

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee Members,

My name is Sophia Wagner, and I am a 5th grade student of Bonny Slope Elementary School in Beaverton, Oregon. I am writing to encourage you to vote in favor of the Outdoor School for All bill.

I went to Westwind Outdoor School in October of 2014, and it was one of the best experiences I have ever had. I learned so much about flora and fauna, as well as tips for surviving in the wilderness, cool songs, and so much more! I loved it, and I hope other students get the chance to enjoy this great place as well.

Another reason I think you should vote in favor of Outdoor School for every fifth and sixth grader in Oregon is the chance to meet new people. When you get sorted into cabins to sleep in for Outdoor School, they group you with people you never would have picked, and sometimes that leads to friendship with people you never even knew existed.

Lastly, Outdoor School for All is important to me because one of my best friends goes to Arbor School

of Arts and Sciences in Tualatin. She is a year younger than I am, and I really hope she will get the opportunity to go to Outdoor School like I did, and may do again in sixth grade.

Thank you! ♡

Sophia E. Wagner

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education  
Committee Members,

Hello, I'm Haley and I'm a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bonny Slope Elementary School. I think that every kid in Oregon should be given a chance to go to outdoor school, because most kids play video games all day. If every kid in Oregon went to outdoor school they would have a chance to connect with nature. Once kids come back from outdoor school kids may just stop playing video games all day, and go outside and play tag or something. Also kids will be able to see the forest by taking a hike, and learning about the estuary by catching ghost shrimp, and learn about the ocean by looking in tide pools for sea animals. Also it will help kids make new friends.

Sincerely  
Haley Monaghan,

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee Members,

I am a 5th grade student at Bonny Slope Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon. Outdoor School was a very fun experience in 5th grade. I think that all fifth and sixth graders in the state of Oregon should be able to get the chance to go to Outdoor School because when I went, I learned so much about how to be green to the earth, and things I've never learned about. I also think you should pass this law because if we learn how to stay green our next generation will be better, related to littering and things like that. Right now I am really upset that all of the other kids in Oregon that don't get to go to Outdoor School aren't able to go. I urge you to take into consideration.

Sincerely,

Aiden Skye Timbo

2/18/15

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee  
members,

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bonny  
slope Elementary. My name is Riley  
and I didn't get the opportunity to  
go to Outdoor School because I am  
new to Bonny Slope. I would really  
like to have the chance to experience  
Outdoor School because when I hear  
my Class mates share what their  
experience was, it makes me want  
to go even more. That's why I  
incourage you to aprove the bill so  
that I might have another  
chance to go to Outdoor School in  
6<sup>th</sup> grade. I would love to see  
nature in a whole new way.

Thank you ☺

Sincerely,

Riley O.

Dear Honorable Senate Education  
Committee Members,

My name is Denali Cuevas Ullebarray and I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bonny Slope Elementary School in Beaverton, Oregon. And I am writing to you about the importance of providing every 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> grade an opportunity to attend Oregon Outdoor School.

My experience at Outdoor School was amazing. I learned a bunch of things first hand experience, like: Ghost Shrimping, we went hiking, we went to the beach. All of this helped me with: teamwork, meet new people, and studying plants and animals.

Right now I am sad that some schools in Oregon don't have enough money to go to Outdoor School, and I know that those kids feel really sad when we talk about our adventures. So it would be truly amazing if those kids would have the opportunity to go.

I beg you to support Outdoor School for all because then more boys and girls would have this amazing opportunity to learn in the outdoors.

Sincerely,

Denali Cuevas Ullebarray

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education  
Committee members,

I am a 5th grader at Bonny Slope elementary school in Beaverton, Oregon. I think you should consider making this bill a law because all 5th and 6th could be able to go to outdoor school because you learn a lot of interesting stuff that you would never learn at normal school such as how the way estuary supports the cleanliness of the ocean and a lot of other things even just three days there was incredible. I hope you will support the funding for outdoor school for all.

Sincerely,  
Iran

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee Members,

My name is Claire and I am a 5th grade student at Bonny Slope Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon. I am going to write to you about how important it is for every 5th and 6th grade student to have a opportunity to go to Oregon Outdoor School.

My experience at outdoor school wasn't that great. I thought that I would of loved it because I love the outdoors and to go camping, but; it wasn't the best. On the good side we learned new things that we don't learn in school. For example, you learn about different plants and animals, you get to walk on the beach, go in tide pools and go crabbing. You also get to go shrimping and on hikes.

I think that other kids would enjoy it a lot. But only if they could go. 😊 That's why I think that the bill passes so those kids will get to go like my grade did.

**Thank You!**

Claire Anderson



February 18th 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee,

My name is Taiya Williams-Essex.

I am 5th grader at Bonny Slope, in Beaverton, Oregon. My experience at outdoor school was

amazing! In school, you can learn about the ocean, plants, and animals, but it's not the same. In school you don't get to hike up to see some trees or a beaver dam. You don't feel the sand in your toes or the wind in your hair. Not everyone gets to experience that. I feel like everyone should get the chance, and it's fun!

I urge you to pass outdoor school for all for 5th and 6th graders.

Thank you,

Taiya

Date: February 18, 2015

Name: Tanvika Narisetty

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee members,

Hello! My name is Tanvika Narisetty, I am a fifth grader here, at Bonny Slope Elementary. What I am writing to you about is the importance of Oregon Outdoor School. For me, Outdoor school was a life time experience. You don't get to build fires out of nature very often right? So I say it's a life time opportunity.

