

"Westwind has taught me that joy is worth the risk. <u>When I first</u> <u>came to camp at the age of 9, I was scared beyond belief, but I</u> <u>took a leap of faith and embarked on what has become the most</u> <u>incredible journey of my life.</u>" – Amanda

Dear Friends,

What is your Westwind Journey?

Whether you came to Westwind as a camper, outdoor school student, or with friends or family for a weekend, you have a Westwind Journey.

Let me tell you about a special journey from this past summer. It is a real story about a boy, who for storytelling purposes, we will call Jace. He was 5 years old and came to First Timer's Camp - his first time away from home.

Jace arrived at camp, and tearfully put on a life-jacket and quietly boarded the Westwind ferry. With encouraging words from counselors and cheerful smiles around him, Jace struggled not to cry.

Three days later, Jace jumped into his grandma's arms and could not stop talking about camp and all the fun he had. "This is the most I've seen him smile or talk in weeks!" exclaimed his grandmother.

Through Jace's experience, he was able to take away valuable life skills including self-confidence, courage, and an appreciation for the outdoors. Jace learned from new friends and touched many others' lives. What started off as a rocky beginning, with lots of fear and uncertainty, turned into truly a life-changing experience for this one little boy in three short days.

## Will you help give children like Jace the opportunity to experience Westwind?

Jace was a Campership (camp scholarship) recipient and would not have been able to have this experience without your support. With the help of generous contributions from donors like you, Jace received this invaluable opportunity to come to camp, experience the outdoors like never before, and make new friends.

Jace's journey is a glimpse into why your support this year is so important.

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More than ever, we need to work together to ensure children have opportunities to experience wild places like Westwind. Experiences at Westwind create a new and exciting journey for each child - and all without the fuss of a smartphone or tablet!

Westwind is a special place to experience the outdoors. Sitting on 529 acres in the Cascade Head Scenic Research Area and UN designated Biosphere Reserve, and with over a mile of oceanfront, it is the perfect place to spark joy in each and every one of us.

What starts as a spark continues to inspire generations of Westwind campers, families, and friends to live purposefully and dream of ways for all of us to live lightly on the land.

By sponsoring a camper through our campership fund, helping with the upkeep



of Westwind's historic buildings, or supporting conservation on the site – your gift is an investment in our journey together to make a better world for generations to come.

So join us today and help start another meaningful Westwind journey. We couldn't do it without you!

To donate, please detach the reply card below and return in the envelope provided. Or, skip the mail and donate easily and securely online at **www. westwind.org/donate.**  This year, Westwind awarded <u>191 Camperships</u> to children and families in need of financial assistance, totalling \$95,556 in financial aid!

Westwind is proud to meet 100% of need based requests each year, but can't do it without your help!

If you have any questions about your donation or would like to donate over the phone, please contact Amy Carlow, Westwind's Development Director at (541) 838-0065.

Thank You & Happy Holidays!

Matthew Taylor

## P.S. Please don't delay! Send your gift postmarked by December 31, 2019 to be included in this year's campaign.

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.

Vision: 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.

Your donation to Westwind is fully tax-deductible as allowable by law. EIN: 20-1627314

