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Outdoor school has had a tremendous impact throughout my life. I have been involved in outdoor school through three seasons. Once as a middle schooler, where I first developed my love of STEM and learning about our ecosystem right here in our backyard. Did you know that Portland is situated in a temperate rainforest? Secondly I volunteered as a student leader in high school 6 times. This is where I found a community I desperately needed. One that valued science and had a passion of passing that love of nature and learning to younger students. Finally, as an adult. I returned as a special needs assistant in my early 20s and got to relieve the joys I felt as a student leader. This program impacts people of all ages and something I personally cherished throughout my life. This is a way to teach children to be passionate about our environment and understand how it works! Keep ODS funded ! Let the children of Multnomah county experience nature !