

## ELC KIDS SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

The **Environmental Learning Center (ELC)** currently focuses on watershed health education, but we strive to provide enrichment experiences that aid in a child's overall development. Children who spend time interacting with nature often show decreased stress, an increased ability to focus and a greater likelihood for displaying environmental stewardship.



**Become a sponsor and help children thrive.** Our core belief is that every child should have access to quality outdoor education opportunities, like those provided by the ELC. Sponsorship support helps us to counter societal and financial barriers by providing low cost or free programs to those in need.

### SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

#### GUARDIAN - \$5000+

- Thanks to Sponsors sign displayed at each Field trip for the academic year
- Acknowledgment and logo display in marketing materials for the academic year
- Acknowledgment and logo display with link to your company site on the ELC website for the academic year
- Shout out on social media
- Acknowledgment and logo display in our newsletter

#### PROTECTOR - \$1000

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#### STEWARD - \$500

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#### Who Benefits From Sponsorship?

##### K-5 grade classes from schools in Clackamas County

- Several schools are comprised of 30-70% non-white students.
- 21-93% of students in most of the Clackamas County School Districts are eligible for free and reduced lunch.
- Poverty rates are quite high in some communities (For example: Gladstone-25%, Mulino-16%).
- Low-income, coupled with low college going rates, can result in generational poverty and a lack of environmental awareness or stewardship.

##### Middle/High School students from schools with similar populations as listed above.

- We work with programs such as AVID or ASPIRE, which help close the achievement gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success.
- These students often would be the first in their family to attend college and are from groups traditionally underrepresented in higher education.

#### What Do Sponsorship Dollars Support?

##### Watershed Health Field Trips at the ELC:

- LET'S GET DUCKY: Discovering wetland wildlife (grades K-1)
- WELCOME HOME: Exploring wetland and forest habitats (grades 2-3)
- HEALTHY WATERSHEDS: How do we get there? (grades 4-5)

##### Water Industry Career Exploration:

These hands-on field trips introduce students to three professionals working in careers related to the water industry. Students work with the professionals on activities that will lead to increased awareness of their own aptitudes and career interests. This type of career exposure is known to increase the likelihood of students attending college in the future, which empowers them as future environmental advocates and decision makers.

##### Nature Spy Explorer Kits:

These kits have all the supplies needed for children to learn, create, and play - engaging crafts, fun facts, playful activities and a book connected to the kit's theme (e.g. Insects or Birds) - helping children to discover the natural world around them.

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