

# Nearby Nature

Celebrating  
30 Years in 2022!



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Dear Friend,

Six-year-old Savvy shines whenever I encounter him in the Learnscape. “I still remember our three-mile-hike by the river,” he always calls out, a broad smile lighting up his face. It’s been over a year since we wandered



deep into the heart of the Whilamut Natural Area during a preschool Wonder Keepers program, but the experience is still fresh in his mind.

On our grand adventure, Savvy and I visited a secret garden of licorice ferns, found animal tracks and traces, and enjoyed the last of fall’s rainbow. Best of all, when we reached the Willamette River, we walked through a moss-cloaked tree tunnel and discovered the Beaver Café, a waterside realm where fur-clad engineers ruled and the only sound was the river rippling on its journey to the sea. The memory of our adventure still makes Savvy’s heart sing to this day.

**Have you ever had an experience like this yourself, where you walked through a magical doorway in nature and the world felt different afterwards?** These moments happen all the time at Nearby Nature, where kids from tots to teens spend thousands of hours every year discovering, learning, and growing in nature.

**Thanks to you, our dedicated members and friends, we keep finding new pathways to explore with our kids.** Every year you donate hundreds of volunteer hours, give generously to our Every Child Outside Fund, and choose to send your children to our programs. **Thanks for all you have done to help Nearby Nature thrive and grow in 2022, and in the many years since we started out in 1992.**

**If you haven’t contributed recently, or if you want to give one last gift in 2022, read on!** Your donation will ensure that we keep finding magical doorways and exploring new pathways with our students at Nearby Nature.

- ◆ **Become a member, renew your membership, or make a monthly donation.** As a member you’ll get significant program discounts, plus free admission to our Green Start Play Days, Nature Quests, and the Haunted Hike!
- ◆ **Purchase a Community Friends Membership.** If you’re unable to participate in our programs yourself, you can open a door for others. We’ll grant your membership to a family in need so they can enjoy discounted and free programs for a whole year.
- ◆ **Donate to our Every Child Outside Fund.** Help remove barriers that keep people from participating in our programs by funding scholarships, enhancing outreach to underserved communities, and supporting projects like translating our daycamps online registration process into Spanish ([nearbynature.org/campamentos-de-verano](http://nearbynature.org/campamentos-de-verano)).



As we spend the last few days of 2022 outdoors with our preschool Wonder Keepers, elementary school Natural Neighbors, and teen Network Charter School students, **we’ll keep looking for those magical doorways and finding new pathways to explore.** We hope you’ll be out there, too, immersing yourself in the wonders of nature nearby wherever you are in the world.

All the best,  
*Beth Stern*  
Executive Director

## Help Nearby Nature celebrate 30 years of sharing nature nearby by giving a gift today!

### Membership Donation: New Renewal

- Supporter \$55     Builder \$500
- Sponsor \$75     Sustainer \$1,000
- Collaborator \$150

### My Ongoing Monthly Donation:

- I’ve set an ongoing donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ /month at [nearbynature.org/contribute](http://nearbynature.org/contribute) (be sure to click I would like this donation to automatically repeat each month)

### Community Friends Membership Donation:

- \$55 Donate this membership to a family in need.

### Every Child Outside (ECO) Fund Donation:

- \$50    \$100    \$200    \$500    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

### General Donation: \$25   \$50   \$100

- \$250    \$500    \$1,000    \_\_\_\_\_ Other

### I am interested in:

- Volunteering
- Family Programs
- Restoration
- Youth Programs
- Office Work
- Gardening
- Network Charter School

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- Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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