PORTLAND
AUDUBON
TOGETHER FOR NATURE

OUTDOOR
SCHOOL
PROGRAM OPTIONS

Portland Audubon is uniquely suited to offer in-depth Outdoor School curriculum that is tailored to teacher’s interests and student’s grade level, providing immersive nature education that inspires and educates kids about the natural world. Whether it’s a traditional overnight experience or day-long explorations, we have flexible options to make Outdoor School possible for everyone.

Come to our Outdoor School site located adjacent to the Bull Run Watershed about an hour away from Portland. At Marmot Outdoor School your students will be able to fully immerse themselves in the outdoors by using all of their senses. While hiking through the forest your students will learn about the interaction of organisms within ecosystems, how plants and animals are constrained or flourish depending on their environment and how humans have affected our environment! During a week of Outdoor School your students will engage in hands-on learning that directly connects to either your 5th or 6th grade standards.

- Learn about Growth and Development of Organisms through forest hikes where your students will investigate first hand why organisms develop different traits and the Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems
- Discover new plants and learn how to identify them through identification on hikes and species profiles which use field guides and observation to obtain, evaluate and communicate new information.
- Handle animal specimens and learn about how specific adaptations that aid in the Growth and Development of Organisms
- Investigate nurse logs and learn about a forest’s food webs to better understand the Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms
- Learn about our local forests and both the productive and destructive human impact on these earth systems.

OPTION A:
Immersive Wilderness Experience

- Three days, two nights at Marmot
- ODS FOR ALL: $300/student - includes one teacher & two chaperones/class
- Inquire about 3 and 4 night options

IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19: Outdoor school programming can/will be adapted to fit current COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines. We have created a new option for in person day-long Outdoor School at Portland Audubon as an alternative to overnight ODS in lieu of COVID-19. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Abby Vanleuven at avanleuven@audubonportland.org.

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OPTION B: Bring Outdoor School to You

- **Field trips and visits to your classroom**, we can adjust # of days to your schedule
- **ODS For All**: four days - $260/student (includes one teacher & two chaperones/class)
- Inquire about 5 day options

If you can't make it to our ODS site and would prefer day programs, no worries, we can come to you! **With a combination of field trips to local wonders and in class hands on learning your students will gain a deeper appreciation and understanding for nature right in their backyard.** By traveling to some of Oregon’s greatest geological and local greenspaces your students will investigate the interaction between the geosphere, hydrosphere and biosphere. With their field journal to record their findings, students will learn about native species, how nutrients are recycled throughout an ecosystem and how geological forces can impact and form unique ecosystems. Every day students will be able to connect their learning to their own lives and understand how ecosystems are interconnected.

- Learn how geologic processes shaped Oregon’s landscape and the role of water in earth’s surface processes through field trips to beacon rock and the gorge
- Learn about the history of Salmon in our region and the cause and effect relationship of geological processes, life cycle and human impacts, have affected their populations.
- Learn about the eagle creek fire and how fire contributes to the cycling of matter and the nutrient cycle while hiking through burned areas.
- Handle animal specimens and learn about how the growth and development of organisms is aided by environmental conditions and specific adaptations.

OPTION C: Immersive ODS Experience at the Sanctuary

Days and timing can be adjusted to meet your needs.

- **ODS For All**: four days - $260/student (includes one teacher & two chaperones/class)
- **A great alternative** to overnight ODS during Covid-19
- Inquire about 5 day options

Come meet us at the Audubon Sanctuary in NW Portland for an immersive Outdoor School experience that’s close to home but still has the wilderness feel without the overnight component. **While hiking through the forest your students will learn about the interaction of organisms within ecosystems, how plants and animals are constrained or flourish depending on their environment and how humans have affected our environment!** Meet our Ambassador animals, interact with real specimens and learn about local creeks and watersheds. Every day students will be able to connect their learning to their own lives and understand how ecosystems are interconnected with hands-on learning that is directly connected to the 5th/6th grade standards.

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