

Welcome to autumn Estuary Partner! We love this season because it's prime time for planting trees.

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Raise Funds to Help Kids Soar through our OSPREY Program



We hope to see you at our biggest celebration of the year on Saturday, October 15. We have an amazing lineup of Columbia River art, exciting live auction packages, a delectable menu including Tribally-caught salmon, a lively DJ to get you dancing, and s'mores by the fire. It'll be a night to remember.

Preview our amazing [Art Showcase](#) and [Live Auction](#) to see what you could win that night. And be sure to [buy your tickets soon](#) - the event is almost sold out!

We are excited to welcome our new event sponsor, [The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde](#). Huge thanks to Presenting Sponsor [Smith Root](#), and to additional event

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VERNON SCHOOL DEPAVE

Thanks to the amazing volunteers who helped out at the Vernon School depave Saturday, September 24. It was a great work day. The newly depaved squares will have trees for shade, benches made by Turner Construction Company, and will filter up to 100,000 gallons of stormwater each year. [More photos here!](#)





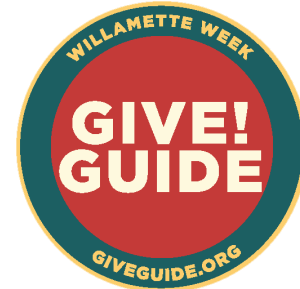
volunteers who came out to make the Vancouver Lake Eco-Blitz a big success! We found 125 species around the lake, including sandhill cranes and white pelicans. [See all our findings here](#), or [find more photos here!](#)

Columbia River Basin Act passes US Senate



The Columbia River Basin Restoration Act (CRBRA) - which will bring millions of dollars to the region to improve the river's water quality - is one step closer to becoming reality.

September 15, 2016, the U.S. Senate passed the Act as part of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016, a bill that addresses critical fish and wildlife habitat, water quality, and infrastructure needs in 18 states. The CRBRA authorizes a grant program administered by the U.S. EPA to help local groups voluntarily clean up, monitor, and reduce the use of toxics within the Columbia River Basin. Since 2009, we have worked with members of Congress to bring attention to the Columbia River and secure critical funding to improve the river's water quality and clean up toxics. Thanks to US Senator Merkley and Congressman Blumenauer for championing the CRBRA. The House of Representatives passed its own WRDA bill, but it did not include the CRBRA. Our next step is to see if it can be added as the House and Senate bills go through the conference committee process.



We're in the Give!Guide again this year! Watch for it around town starting November 2.



Save the Date for Watershed Trivia - a Give!Guide event

What is the largest tributary of the Columbia River?

What geologic event 15,000 years ago formed the Columbia Gorge?

Attention trivia buffs, ecologists, educators, and fans of science. Join us for fun Watershed Trivia with Friends of Outdoor School on **Tuesday, November 29, 6-9pm**, at the new Lagunitas Nonprofit Community Room (237 NE Broadway, Portland). There'll be a raffle, prizes from REI and others for the top teams, and great



The Combined Federal Campaign runs through December 15. If you're a federal employee, please consider pledging to the Estuary Partnership!

Autumn means planting season has returned! This season, our goal is to plant 14,000 trees - more than ever before! We'll need a lot of hands, and we hope you'll make it out to plant with us. Plantings are great for groups and individuals, and people of all ages and abilities. Registration is required. Our first few dates are below, and [find our full fall/winter volunteer schedule here](#).

- [October 8 - Salmon Creek, Vancouver](#)
- [October 22 - Salmon Creek, Vancouver](#)
- [November 5 - Salmon Creek, Vancouver](#)
- [November 19 - Sandy River Delta, Troutdale](#)



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