

OCRF Grant Project Completion Report

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife

Introduction

Project Name*

OCRF 2024-79 Westwind Camp Scholarship Program

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Upon completion of the project, please complete this Final Report document and submit it before the Project Expiration Date in the Agreement. The information you provide will be used for accountability and reporting and displayed to the general public. Please be as clear and concise as possible and avoid jargon or acronyms.

Project Location*

Otis, Oregon

Actual Impact Measurement Unit

Miles Acres

Number of volunteers engaged

Acre Feet

Other (please explain)

Scholarships provided/low-income children experiencing outdoor recreation

Oregon Conservation Strategy Species *

List the Oregon Conservation Strategy Species and Oregon Conservation Strategy Opportunity Areas that the Project benefited.

Final Report Questions

Project Statement*

Briefly describe what the project accomplished and the problem(s) it addressed. Make a clear and concise statement; avoid jargon and acronyms.

Westwind Camp Scholarship Program provided financial assistance to help over 60 children and family members attend spring or summer programming at Camp Westwind on the Oregon Coast. Because of this financial assistance, these individuals were able to spend their time at camp creating community and experiencing the natural world.

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Summary of Goals*

Describe how project goals, objectives, and/or milestones were completed. Discuss any measurable and achieved benefits (# of volunteers engaged, acreage restored, retrofits, planning documents created, research results, etc.).

60 individuals received as much as \$1200 toward the cost of a camp session at Westwind through the Westwind Camp Scholarship Program (Camperships). We are aware that barriers to participation are not only financial; many participants require assistance with transportation to and from camp, as well as access to appropriate outdoor gear like sturdy shoes and sleeping bags. Our campership program accounts for these additional needs and provides support wherever possible.

Westwind's campership program has been serving youth in Oregon for nearly two decades, providing thousands of campers with access to transformative outdoor experiences. Many camp families apply for support directly through Westwind, but a majority of participants are supported through community partner organizations that serve a diverse range of under-resourced children and families.

The Westwind team first met with representatives from each partner organization to best determine the needs of their clients and determine how Westwind can best serve them. Then, we held in-person and virtual meetings with each organization to introduce our programs, answer questions, and assist with registration for interested families. As camp season got nearer, we continued to work with families and our partner organizations to ensure each participant is prepared to attend Westwind; we provided thorough packing lists, sample schedules, and safety information to each family.

Representatives from each Campership Partner program sat on a panel for our counselors at staff training in June. Each organization made a presentation about their

organization and who they serve. They are able to share the experiences and unique needs of their clients. After the panel, they spend time with the staff to answer any lingering questions and offer advice.

We remain engaged with the organizations and individual families through the entire process, from registration in early April through the end of their Westwind experience. We also follow up with surveys and requests for feedback to ensure we are providing the highest level of service and support to our partners. Many campers return year after year, developing valuable skills and fostering lifelong friendships.

Partner organizations include Catholic Charities of Oregon (immigrant & refugee families), Family Promise of Lincoln County (families experiencing homelessness), Family Preservation Project (children with currently/formerly incarcerated mothers), Raphael House (women and children experiencing domestic violence), AG Bell (deaf & hard-of-hearing youth), South Coast Pride (LGBTQIA+ youth), and Kairos Coastline Services (low-income families).

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Lessons Learned*

Describe lessons learned and challenges faced during the grant performance period. Examples being delays, contractual issues, permitting, funding, changes to the project Scope of Work or amendments, etc.

This year, Westwind experienced less available funding than in past years. We scrambled to help our partners find additional resources and to create payment plans for families if we were unable to provide them with a full campership.

We learned that most people are willing to adjust along with us as we looked for creative solutions.

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Next Steps*

Describe any next steps for the project, if any.

Westwind will continue our Campership program yearly for the foreseeable future, as long as funding is available.

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Attachments

Include all project data collected, such as surveys, reports, PDF maps, photo monitoring and planning documents. Upload any color photographs of the Project area(s) before and after the Project completion taken at the pre-set photo points as one document.

Optional Document URL

If documents are stored in an accessible location such as Dropbox, you may enter the url here.

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Certification

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Certifying Statement*

I certify that the above and attached information is true and accurate.

Choices

Yes

Applicant Authorized Representative Name*

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Authorized Representative Title*

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