

Check out all the fun events the Estuary Partnership has in store this summer!

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Science to Policy Summit 2014: Toxic Contaminants



June 13th, 2014, 9:30am - 3:15pm at the Vancouver Hilton

Join us at our annual Science to Policy Summit. Come learn more about toxics and what we can do to clean up our river!

Toxic contaminants are a serious problem in the Columbia River. They degrade habitat, limit species survival, affect human health, and impact our economy. Toxics cause cancer and early exposure damages brain development in children. Contaminants alter hormones that affect the behavior of endangered and threatened salmon species decreasing their survival. Toxics impede economic viability of ports and marinas, and reduce commercial fishing.

There are successes in reducing toxics, and we can build on those. Join the Estuary Partnership and experts from the region as we learn about emerging data and share successes by growers, businesses, and agencies to reduce toxics and chart a course

to do more. **It's time to take action. Your voice is important.**

Click [here](#) to find out more about the summit, [view the agenda](#), or [register now!](#)



Volunteer for an Awesome Summer

This summer, the Estuary Partnership is expanding our Volunteer Program to include new events, thanks in part to generous support from [REI](#) and new partnerships with Willamette Riverkeeper and Columbia Riverkeeper! Beginning in June, we have three fantastic opportunities to get outdoors and make a difference. These are great events for individuals and families—kids aged 5 and over are welcome. We will paddle for a while, then do some invasive species pulling to clear sites for natural vegetation. No experience is necessary, and we will provide all tools and a snack.

Paddle and Pull on Ross Island

Tuesday, June 17, 9am – 1pm



Get on the River

Summer community and family paddles are coming! Paddling is easy, safe and fun in our 16-person, 34-foot voyageur style canoes. Our guides provide a tour of the natural area while you explore on the water. *Join us!*

Scappoose Bay Marina in Warren, Oregon

Saturday, June 21, 10-11:30am

Willamette Park in Portland

Monday, June 30, 6-8pm

Willamette Park in Portland

Wednesday, July 9, 9-11am

Click here for a complete list of paddle events this summer! All paddle events are free of charge.

Maintenance Day at Steigerwald

Tuesday, July 8, 9am – 12pm

Love Your Columbia, Clean up Sand Island

Saturday, August 23, 9am – 1pm

To find out more, [visit our website](#). To register, [email Samantha Dumont](#) or call 503-226-1565 x245.

We also work with several area youth organizations to provide kids with exciting, educational on-water experiences. This year, our partners are ***Big Brothers Big Sisters, Audubon Explorador Camp, Tualatin Parks and Rec, Portland Parks and Rec*** and ***Friends of the Children***. This is a great opportunity for young people to learn the sport of paddling and build a connection to the river and ecosystem.

For more information, [visit our website](#) or contact McKenzie Miller [by email](#) or at 503-226-1565 x229.

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Please join Smith-Root and support educating kids outdoors -

Contact Vanessa Bird [by email](#) or at 503-226-1565 ext. 234, or [donate online now](#). All contributions get students outdoors to apply their science

lessons, test water quality, identify plants or animals, remove invasive species, plant trees and shrubs, and explore in our local natural areas.

Your support means the world to us—thank you!

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