



OSU Outdoor School Program Leader

Position Summary

This Extension Service Assistant Director - Outdoor School Program Leader is a full-time, 12-month, fixed term professional faculty position in the Division of University Outreach and Engagement. This position will be located on the main OSU campus in Corvallis, Oregon. This individual will provide leadership for the OSU Extension Service's Outdoor School (ODS) Program.

The Division of University Outreach and Engagement (Division) at Oregon State University enhances access to enrichment and problem solving through reciprocal relationships for the exchange of knowledge and resources in partnership with individuals, communities, business, industries, government, and educational institutions. The Division includes the OSU Extension Service. The Outdoor School (ODS) Program resides within the OSU Extension Service and advances the Extension Service's vision, mission, and goals through the statewide engagement of School Districts and Educational Service Districts in Outdoor School. The ODS Program helps Oregon's youth learn better; develop leadership, critical thinking and social skills; and exposes them to the role of scientific inquiry and applied learning. The long-term goal of this ODS Program is to integrate placed-based programs into the Oregon school system that build upon youth's skills in hands-on science and their abilities to be effective stewards and leaders in their community. Outdoor School is intended for all 5th or 6th graders in the state of Oregon. OSU Outdoor School Program website: <http://oelp.oregonstate.edu/outdoorschool>.

The OES Outdoor School Program Leader has leadership and administrative responsibility for the OSU Outdoor School Program and leads the development of strategic, long-range plans and identifies measurable benchmarks; secures financial resources; promotes partnerships and collaboration with internal and external partners; ensures program visibility at local and state level; supervises program staff; manages budgets to meet established benchmarks; promotes the principles and practices of diversity, equity and inclusion; reports on program accomplishments and ensures that program practices reflect best practices in education.

The primary responsibilities of this Outdoor School Program Leader position are to

- Provide strategic leadership for developing, growing, and sustaining a statewide Outdoor Program that allows every 5th or 6th grader in Oregon to attend Outdoor School.
- Possess a passion and commitment to getting every eligible Oregon student into outdoor school.
- Develop and manage a budget to accomplish program goals.
- Build collaborative networks with stakeholders, program partners, and OSU faculty around the state to create relevant and responsive outdoor school program.
- Provide leadership to the ODS Advisory Committee and Work Groups.
- Co-create a shared program vision and establishes a culture of commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion.
- Communicate ODS milestones, impacts and values to policy makers, stakeholders, and partners at the state and national level.
- Ensure that the Outdoor School Program reflects the requirements of ORS 327.390
- Establish "best practice" guidelines and resources to build capacity of the outdoor school network to ensure high quality, relevant, and safe engagement of students in outdoor school.
- Manage and coordinate all aspects of administration of the program.

Oregon State University and the Division are committed to maintaining and enhancing a collaborative and inclusive community that strives for equity and equal opportunity.

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