Many, Many people do not have enough money to go to Outdoor School. I think everyone should be able to go to Outdoor School, I have a lot of friends that have not been to Outdoor School and would love to go, I feel no kid deserves to feel like they are left behind and I also feel like all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders should have hands on experience. Please, come support me and help me give people who haven't gone to Outdoor School a chance to go.

Sincerely,

Tanvika Narisetty

February 18,  
2015

Dear Honorable Senate  
Committee members,

I am a ~~4~~ Fifth grade  
student from Bonny Slope  
Elementary School. My name is  
Kurt Woodruff. I am writing  
to you to tell you even though  
I did not have the best experience  
at outdoor school, I think it  
would be great for a student  
that has never done anything  
like it to have the opportunity  
to go to outdoor school.  
I urge you to support outdoor  
school for all.

Sincerely,

Kurt Woodruff

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee member

I'm a 5th Grade student at Bonny Slope. I'm new, so I never been to our door school but when I hear all my classmate talk about it it make me feel upset and sad I didn't get to go. I think all 6<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students should go because is not fair that other student don't get to learn about new plants, meet other people and that make me feel selfish even if I didn't go so come and support me help this kids get a good out door school experience

thank you,

Francisco Endi

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee Members,

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Bonny Slope Elementary in Beaverton, Oregon.

My name is Elliott and really want you to pass this law. I really enjoyed Outdoor School and wish all 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders get a chance to learn about wildlife too. I ask you to pass this law

Thank You



Sincerely,

Elliott

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee  
Members,

I am Landon Burns a 5th grade student at Bonny Slope Elementary I have been here since first grade and every year I knew I was getting closer to outdoor school. I am asking you to vote in favor of the Bill. I did not have the best experience at outdoor school, but I know most other kids like it a lot so I think other kids from other schools will love it. I learned so much and I know they will too. I hope you vote in favor so other kids can have this experience.

Sincerely, Landon

February 18,  
2015

Dear Honorable Senate  
Education Committee members,

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at  
Bonny Slope Elementary School  
in Beaverton, Oregon. My name  
is Charlotte Ingalls and I am  
hoping, and Praying that 5<sup>th</sup> and  
6<sup>th</sup> grade will have this amazing  
opportunity. My experience of  
out door was absolutely amazing.  
I heard about Ghost Shrimp that  
their hand can come off and  
still move. I hope everyone  
will have this opportunity.

Sincerely,  
Charlotte Ingalls.

February 18<sup>th</sup> 2015

Dear Honorable senate Education  
Committee members,

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Bonny Slope  
Elementary School. I am Carlye  
DuBose. I support the Oregon Outdoor  
School for all. I think it is important  
for other people to experience  
learning that we can't learn in  
their classroom. Like hiking up a  
hill. Eating snacks on a cliff. That is  
only what you do for the forest.  
Going inside caves. Digging holes in  
the sand. That's what we do for the  
ocean. Shrimping in the mud. Fishing  
in a stream. This is what we did in  
the Estuary. I feel like all the  
students in 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade should  
experience this.

Sincerely,

Carlye DuBose



February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable Senate Education Committee Members,

I'm Lauren Winkler, and here at Bonny Slope the fifth graders got to have the wonderful chance to go to Outdoor School. Having the opportunity to do something different was a big thing to me. I am writing to you about providing the funds for outdoor school so every 5th and 6th can have the chance to learn beyond the school grounds.

My experience was great, learning more about the outdoors than I ever thought I would. Outdoor School taught us how to help our environment and help the Earth. If you funded Outdoor School, 5th and 6th graders would have a whole different input on the importance of nature. I hope you will consider this and take it into action.

Sincerely, Lauren Winkler.

February 18, 2015

Dear, Honorable Senate Education Committee members,

I am a student at Bonny Slope Elementary, Beaverton, Oregon. My name is Kylee and here are the reasons I think all the schools should have outdoor school.

Outdoor school was a fun learning resource for kids, you get to learn about plants, animals, and the outdoors.

I really hope that other schools will get to experience outdoor school.

I'm Kylee Nelson and I approve this message.

Sincerely,  
Kylee

February 18, 2015

Dear Honorable senate Education committee members,

I am a 5th grade student at Bonny Slope Elementary School. My name is Emily Duong. The reason I am writing this letter is because I think that all 5th or 6th graders should get the opportunity of outdoor school like I did.

At outdoor school I had an amazing time. It was really cool to get a hands on experience for example ghost shrimping and going to the tide pools. I think that by providing outdoor school for every student would be great.

I beg you to support outdoor school for all because it would provide an amazing opportunity for other students as well.

Sincerely,  
Emily Duong

Dear Honorable Senate Education committee members

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at  
Bonny Slope elementary School in  
Beverton, Oregon, and I'm writing this because  
of the outdoor school. My experience  
of Oregon outdoor school was  
learning outside of a school  
building. I learned about Beach field  
study, forest field study, and estuary  
field study. I hope you support  
this law for kids who ~~had~~ haven't  
have this experience.

thank you

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Harrington

2/18/15

Dear Honorable Senate Education  
Committee Members,

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at  
Bonny Slope Elementary School and  
my name is Jason Clubb. I'm writing  
to you about why all 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> graders  
in Oregon should go to outdoor  
school.

My experience at Outdoor School  
was amazing! I learned all sorts  
of things like how to search for  
ghost shrimp, how to tell what type of  
tree is what and that starfish are  
super fast I even got to see one  
move.

I suggest you should support  
Outdoor School because it was a hands  
on experience with the outdoors and  
I wish I could go again.

Sincerely,

Jason Clubb