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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP GATHERING



On a beautiful, sunny November day members and guests took a walk on Panther Pride Trail and viewed the interpretive signs installed by Medford Parks and Recreation.



Sarah Villarreal sampled the water in a tiny creek flowing into Lazy Creek and found 2 salmon fry, multiple crayfish, and scuds (an insect that breaks down decaying matter). After we complete the restoration work, we will do a comparison study. Sarah is a former Oregon Stewardship scholarship student and a graduate of Oregon State University with a degree in botany/zoology.

COQUILLE HIGH SCHOOL



Believe You Can Achieve students care for plants at the entrance to their school. Other projects include grass and brush cutting around the greenhouse and replanting the circular garden at the school entrance.

GOLD BEACH HIGH SCHOOL



To the left, the local fourth grade students enjoy an annual field trip to Elephant Bar Trail. After the hike, the students return to class for descriptive writing, Two high school Believe You Can Achieve students assisted with both the hike and the writing class.

Below left a former Gold Beach High School student helps Jim maintain two trails on the Rogue River.

Below right a young family enjoys the lower estuary on Elephant Bar Trail during a summer trip.



MYRTLE POINT HIGH SCHOOL



Believe You Can Achieve students do an annual clean up on gardens in front of the school. This year they are weeding and planting five flowerbeds at the nearby fairgrounds. In May they will accompany local fourth grade students to Camp Myrtlewood.

PACIFIC HIGH SCHOOL



Believe You Can Achieve students are monitoring the growth rate of redwoods planted eight years ago at the Elk River fish hatchery. Here they are putting new bark chips on Crooked Fir Trail, built by previous students.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND

Walker Ross began the project on Bear Creek in 2004 when as a high school senior, he and Wes Miller built the first bioswales in Hawthorne Park.

“Seeing the continued work from Oregon Stewardship makes me so happy – especially seeing the continuing work and legacy of the Panther Pride trail. I will always carry that with me as a source of personal pride no matter how far away I might move myself in this world. Hold me to it to keep donating when I can since it is work I want to continue to support.

As you may know, my research that brought me to Edinburgh is based on the relationship between sport and the natural environment. It is exciting and sometimes ground-breaking work that gives me satisfaction to be leading. Next month I will be traveling down to London to launch an initiative with the United Nations on Sport for Nature that I helped to author the first report on.” Walker Ross, Phd, University of Edinburgh.

Bear Creek Salmon Counts

Year	Totals
1994	10
1995	144
1996	27
1997	26
1998	17
1999	4
2000	146
2001	65
2002	158
2003	283
2004	59
2005	70
2006	162
2007	77
2008	17
2009	78
2010	101
2011	109
2012	115
2013	125
2014	404
2015	321
2016	187
2017	234
2018	231
2019	109
2020	197
2021	280
2022	120

BUTTE FALLS CHARTER SCHOOL



First grade students visited the Cole River Hatchery grounds and enjoyed a picnic. They also created fall leaf collages and a winter writing project.

SOUTH MEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL & BEAR CREEK

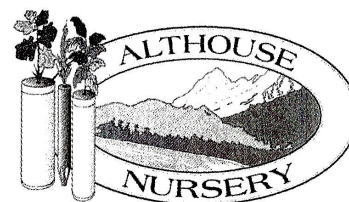


A two-foot wide stream that enters Lazy Creek (which enters Bear Creek) is South Medford student's project this year. The goal is to slow the water, create more pools for fish and insects, and replant native plants. This can add to the positive lifeblood of Bear Creek.

Part of the process is maintaining the area by collecting trash and removing carts from the creek.



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