

Happy holiday, and happy #GivingTuesday! We hope you enjoy all the latest news from the Estuary Partnership.

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#GetOutside on #GivingTuesday

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December 2nd, 2014 marks the **3rd annual Giving Tuesday**, a national day designated to give back to the organizations that protect our environment, support our health, and keep our communities strong.

Please consider a #GivingTuesday gift to the Estuary Partnership and help us reach our goal of getting 4,000

students outside in 2015!

And you don't have to just support it, enjoy it! To celebrate Giving Tuesday, the Estuary Partnership is encouraging all of us to **#GetOutside**. Time in nature is critical for everyone. Get Outside and explore with your kids, your family and friends, your pets, or just you—and share your pledge and photos using the #GetOutside hashtag on Twitter.

Fostering Stewardship at Steigerwald

Each year for the past 10 years, we have taken students from Camas and Washougal schools to Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge to learn and to carry out hands-on service projects. They plant trees, remove tree protectors from trees



planted by classes in previous years, survey birds, and explore their local watershed. Their work is improving critical riparian areas along Gibbons Creek and the Columbia River, while giving them hands-on learning experiences about the ecosystem of the Refuge.

Grass Valley Elementary teacher Erin Linton told us, “Not only do the classroom and field programs enhance my science curriculum but they also tie well into other subject matters such as our writing and social studies curriculum. After learning and writing about Lewis and Clark for a bulk of the year, the kids are super excited to actually explore where they had traveled.”

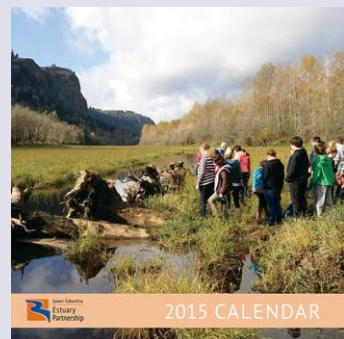
Our field trips are done for the year, but we'll be back next year to continue this rich partnership. *Thank you for making our program at Steigerwald possible: Camas-Washougal Community Chest, Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, Mountaineers Foundation, and Washington Department of Ecology.*



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Volunteer with us! Join us **Monday, January 19th** from 9am-12pm for **MLK National Day of Service**. We have 3,200 trees to plant at Benson State Park, and we need lots of helping hands to make that happen.



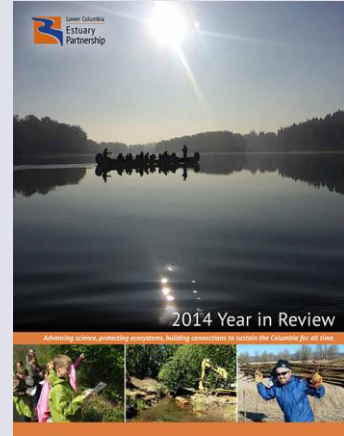
Our 2015 month-by-month calendar features beautiful photos from our Outdoor Education Program. [Contact us](#) to request yours for free!

Estuary Partnership Wins!

The Estuary Partnership was recently honored with a [Light a Fire Award for Caring for the Planet](#) by *Portland Monthly Magazine*. We were

one of 13 organizations (out of 277 nominations!) to receive an award for our work to

“make our community a more prosperous, beautiful, healthful, and sustainable place.” As part of the award, the November issue of *Portland Monthly Magazine* includes a [small feature article](#) on the Estuary Partnership and information on how to donate and get involved. Make sure you pick up an issue and take a look.



Our [2013-14 Year in Review](#) is complete. Check out what we've accomplished over the past year!

2014 Steward of the Year: **Hillary Barbour**

Hillary Barbour was honored as our **2014 Steward of the Year**, recognizing her commitment to the long term health of the Columbia River and the people of the Pacific Northwest. Hillary spent



16 years in the office of Congressman Blumenauer working for clean water, healthy rivers, and other critical conservation interests. She worked concertedly on behalf of the National Estuary Program, and helped secure introduction of the Columbia River Basin Restoration Act in 2010 and again this year. We applaud her work and wish her

well in her new endeavors.

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