

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, Eagle Creek, 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

2013



Events

- Water Jam 2013 (425 participants)
- Benton County Salmon Summit (400 contacts)
- USFS Fish Education Day (500 participants)
- Oregon State University 4-H Camp Morrow
- Henkle Middle School Summer School
- 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)
- Wenatchee River Salmon Festival (500 visitors)
- Parkdale Salmon Days (100 students)

Who is the Complex?

Carson National Fish Hatchery
Eagle Creek National Fish Hatchery
Little White Salmon National Fish Hatchery
Spring Creek National Fish Hatchery
Willard National Fish Hatchery

Benefits of Afterschool Programs

Families across the country are beginning to recognize the tremendous benefits a quality afterschool program can provide. They offer an array of activities not always available during the traditional school day; these programs give students many opportunities for growth and learning they might not find elsewhere.

Afterschool Programs...

- ✓ Can enhance children's academic achievement
- ✓ Support children's social development and their relationships with adults and peers
- ✓ Can lessen risky behaviors, such as drug, alcohol and tobacco use, by providing young people with positive and healthy alternatives
- ✓ May keep young people from committing crimes and from juvenile delinquency.



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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 Enhancement Group
- Mount Hood Community College
- National Marine Fisheries Service
- Northwest Service Academy
- OR Dept. of Fish & Wildlife
- Oregon State Parks
- Oregon State University 4-H
- 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

Schools Out...Let's Start Learning!

The Columbia Gorge Information and Education Office participates regularly in afterschool programs throughout the Columbia River Gorge. We actively seek out partnerships with schools to provide fun, hands-on educational opportunities for students. We provide archery to area schools as an afterschool 4-week unit. Archery is an activity that students of all abilities and sizes can participate in and achieve success. Archery can boost student's confidence and empower them in other aspects of their lives. Once kids experience the thrill of success in archery, they realize that through proper instruction, practice and a positive attitude they can accomplish many things. We also provide an array of other hands-on, natural resource education opportunities for afterschool learning such as owls, pelts/tracks, insects, bats and native plant lessons.



Owl lesson, partner: U.S. Forest Service



Afterschool archery program

Schoolyard Habitat Update

In October, Columbia High School Horticulture students mentor Whitson Elementary 1st graders in putting their gardens "to bed" for the winter. All old vegetables were pulled up, the beds were covered with newspaper and then covered with compost. This partnership will continue this spring for preparing the beds for planting just after spring break.



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 culminates 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.