“Nurturing our community’s connection with nature and each other through immersive outdoor experiences.”

2018-2019 School Year Annual Report
This Year’s Highlights...

5th Annual Picnic Auction
Thank you to our sponsor’s Jardin du Soleil for hosting us, to Karl Hatton our live Auctioneer and to all the wonderful basketmakers and bidders! It was our biggest event yet raising over $6,000 for our programs. Please join us June 6th, 645 at 7:44 at Jardin du Soleil for this year’s picnic auction.

Spring Fest
We moved our Fall Scavenger Hunt to Spring and renamed it Spring Fest. Thank you to the Dungeness River Audubon Center, First Teacher, Eva Kozun and Pacific Pantry for a great family focused event.

Tuition Assistance
We gave away $10,000 in Tuition Assistance to 18 students.

Fall Scavenger Hunt
We partnered with the North Olympic Library system which was a great success. Thank you to Patti Swingle and Jennifer Lu’Becke for your craft and yoga story time!

Outdoor Preschool Licensing
We were part of the advisory team to create statewide safety guidelines for outdoor preschools making the field of nature education safer for all children.

Program Expansion
>>> We added a Spring Afterschool Foxes class at the Dungeness River Audubon Center.

>>> We added an Early Learning class at Green Point on Mondays.

>>> We are offering Early Learning Summer Sessions in Port Angeles in partnership with Peninsula Community College.

>>> We are starting a clothes locker for families to support the continual need for quality outdoor gear.
Special Thanks to...

Our Staff

Thank You to our newest staff member Casandra Carter who has continued to learn and take on new responsibilities since she joined our team this Fall.

And Thank You to our entire team: Josh Sylvester, Sarah Greenwald, Sarah Salazar-Tipton, Coral Burnaman, Kerri Maynard, Jordan Schiefen, Chelsea Martinez and Nancy Morris-Vogel for their continued passion and devotion to the work of education through nature.

Our Board

Thank You to Kia Armstrong who has completed her time as Board Chair and to Noah Glaude who has stepped up as our current Board Chair.

Thank you to our Board members Laurey Hansen-Carl, Todd Feinstein and Amber Blume-Barrett and our committee members Doug Blessington and Alana Linderoth for your continued time, dedication and perspectives. Your work as a group has tremendous and positive ripples throughout our programs and our community.

The Foundations and Businesses Who Support Our Work

Every year the number of organizations and community members who support the education of children in and through nature is growing. This year, we are so grateful to these generous supporters and sponsors, many of whom have been long term donors and granters of our programs.

⇒ The Haller Foundation
⇒ The Ben and Myrtle Walkling Memorial Trust
⇒ Feinstein Law
⇒ Nutritious Movement
⇒ Hartnagel’s Building Supply and Angeles Millworks & Lumber Co.
⇒ Sequim Health and Rehabilitation
⇒ Jardin du Soleil Lavender Farm
⇒ Boulevard Natural Wellness
⇒ Dungeness Valley Creamery
⇒ Nash’s Organic Produce
Special Thanks to...

**Parent Representatives**

Rebekah Brooks, Tegan Glaude, Amber Blume-Barrett, Eleanor Rose, and Sara Bleiweiss for taking the time to support families and staff.

**Our Partners and Volunteers**

Thank You to Ann Leeds, our volunteer bookkeeper and host of this year's Thank You Brunch. We always enjoy seeing you in the office and your support over the years has been instrumental in our financial health.

Thanks to the Board of Directors and Caretakers at the Green Point Foundation, as well as John Graham, the Park Ranger at the Dungeness Recreation Area. A large thanks also goes to the Dungeness River Audubon Center staff who continue to partner with us on many programs and events throughout the year.

**Our Families and Students**

This year we served over 150 families in 11,400 hours of education through nature. This included hands on projects, play, adventure, team work, leadership and community building. We covered science, math, language arts, social studies, natural history, native plants, primitive skills, personal growth, learning about emotions and communication and team building.

Thank you to...

our families who value this work,

to our students who show up to learn rain or shine,

and to our larger community for expanding the educational opportunities for children.

Thank you to all our community members who have grown and learned along with us this year.
Currently, our top four funding sources are: Program Fees (84.1%), Donations - **including all donations and grants** (7.7%), Fundraising Events (5.7%), and Sponsorships (2.6%). Thank you to our families, donors and event attendees, it all makes a difference! Your giving helps Olympic Nature Experience grow and stay responsive to our community.