



PUBLIC PROGRAMS

102 total programs

16 public nature programs

336 general participants

SPR offers Nature and Outdoor Education classes on native plants, birds, urban forests, low tide beach explorations, and much more – you can sign up for these programs at [activecommunities.com](https://www.seattle.gov/activecommunities.com) (search for "nature" and "the environment" to find all our classes.)

We also have two signature programs that are free and open to the public:

SUMMER IN THE PARKS



Summer in the Parks programs brings fun environmental education activities to families and kids in equity identified parks working in partnership with the free lunch program.

74 programs

978 total participants
269 general, 709 youth

SALMON STEWARDS



Our Salmon Stewards program runs in November and December at Carkeek Park, when the salmon are returning up Pipers creek, our staff and volunteers are there to answer questions and help visitors enjoy the Salmon return.

12 program days

3601 general participants

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

72 active volunteers in 2022

3440 volunteer hours donated



\$103,028

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER VALUE

Volunteers help us reach a broader audience by guiding programs, leading walks, hosting booths at festivals, and/or participating on the Citywide Environmental Education Advisory Council.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

2022 Year in Review

263

PROGRAMS

72

ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS

8

FESTIVALS



TOTAL TOUCHES

10,589 people (youth and adults)

Through Seattle Parks and Recreation's (SPR) Environmental Education Programs, staff and highly trained volunteers, Seattle Urban Nature Guides, provide a variety of ways to connect with Urban Nature in parks all over the city. Programs are held year-round and located in parks, green spaces, community centers, schools, community gardens and many neighborhood-based locations.

Our work is broken down into four types of Environmental Education Programming highlighted in this report: School Programs, Community Partnerships, Public Programs, and Volunteerism.

Our 2022 budget consisted of \$511,000 from the City General Fund - this covers the staff costs for 6 SPR staff, the full-time equivalent of 4.85 staff, because 3 are part time. \$11,500 from the Associated Recreation Council (ARC) – generated by program fees and supports our volunteer program, purchasing of props and uniforms. \$42,000 from the No Child Left Inside grant awarded in 2021 to run a youth mentorship and job training program.

Our team might be small but we do a lot – please read below to see the amazing work we did in 2022.

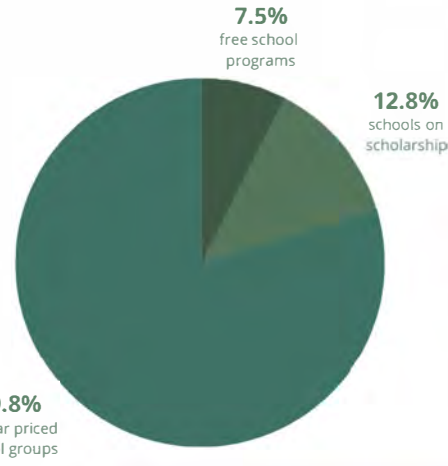


SCHOOL PROGRAMS

97 TOTAL PROGRAMS

SPR's Environmental Education team provides pre-school through fifth grade, nature field trips as well as select partnerships with Seattle Public High Schools.

These engaging programs integrate Next Generation Science Standards and Washington State Essential Academic Learning Requirements and are offered at parklands adjacent to schools or at destination parks.



53 different schools
2166 total participants
(285 adults, 1881 students)
5 free buses

HIGHLIGHT: SEATTLE WORLD SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

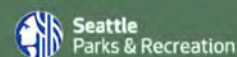
Seattle Parks and Recreation's Environmental Education school programs staff have partnered with the Seattle World School to offer Summer Science Academy fieldtrips for the last 22 years. This five-week voluntary enrollment summer program is offered to new and returning students and is totally free. The goal of this program is to increase English language proficiency and retention through the summer, by engagement with the natural world and science. This very popular science fieldtrip series, fosters relationships between students and teachers and explores the city of Seattle and its parks.

5 field trips

146 students



For more information on Seattle Parks and Recreation's Environmental Education team and all the programming they offer or to volunteer: [EnvironmentalEducation & Outdoor Learning](#).



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

69 TOTAL PROGRAMS

Using the Equity and Environment Agenda as our framework, SPR's Community Naturalists work across Seattle to partner with community-based organizations, connecting people with engaging and meaningful experiences in nature.

We partnered with a total of 54 Community based organizations this year. Without these partnerships many of our programs would not have been possible.

Thank you to our community partners:

Art Maranth, Basilica Bio, Beacon Hill Public Library, Black Farmers Collective, Boys and Girls Club of King County, Casa Latina, Columbia Branch Public Library, Daybreak Star Preschool, Delridge Neighborhood Development Association, Duwamish Alive Coalition, Duwamish Longhouse, Duwamish Valley Youth Corps, Gay City, Green Seattle Partnership, High Point Open Space Association, High Point Library, High Point Seattle Housing Authority, Kids and Paper, Lake Roosevelt National Recreation Area, Lambert House LGBTQ Youth Community Center, Latino Outdoors, Melanated Moon Mystics, National Wildlife Federation, New Holly Public Library, New Holly Seattle Housing Authority, Nile's Edge, Northwest Tap Connection, Outdoor Asians, Parent Education Lab, Rainier Beach Action Coalition, Rainier Vista Seattle Housing Authority, Seattle Public Utilities, South Park Public Library, Twisted Pretzel Yoga, Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle, Washington Education Association, Woodland Park Zoo.

Thank you as well to our internal recreation programs and Community Center partnerships:

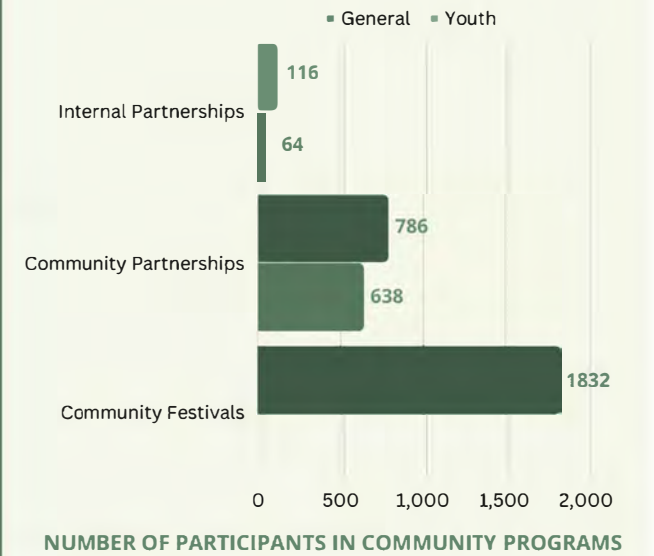
Camp Long, Delridge Community Center, Discovery Park and Carkeek Park Visitors Centers, Free Meals Summer program, Garfield Community Center, High Point Community Center, Lifelong Recreation, Rainier Beach Community Center, Rec N the Streets, South Park Community Center, Southwest Teen Life Center, Specialized Programs, Van Asselt Community Center, Yesler Community Center.



33 internal partnership programs
(Lifelong Recreation, Specialized Programming, and Rec N the Streets)

36 community partnership programs

8 community festivals
(Duwamish River Festival, Mountain Fest, Lowman Beach Opening, Discovery Park 50th Anniversary, Highpoint Bee Festival, High Point Earth Day Festival, Big Day of Play, and Salmon Celebration)



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