2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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OUR VISION

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We dream that all children have access to wild and undeveloped landscapes and are allowed to discover the interconnection, complexity and splendor of living in balance with natural systems.

OUR MISSION

We will conserve the Westwind site in perpetuity; foster life-changing outdoor experiences for all children, families and groups; and promote environmental stewardship as a basis for sustainable living.

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DISCOVER Nature

COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY Westwind's future success relies on being a leader in getting all children outside, connected to nature and nurtured by the wisdom of many cultures, backgrounds, places and generations.

WELCOME TO WESTWIND!

At Westwind, we strive to host groups and people from all walks of life. Westwind is both a place and a community. It changes lives by connecting people with the natural world and each other. Westwind builds community through shared outdoor living, learning and play.

Bordering over a mile of Pacific sand beach and rocky headland and three miles of the Salmon River Estuary, Westwind's 529-acre property is located on the Oregon Coast and within the United Nations-designated Cascade Head Biosphere Reserve.

Westwind touches the lives of over 5,000 people each year through its camp programs, events and workshops, and through cabin rentals that primarily serve other non-profit groups and families.

WHO WE ARE



Staff, board members, volunteers, campers, students, and guests work together to live at Westwind in harmony with the natural world and ourselves.

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LETTER FROM MATT

Dear Westwind Friends,

Winter storms reshape the beach, blow down trees, and flood the Salmon River estuary. Change in the form of breakdown and decay, along with new growth and rebuilding, is a core theme at Westwind.

Change in 2017 was marked by rebuilding and improving some of our most central spaces. Read ahead about the Wilson Lodge renovation and Tillicum's new solar array. These improvements demonstrate some of our guiding principles at work, where we strive to have buildings that teach and adhere to the highest standards of sustainability.

Some things also remain the same: over a thousand children came to Camp Westwind (through youth and family camps), and over 1,500 6th graders came to Westwind for Outdoor School in spring and fall. Each camper and student got to know caring and enthusiastic adults (or older youth), and each person who came to Westwind had a chance to grow closer to their community and the natural world around them. Campers continue to play in the dunes and on the beach, students continue to measure 'ort' and sing songs at meals, and the over 2,000 adults and families who come through Westwind's group and cabin rentals continue to be inspired by the natural splendor of the Westwind landscape.

There are many more stories to share about Westwind, and I hope this Annual Report will give you a sense of the highlights over 2017. This report also serves as a way to say thanks to Westwind's generous donors, funders, and volunteers, and it continues to thrive because of these many stewards.

Again, a hearty thanks to all and see you at the river soon!

Sincerely,

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Matthew Taylor, Executive Director



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HIGHLIGHTS





WILSON LODGE DECK RENOVATIONS

Wilson Lodge serves as the main communal building at Camp Westwind. All campers and staff gather to eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the Lodge. As one of the original buildings at Westwind, generations of campers and visitors hold Wilson Lodge close to their hearts.

With the help of staff, partners, and volunteers, the lodge received a much needed facelift. After years of coastal weathering, the deck was in dire need of replacement and renovation. A team of architects, staff, and volunteers helped design exceptional improvements, greatly increasing the deck size while retaining the traditional steps (big enough to fit the whole camp). Plus, a new deck was added to the south side of the lodge, as well as a new wrap around porch roof for the north side.

We would like to give a special thank you to a long-time private donor and the Gray Family Foundation for helping to fund this project, along with Green Gables Design and Restoration for their pro-bono architecture and design services, and to our Westwind team and volunteers who gave their time and efforts to complete this project.





SUMMER CAMP - ECLIPSE 2017!

What a privilege for Westwind to be right in the path of totality for the August 21 Eclipse. It occurred during the last session of the summer. Campers donned special glasses and looked at the cool light effects of the partial eclipse in the dune forest and on the beach, and when 'totality' came and the incomparable star flower of the total eclipse appeared, tears and cries of joy ensued.

CAMPERSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND STARTED

Thanks to a generous donation from Virginia Ammons, Westwind now has a Campership Endowment. It has grown to \$45,000 in 2017, and is invested in a socially/environmentally responsible fund.

Our goal is to grow the Westwind Campership Endowment so we never have to turn anyone away from camp for financial reasons.

This fund reflects an unwavering commitment to the Westwind vision, that all children (regardless of financial circumstance) have access to wild and undeveloped landscapes like Westwind!



HIGHLIGHTS



TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

Trail improvements completed by Northwest Youth Corps include the Ranch Hill Loop (this connects former hiking and horse trails from Ranch Hill to the Rainforest Trail) and the Old Baldy Loop (fixing trail and moving the trail away from steep, rooted sections). Northwest Youth Corps brings college and high school students into wild places (like Westwind!) to repair and build trails as a form of community building, service learning, and personal development. They have chosen Westwind for numerous projects over the past few years, and we thank them!

TILLICUM SOLAR INSTALLATION

Thanks to a \$100,000 grant from Pacific Power's Blue Sky Program, 93 solar panels were successfully installed onto Tillicum, the barn that is currently being converted to a classroom and educational space. The 32-kilowatt solar power array is quietly generating clean, renewable electricity, further reducing our carbon footprint.

A special Westwind thank you to the funders and visionaries who made the solar project a reality: Pacific Power Blue Sky program, The Oregon Community Foundation and a generous, long-time private funder.

We look forward to updating you on the continued renovations of the Tillicum building, including new and exciting upgrades to the facility to create a permanent naturalist space and classroom as well as Westwind's largest covered outdoor space.



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS



MUSHROOM CAMP

Participants hunted the dunes and rainforest for a wide array of specimens and learned basic mycology along the way. An abundance of prized matsutake was found as well, and the 55 adult campers were regaled with cooking lessons and food pairings with mushrooms. The camp was led by Michael Bueg, emeritus professor from Evergreen State College, Debbie Veiss and Dave Rust, founders of the Bay Area Mycological Society, and Dane Osis of Oregon State Parks.



4TH ANNUAL WELCOME THE SALMON HOME

Visitors gathered at Westwind's waterfront along the Salmon River and celebrated the return of chinook and coho salmon after their multi-year lives in deep waters off the Northwest Pacific Coast. The event featured scientific and artistic presentations as well as activities to celebrate the heritage of one of the Northwest's most iconic and ecologically important fish.



WORKSHOPS & EVENTS



GEOLOGY CAMP

Geology camp was led by Geologist Brian Atwater (University of Washington, USGS Fellow and author of *The Orphan Tsunami of 1700*) and acclaimed Oregon writer Bonnie Henderson (*Strand, The Next Tsunami*), with a special visit by Tom Horning (Oregon geologist who experienced a tsunami from the Alaska Good Friday earthquakes of 1964). Participants canoed to a special place in the estuary to see depositions from the great Cascadia earthquake and Tsunami of 1700, and explored the incredibly diverse landscape of Westwind to see its varied geological history.



VISITORS' DAY

Westwind has hosted a 'Visitors' Day' for decades, and 2017 was a banner year with over 200 parents, alumni, and friends of Westwind coming over to see camp and sample camp activities.



FINANCIAL HEALTH & OUTLOOK

REVENUE \$1,267,636

EXPENSE \$1,242,870



Earned revenue through camp programs, group & cabin rentals, and food service remained strong with almost all camp sessions reaching 100% capacity. Moving forward, Westwind seeks to diversify fundraising revenue to provide additional support for campership programs, important capital projects, and ongoing maintenance of Westwind's historic buildings and property.

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