm. College
- Columbia Gorge Ecology Institute
- Columbia Riverkeeper
- Conboy Lake NWR
- Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs
- Educational Service District 112
- Educational Service District 74
- Grant Public Utility District
- Hood River Soil Conservation
- Klickitat County Solid Waste
- Mid-Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group
- Mount Hood Community College
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Northwest Service Academy
- OR Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon State Parks
- Skamania County Solid Waste
- Stevenson Parks & Rec
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Forest Service
- Underwood Conservation District
- Vancouver Water Resources Education Center
- WA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- WA State Parks
- WA State University, Vancouver
- Whitson Elementary PTO
- Yakama Nation Fisheries Program

Archery as an Outreach Tool!

June 2012…both the Information and Education Manager and Assistant attended the National Conservation Training Center sponsored training for archery. Archery as an outreach tool is an outdoor conservation program focusing on interactions with people and wildlife. It teaches students how to interact with the natural world by developing basic skills of archery. It also teaches an appreciation of what is around them and enhances their encounters with the outdoors. Both ladies are certified Basic Archery Instructor Trainers as part of the National Archery in the Schools Program. They will incorporate archery into local school physical education programs, work with special interest groups to provide archery opportunities and also offer archery events at the hatcheries.

Schoolyard Habitat Update

A Confluence Project grant funded the creation of a Salmon Water Fountain located in the Native Pollinator Garden at Whitson Elementary School, White Salmon, WA. The fountain theme is salmon and their interconnectedness to everything. It was an all school project that involved our office, local artists and community members.

Outdoor Learning:

- **Bass Lake Field Day** Kindergarten students from Whitson Elementary learn about stream, meadow and forest habitats in this unique opportunity offered in partnership with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rangers.
- **Camp Wa-Ri-Ki** 5th graders from Carson Elementary gather for an overnight experience & learn about forest, meadow & stream habitats.
- **Water Jam** Students who participated in Salmon in the Classroom culminate their salmon unit with an extraordinary outdoor day of learning. Many partners make this unique opportunity a reality. The day is complete with a concert by Recycle Man and the Dumpster Divers.

- **Camp Cowabunga** 2nd graders from Whitson Elementary experience all facets of the outdoors: pollinators, ethno-botany, and a unique nature walk.
- **Conboy Lake NWR Field Day** 2nd graders from Whitson Elementary join our staff for an outdoor day of hiking and learning at the refuge. Students focus on pollinators and sharpen their sensory skills looking and listening for wildlife and learning about different refuge habitats.