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My name is Landon Downs, but to what has to be hundreds of students that went through multnomah county outdoor school program my name was chlorophyll, I was an eight time student leader at Angelos outdoor school, I initially signed up as a sophomore as just something to try, that decision turned out to be a life changing one. Outdoor School helped me find a passion in teaching and in science which is what I am attending Portland State University for, it also is a place that builds community like no other, there as so many people that have positively impacted my life because I met them at outdoor school. The staff members are all people I aspire to be like, as I veiw every single one of them as the embodiment of what a role model is. The way outdoor school molds both middle and high schoolers to care about nature and community, it teaches us what we can do to help it eachother, there is nothing like it in the world. Outdoor School is also special because it is a generational connection between Oregon residents and families, my mother was a student leader as a highschooler, my teachers have gone with their children, people I work with who are far removed from middle school remember going in 6th grade, they all remember the connections they made. It is my belief that the outdoor school program is an integral part of the Oregonian experience and I believe that we need to ensure that that experience gets to continue to our future generations at its fullest potential, Thank you.