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### PANTHER PRIDE TRAIL

The 2018/2019 Senior Project for South Medford High School students was restoring the riparian area along Bear Creek where it intersects with Lazy Creek (near the amphitheater and BMX Park.) Before the work began, Bear Creek wasn't visible from the greenway. In addition, the students built two short walking trails along the creek. Visit it some time. Park in the parking lot off Highland Avenue and walk down to the creek looking for Panther Pride Trail. Another trail starts at Barnett Rd. and meanders downstream to Lazy Creek.



Rogue Community College students also help with the new trail.

### Meet Taylor Montgomery, our newest board member.

Taylor completed her senior project for South Medford with Oregon Stewardship. She is finishing her last year of high school, taking a class at RCC and working at Bed, Bath and Beyond. Since joining the board, Taylor has worked on other projects with Oregon Stewardship and also attended the Earth Day event at RCC, representing Oregon Stewardship. Taylor will continue her education at RCC in the Fall, 2019.

Welcome Taylor.



## BELIEVE YOU CAN ACHIEVE

Oregon Stewardship has mentored 15 graduating seniors this year with younger class members also working along with them. Students work on trails, riparian restoration and gardens and earn scholarships for college or job training. We anticipate awarding at least \$15,000 in scholarships for the 2018/2019 school year. In addition, a couple students who continue working with Oregon Stewardship while in college receive additional financial support. Since we began awarding scholarships in 1997, we have given students from nine high schools over \$168,000. Thank you to the Arthur R. Dubs Foundation for contributing to our scholarships. Additional thanks to the Middle Rogue Steelheaders and Jacksonville Garden Club for their generous donations to the scholarship fund.

### COQUILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Believe You Can Achieve students planted spring bulbs last fall in the school entrance garden. Students include two sophomores that the seniors mentor. The sophomores will work with the program through their senior year when two new under class students will join the program.

Haley is roped in and lowered to Cunningham Creek for our December planting of willows and osier dogwoods. The rope was necessary because of the slippery, steep bank. At this time the plant survival was more than 90%.



### MYRTLE POINT HIGH SCHOOL



Believe You Can Achieve students are preparing a portion of the school lawn to be reseeded.

They also planted a new rose garden at the elementary school and painted the surrounding fence and benches with Myrtle Point blue.

This spring they mentored fourth grade classes on a field trip to Myrtle Point Marsh. The kids were excited to see a very large western pond turtle as well as many marsh birds.

## PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL

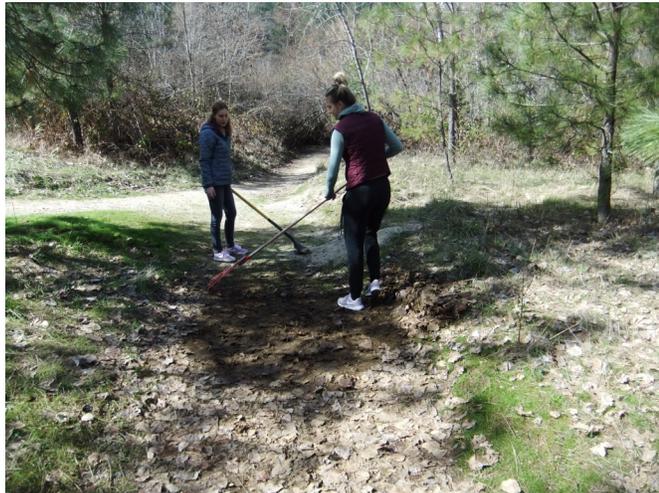


Two students from Pacific High School designed an interpretative brochure for Crooked Fir Trail. They numbered and planted the post markers. One student drew the art on the front of the brochure, while the other designed and built the metal brochure box. These students also do some maintenance on Ironhead Boat Ramp and the Elk River Hatchery grounds.



## ILLINOIS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

Students at Illinois Valley High School have continued to maintain Forks Park Trail and Upper Grayback Trail. They have also worked on the courtyard gardens on campus. These two girls have volunteered with Oregon Stewardship their entire high school career. Here they are doing some maintenance on Grayback Trail.



### Gold Beach High School

The three Believe You Can Achieve students in back mentored fourth grade students on their annual field trip to Elephant Bar Trail.

Following winter flooding, the trail was washed out. Since then we have created a new loop to avoid that in the future. Below a student is replacing sandbags on “God Wants You Creek.”

The three students also replanted the entire front garden of the school because plants were removed when the school was being retrofitted for earthquakes. They planted azaleas, rhododendron and hydrangeas.



### SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Sarah, a biology major at OSU, is working on native plant cuttings. This summer she will be an intern studying survival rates of the cuttings and the success rates of riparian restoration projects on Bear Creek over the past several years. This will give us valuable information for our future work.



### Butte Falls Elementary School

Following a fall trip to the hatchery and to view spawning salmon, we ended up the school year with a nature walk around Butte Falls to see signs of spring. First graders immediately saw the daffodil bulbs they planted in November and noticed a butterfly or two. They were intrigued by beautiful flowers and wondered what caused the puffy fuzz that was falling like snow. (black cottonwood and willows)

### Thank you to Rogue Valley Manor

This year we were able to complete more than two miles of riparian restoration and new pathway for the City of Medford. Our last project was a 600 foot section for the Rogue Valley Manor at the mouth of Larson Creek, which included trash and blackberry removal and initial planting of native plants. As usual we offer weekly maintenance.

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Butte Falls



Gold Beach

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### Mission Statement

It is our mission to offer education that encourages the community to provide stewardship for the land of Oregon.

### Vision Statement

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