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Summer is in full swing, Estuary Partner! We hope you've had a chance to get outside and enjoy the magnificence of the lower river!

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### **Meet our Summer Interns**

This summer, two education interns have joined our team. Terrence Rawls and Jake Coverdale are learning alongside our Education Team about how to lead outdoor educational activities and to connect outdoor learning with Common Core.



Terrence majors in African
American Studies at PSU. He
loves working with kids and
diverse communities and
encouraging more cultural
awareness for all people.
Terrence is active in the Black
Lives Matter movement, and for
the past year, he has mentored
youth with the Blue Print

Foundation. Terrence says his favorite part of interning with the Estuary Partnership is being on the boat with kids and hearing their "oohs" and "aahs" as their fear of being on-water breaks down.

Jake also attends PSU and majors in Environmental Science. Jake is a United States Marine Corps veteran, and interned at the Fire District 3 in Clark County. He has worked at Tryon Creek State Park as a nature guide, and has his certification in wilderness leadership and experiential education from Mt. Hood Community College. Jake's favorite part of the

#### Donate!

**Upcoming Events** 



Vancouver Lake Clean Up August 20, 9am - noon Join us for a beach clean up and make a difference at your lake!

Register online.



Powered by the Community Foundation

Give More 24! is September 22 Take part in this regional day of giving for SW Washington.

Sign up for reminders and

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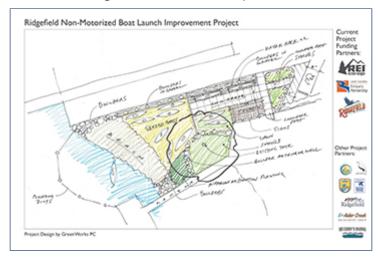
broad range of community members, and seeing those people engage with what he loves – the outdoors.



## New Non-Motorized Access Coming to Ridgefield

#### We need your input!

The Estuary Partnership is spearheading a project to create a non-motorized boat launch at the Ridgefield Boat Ramp in Ridgefield, Washington. REI and the City of Ridgefield helped fund the project, and we are partnering with the Port of Ridgefield, McCuddy's Ridgefield Marina, Alder Creek, and community members to make the new launch a reality. The design was created by our good friends at Greenworks PC, and we are currently gathering feedback from paddlers and other interested parties. Check out our web page with details on the site design as well as current photos of the site.



Click here to view the full size sketch.

The launch should be ready for the 2017 paddling season.

Check out the Ridgefield Non-Motorized Boat Launch

Improvement Project and tell us what you think!

## **Vernon School Stormwater**

This fall, we are working with the Vernon School community



Estuary Partnership)!

Vancouver Lake Eco-Blitz September 24 Be a volunteer naturalist and help identify the variety of species at the lake!

Contact Sam to get involved.



#### Vernon School Stormwater Depave September 24

Help the community remove asphalt at a northeast Portland schoolyard!

<u>Contact Chris</u> to get involved.



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happening thanks to \$8,999 from Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services Community Watershed Stewardship



Program and strong partnerships with Depave, Portland Public Schools, and the Vernon School PTA. We will work with these partners to remove 864 square feet of asphalt (in a series of six, 12'

x 12' squares) and replace it with permeable surface, trees, and benches for resting and relaxation on the schoolyard. The Estuary Partnership will also teach around 112 Vernon students about the connection between land use, impervious surfaces, stormwater, and water quality.

Want to participate? You can help! In partnership with Depave, we'll remove asphalt on Saturday, September 24, and volunteers are needed. To sign up, contact Chris at 503.226.1565 ext. 228 or <u>by email</u>. Thank you to BES for making the project possible!

Save the Date and join us for an enchanting evening on the banks of the Columbia River. Proceeds benefit our Outdoor Science, Planting, and Recreation for Every Youth (OSPREY) Program.

Tickets on sale August 15. <u>Contact Vanessa</u> for more information about sponsorship or tickets.

# **Success at Sandy River Delta!**

What a difference 3 years makes. Staff recently went out to check on our volunteer plantings at the Sandy River Delta, and what we found is fantastic! In all, our volunteers planted a mix of 3,620 native Pacific and Sitka willow, dogwood, twinberry, spirea, and cottonwood at the site. The cottonwood trees planted in 2013 and 2014 now tower over volunteer coordinator Sam. You can see the stark contrast in the photos below.

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Thank you to the volunteers who helped out at our Sandy River Delta restoration site, as well as ALL our volunteers who have planted with us through the years - your work makes a big (and tall!) difference!

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