



ABOUT WESTWIND



Westwind is a 529 acre camp, farm and wilderness area set in the middle of the Cascade Head UN Biosphere Reserve in Oregon. Owned and operated by the Westwind Stewardship Group, Westwind is home to Camp Westwind, the Northwest Outdoor Science School, workshops, events and volunteer programs.

OUR VISION

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

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.









LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIENDS,

This Annual Report shares the stories, images and numbers of Westwind's stewardship in 2014.

Last year marked the 10-year anniversary of the formation of the Westwind Stewardship Group (formed in 2004; purchased the property in 2006) and the first anniversary of the historic transition of the summer camp program from the YWCA of Greater Portland to the Westwind Stewardship Group. The summer of 2014 saw the first season of Camp Westwind under the guidance of the Westwind Stewardship Group, now doing business as just "Westwind." Overall, Westwind had a great year in terms of finances, operations, site and programs:

- Camper attendance topped 1,067, marking 77% of capacity.
- The camper outcome survey showed that 93% of campers say because of Camp Westwind they want to spend more time in the outdoors.
- Westwind operational revenue exceeded expenses by \$83,687, enabling it to avoid debt and offset deferred maintenance.
- Over 1,800 native plants were harvested from Westwind's Native Plant Nursery and planted throughout the Salmon River watershed by other members within the Northwest Oregon Restoration Partnership.
- Westwind raised \$168,967 in Adventure Capital, exceeding the campaign target of \$150,000 and providing Westwind critical funds to cover expenses over winter and invest in essential infrastructure repairs and improvements.
- Westwind raised \$90,559 in Campership Funds, allowing 167 campers attend Camp Westwind paying a portion or none of the camp fee.

- The camper outcome survey showed that 95% of campers say they gained independence while attending Camp Westwind.
- Westwind partnered with the following organizations to award camperships to youth and families within their service areas: IRCO (Immigration and Refugee Community Organization), STRYVE (Striving to Reduce Youth Violence Everywhere), DHS, Impact Northwest, and YWCA of Portland.
- Westwind partnered with the Oregon Coast Aquarium, Salmon Drift Creek Watershed Council, Nature Conservancy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Fish & Wildlife and other conservation partners to provide pilot programming and innovative community outreach with a third annual Ocean Literacy Teacher retreat, the first annual Welcoming the Salmon Home, and the first Blue on Tour Ocean Film Festival in Newport, OR.

Thank you all for your contributions to Westwind, for being its steward, and for letting it steward you.

Sincerely,

Matt Taylor

Executive Director Westwind Stewardship Group





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THANK YOU TO WESTWIND'S OUTSTANDING STEWARDS.

Your generous donations of time and resources to Westwind are the hallmarks of stewardship.

















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LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR

HELLO ALL,

My first exposure to Westwind was in 1998 when I came to Mother-Child camp with my two daughters, Kate and Grace. Grace was four years old, and the youngest of all the cousins and friends at camp with us. As a result Grace had a bit of a spitfire, I-demand-to-be-included personality as she chased after the older kids. She wanted to go mud-mucking, play on the beach, go to the craft house, and dig holes in the sand with her cousins and friends. What she was not interested in was being slowed down by me to brush her hair, bathe in the old and very cold showers, or change into clean clothes. I will never forget sitting on the lodge steps, watching Grace and the others play, and my friend Mary Kyle McCurdy (now also on the Westwind Board) turning to me and very calmly saying, "Grace looks feral."

Fast-forward 17 years. Grace is about to turn 21, spent every summer between 1998 and 2013 at Camp Westwind - in Mother-Child Camp, Youth Camp, and three years as a counselor. She loves to camp and hike, is a Wilderness First Responder, and is studying to be an elementary school teacher. She did not get these qualities from her urban and non-camping dad and me. She clearly got her love of children and the outdoors from Westwind. The vision of the Westwind Stewardship Group is for all children to have the opportunity for such a transformative relationship with the outdoors.

The board is working to expand access to Westwind's natural spaces and programs for more underserved and disadvantaged kids through its aggressive campership program. Westwind has been a magical place for over 75 years. Both the Westwind site and the organization behind it are in great shape. Many children from all walks of life will "go feral" during their time at Westwind, and how lucky they are.



Aramara, Bola, and Woogie at High Meadow in 2006

Best,

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	2014
Campers	1067
Students attending overnight, residential Outdoor School at Westwind	1520
Total visitors to Westwind (campers, students, renters, volunteers)	5941
Percentage of 6th Graders who attend residential Outdoor Schools in Oregon	46
Wood cookies made	2754
Benches replaced	17
Streams that cross Westwind's Rainforest Trail	17
Beaver ponds at Westwind	2
Amount of debt held by Westwind Stewardship Group at end of 2013	0
Years YWCA operated Camp Westwind	76
Volunteer hours donated in 2014	4604
Miles of trails at Westwind	8
Number of control/study points used in Westwind's OWEB Baseline Report	28
Years since last tsunami touched Westwind shores	4
Organizations Westwind Partnered with in 2014	18
Smores	Thousands!



2014 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



Camp Westwind

While it was yet another summer of life-changing outdoor experiences for hundreds of children and families, 2014 marked the historic transition of Camp Westwind from the YWCA of Greater Portland to the Westwind Stewardship Group. Over 1,000 campers came to Westwind over its traditional 10-week summer season, and another seventy attended "Wind Down," a relatively new family camp held early in the fall.



