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RE: Oregon Outdoor School Letter of Solicitation

Oregon State University Extension Service is pleased to be seeking applications and nominations for membership on the Outdoor School (ODS) Advisory Committee and for the ODS Work Groups.

Outdoor School is intended for *all* 5th or 6th graders in the state of Oregon. Advisory Committee and Work Group members, representing regional and demographic diversity of our population as well as the diverse ODS stakeholders, will provide OSU Extension with advice and recommendations that will help OSU Extension establish a successful and sustainable statewide Outdoor School Program.

Application materials can be found at <http://oelp.oregonstate.edu/outdoorschool>. To nominate someone, please send the individual's name and contact information to outdoorschool@oregonstate.edu by March 1. We will follow up with the individual to inform them that they have been nominated, and to request that they submit an application. The application deadline is March 15. The selection of members will be made by the OSU Extension Service Director.

The first meeting of the Outdoor School Advisory Committee is set for May 5 and 6 in Salem. If you are applying for the Advisory Committee, we ask that you hold this date on your calendar. We feel it is important to have all members attend this first meeting in person.

Please broadly share this information regarding service on the ODS Advisory Committee and the ODS Work Groups. We are looking for diverse demographic and geographic representation within these committees, and want to ensure that anyone who is interested has an opportunity to apply.

OSU Extension is committed to ensuring a collaborative body that strives for equity and is guided by principles of inclusion, equity, and diversity. For more information on Oregon State's commitment to equity, please visit <http://main.oregonstate.edu/equity-inclusion-and-diversity-oregon-state-university>. These principles will help guide our recruitment and selection of members.

We expect the time commitment in the first two years to be significant, as we build an infrastructure that will be sustainable into the future. Please read the application materials carefully. If you cannot make a commitment at this time, please know there will be future opportunities to serve on the Advisory Committee or on a Work Group.

Thank you for your interest in advancing this important new statewide program. For additional information please visit <http://oelp.oregonstate.edu/outdoorschool> or e-mail Susan Sahnaw, outdoorschool@oregonstate.edu.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Scott Reed".

A. Scott Reed,
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