







LETTER FROM MATT

Dear Friends,

This Annual Report summarizes Westwind's achievements and major activities in 2015.

Last year followed an historic 2014 season, which marked the first time the Camp Westwind program was lead by an organization other than the YWCA of Greater Portland. Westwind now employs eight people full time and over 50 seasonal staff, who, with a community of volunteers, help serve over 5,000 people each year.

The year also heralded a shift in our outreach focus, where Westwind stepped up recruitment of staff and campers from diverse backgrounds. We forged an Equity and Diversity Statement that springs directly from the strong culture of inclusion at Westwind: "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."

I encourage you to look at the "Westwind Index," our riff on the old Harper's Index, showcasing interesting information and facts. We want to share Westwind as much as possible, and this report is just one way. Also check out our website for additional blogs, photos, videos, and more to come.

Thank you again for your many contributions to Westwind!

Sincerely,

Matt Taylor

Executive Director

Westwind Stewardship Group



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Dear Friends -

As you can see in this report, Westwind programs, site, and staff are successfully collaborating to create the magic that is Westwind. The benefits of transitioning the Camp Westwind program from the YWCA to the Westwind Stewardship Group in September of 2013 continue to create immense growth and richness in the organization. You can see improvements in the camp programs as well as for rental groups, volunteers, and other program participants. Westwind is thriving, and we have its staff, volunteers, donors, campers, students, and other lovers of Westwind to thank.

This has also been a year of maturity for Westwind. Just as we watch children make sudden leaps in their growth, our organization has done the same. As you will see in this report, this past year the board and staff worked together to make great improvements to the site, continue to grow and create an amazing Camp Westwind program, and work with our many partners to increase the richness and diversity of our campers, user groups, and staff. In particular, our ongoing work with the Center of Diversity in the Environment has helped us to focus and prioritize equity, diversity, and inclusion. This is a continuation of the great legacy of the YWCA, and commitment to and action upon these values is central to Westwind's current and future success.

My family has almost 20 years of deep engagement with Westwind as campers, volunteers, and employees. The ethos of Westwind has been a large part of forming the people we are today. I believe we are better citizens of the world because of what we have learned and experienced at Westwind. Read further about Westwind in 2015, and see for yourself how it changes lives.

Sincerely,

Julie McMurchie Board Chair Westwind Stewardship Group

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WESTWIND INDEX



1,290



TOTAL VISITORS

5,382

(campers, students, renters, volunteers)



NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL AND DOMESTIC SUMMER STAFF WESTWIND EMPLOYED



ACREAGE WESTWIND PRESERVES IN PERPETUITY

529



1,142

PERCENTAGE OF CAMPERS WHO SAYTHEY
WANT TO SPEND MORE TIME IN THE
OUTDOORS

98%



YEARS CAMP WESTWIND HAS SERVED OREGON RESIDENTS

79



AMOUNT OF CAMPERSHIPS DISTRIBUTED

\$79,295

VOLUNTEER HOURS DONATED IN 2015

5,438



NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED CAMPERSHIPS

197



NUMBER OF GIRLS WHO ATTENDED BUILDING GIRLS CAMP

13



NUMBER OF BUNKS
BUILT BY THE
BUILDING GIRLS
CAMP

22



NUMBERS OF OUTHOUSES REBUILT



ORGANIZATIONS
WESTWIND
PARTNERED WITH
IN 2015

77



NUMBER OF EGGS WESTWIND GARDEN CHICKENS LAID

532

NUMBER OF NEW SLEEPING MATS BOUGHT FOR SHERWOOD AND HIGHLAND CABINS

75



WOOD COOKIES MADE

1700

SMORES

thousands





NUMBER OF FAIRY HOUSES BUILT

106

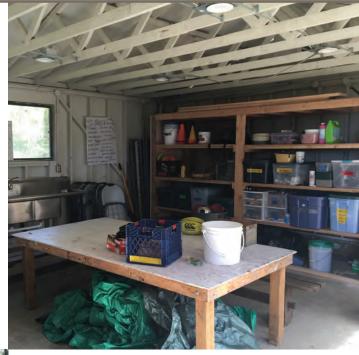
SITE HIGHLIGHTS

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REBUILT OUTHOUSE

Built camper outhouse, which now boasts new siding and roofing, an upgraded toilet and a hand-carved door.



NEW FACILITIES IN CASCADE HEAD

Replaced showerheads and installed composite formica countertops with stainless steel.



REPURPOSED PACK-OUT PALACE

Repurposed the old garage (previously Art Palace) into a multipurpose storage space, packing and meeting space. The large shelves (pictured) house equipment for Outdoor School and camp overnight gear.