Ocean Literacy Teacher's Retreat

Co-hosted with the Oregon Coast Aquarium in Newport, the retreat was a great success for both teachers and Westwind, with 30 teachers and administrators gathering at Westwind for three days of professional development (around Ocean Literacy) and time to connect with nature and each other as a community.



Career Tech High

Natural Resource Crew from innovative local charter highschool, "Career Tech High," worked every Wednesday at Westwind in the Fall, Winter and Spring, focusing on maintenance and construction with wood and assisting the Westwind site team around the property.



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Blue on Tour Ocean Film Festival (with Oregon Coast Aquarium) Westwind co-hosted a one day festival featuring some of the world's most alluring and engaging films on ocean biology and issues.



Welcoming the Salmon Home

A community celebration of the Northwest's most iconic fish and its return to the Salmon River, held on Westwind's river beach with tours, educational activities, games and a salmon bake.



Cascade Head Science Symposium Held in conjunction with Salmon River/Drift Creek Watershed Council and the U.S. Forest Service, over two dozen researchers and policy experts gathered at Westwind for two days of presentations and discussions around the amazing progress of the Cascade Head Scenic Research Act, which turned 40 in December of 2014.



2014 SITE HIGHLIGHTS



NEW River Shed - Constructed during the Spring Stewardship weekend by volunteers, the River Shed was designed by architect and volunteer Hans Kretchmer to blend into the natural landscape. Built primarily with Western Juniper—Westwind's adopted 'naturally treated' wood for external surfaces, the structure is used for storage of life jackets, paddles, SUPs (Stand Up Paddleboards) and first aid/ emergency response supplies.



UPDATED Tillicum (the former stables and now a multipurpose program space) - the old stables and tack room were removed in 2013, opening the space up for program activities and to be used as a covered field study classroom.



NEW Tables, Benches and Signs - After serving thousands of campers over the last few decades, the lodge tables were retired and replaced with beautiful tables made by our site team and volunteers. The tables are made from Oregon grown broad-leaf maple plywood and metal legs welded by Westwind's talented staff. The new benches and signs around Westwind are built from sustainably harvested Western Red Cedar, Redwood and Western Juniper.



2014 SITE HIGHLIGHTS



NEW Tractor & dump loader: Westwind acquired a brand-new Kubota tractor for maintaining its road, farm and for managing the ferries. Also newly acquired is a dump trailer, allowing better hauling of sand, firewood and equipment around the site.



NEW Compost Center: Westwind continues to move towards a 'zerowaste' operation, at least in terms of compostable organic material not ending up in the landfill. Built by volunteers and designed by Nick Weitzer Construction, the "Coop D'Ville" houses 10 chickens for ready breakdown of food scraps. Two pygmy goats were added in the fall and 2 pigs will join the compost center in Spring of 2015, with each group of animals processing food scraps, ort and other organic material. The actual composting bin was constructed by Career Tech High School students.



NEW Westwind Map, Westwind was fortunate to have cartographers with Maps for Good to come with high tech equipment and sturdy hiking legs for three days on site. The end product is a beautiful map that includes buildings, hiking trails, boundary lines and can be used by all visitors to the site as a trail guide or attractive and frameable reminder of Westwind!



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ADVENTURE CAPITAL

Westwind successfully surpassed its goal of \$150,000 to fund the transition costs of humbly assuming the reigns of Camp Westwind. The "Adventure Capital" meant we were not spending deferred revenue or taking on debt, and the generous support from over a hundred individuals and foundations represented a critical mass of Westwind support that we hope grows in the years to come.



STRATEGIC PLAN

Westwind completed a three-year strategic plan that focuses on improvements in its Assets, Organization and Programs. The Westwind board and staff are actively working together to implement the plan and achieve Westwind's mission to protect the site, change lives and promote sustainability.



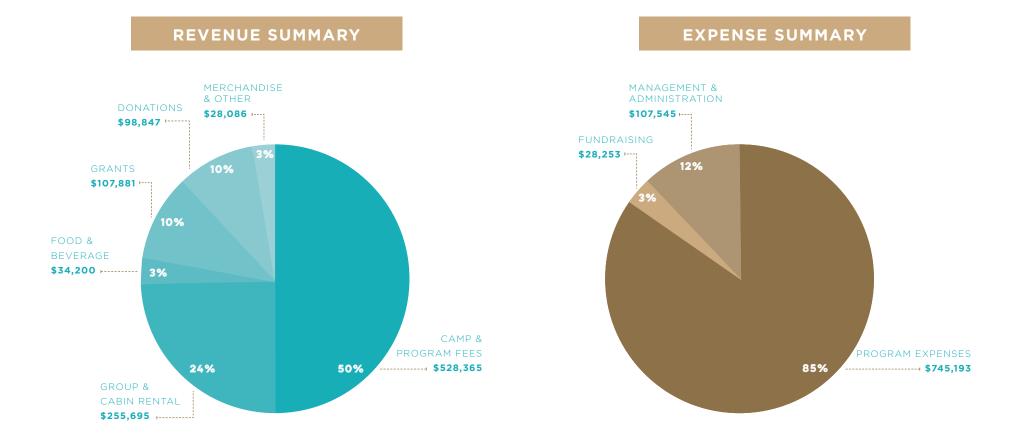
PDX Office

Early in 2014 Westwind opened an office on Division St., wanting to be more accessible to campers, families, and group leaders as well as provide workspace for Westwind staff and board commitee meetings. Within a year we grew out of our space and moved to a larger office just off Sandy Blvd at the top of the Alameda Ridge.



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Westwind earned and raised (grants and donations) \$ 1,053,072, and spent \$ 880,991. Exactly 80% of Westwind revenue comes from its programs.



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