REPURPOSED THE

RIDGE OFFICE

medical services.

CAMP STORE

Renovated friar tuck to house Westwind's new Camp Store.

EXPANDED COMPOST CENTER

Built a large bin to increase composting capacity, and added goat and pig pens. The newer compost structure holds more food scraps and provides ample space to turn organic material. Westwind's composting system includes pigs, goats, chickens and whatever lives in the bins.



Repurposed the former office into a

health center with private room for

medical staff and beds for campers.

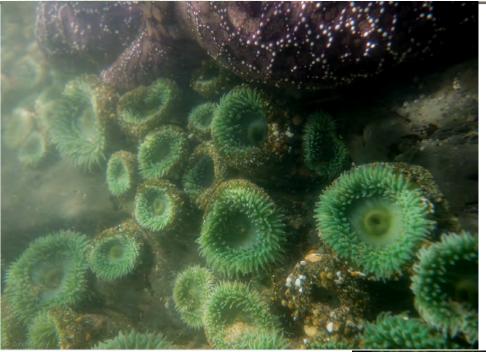
A new washer and dryer, sink, re-

cently built cabinets and a medical

faucet were installed to compliment



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



BUILDING GIRLS CAMP

Partnering with Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc., Westwind hosted a three-day "Building Girls" Camp. Fifteen young women from the greater Portland area, along with three instructors and a coordinator, came to Westwind for the program. The pilot program sprung from a vision to offer overnight camp experiences for young women interested in learning about the building trades and environmental sustainability, and for them to bond as a supportive professional and personal community of learners. Campers learned about the exceptional ecological heritage of Westwind and the larger Cascade Head U.N. Biosphere Reserve. They also practiced basic composting (including feeding food scraps to the goats and chickens), recycling and learned about conservation issues in sensitive wilderness areas like Westwind. And lastly, they learned practical building skills, tool use, safety protocols, and teamwork.

SNORKELING

Through guided exploration in the Salmon River and among sheltered tidepools, snorkeling connected campers and staff to the hushed mysteries of the underwater world. Snorkeling allowed campers to observe aquatic life in their native habitats and increased their own comfort in the water. For many, this was their first time snorkeling!



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



FOOD SERVICE

Expanded food service options to include fully catered meals and roll-up-your-sleeves-and-do-it-yourself opportunities. Guests now have a variety of meal provisions to compliment their Westwind experience.



SERVICE LEARNING PROJECT FOR TEENS

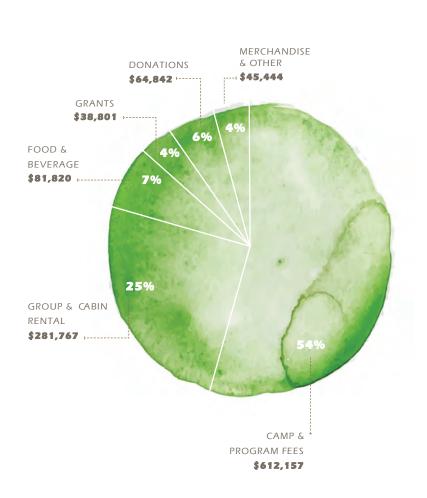
Westwind's Teen Adventure campers initiated and built Westwind's organic herb garden as a service project. The small garden was strategically built alongside the Roost in close proximity to the kitchen. Westwind also hosted a weekly service learning program with Lincoln City Career Tech High School culminating in built benches and construction of a new summer garden at Fraser Farm.

WELCOME THE SALMON HOME

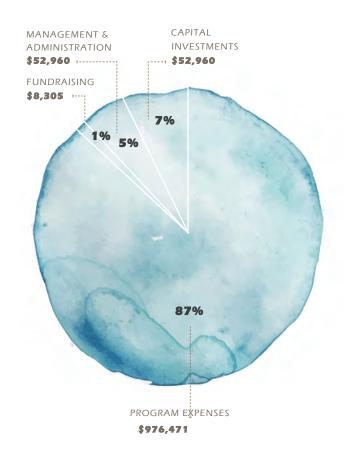
Celebrated the return of the chinook and coho salmon after years in the deep waters along the NW Pacific Coast. Guests were treated to boat and canoe tours of the Salmon River Estuary, enjoyed presentations about the salmon cycle, engaged in beach games and art, listened to local speakers and citizen science demonstrations and enjoyed traditionally baked salmon using split cedar over an open fire.



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EXPENSE SUMMARY



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