



REACH is a program of Educational Service District 112

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In collaboration with the Lyle School District



ACTIVITIES

Upon visiting the Goldendale Observatory, students got to learn all about the sun, telescopes, and how the sun's magnetism affects the earth. The sun show consisted of a demonstration of the main telescope and sighting sunspots in the UV filtered eye piece followed by an educational sun talk that divulged in the intricacies of solar science accompanied by stunning visuals. Students are blessed to have this incredible educational resource so close to home.

GRANT PARTNERS

Our dear friends from The Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Gorge Ecology Outdoors (GEO) provided an exceptional adventure day for Dallespost REACH and the entire Lyle Summer School once again! With two separate tracks that converged at the end, older and younger students each had their own unique experience peppered throughout the Columbia Hills State Park area. Middle & high school students were graced with a She Who Watches tour followed by a glorious hike from Dalles Mountain Ranch to Crawford Oaks while the elementary students caught stunning views & bugs at Horsethief Butte followed by stationed activities at Horsethief Lake. All were well nourished by their time in nature and on the land.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

For the second year in a row, Dallespost REACH collaborated with Lyle School District to deliver a more robust and enriched summer school program for all involved. Working alongside district staff & teachers, Dallespost REACH brought in the support of various community partners to cultivate this larger community connection experience. Each day began and ended in a community circle, cultivating connection and gratitude for our shared experience together. To cap it off, the summer school collaboration took a combined field trip to OMSI, wrapping up two weeks of Dinosaur themed activities with the T-Rex exhibit and blue whale movie at the Empirical Theater.

FIELD TRIPS

Summer REACH is all about field trips! Some highlights include hiking around Lost Lake, visiting the Oregon Zoo, and spending the day at Chalk School of Movement. Students engaged their adventurous and educational spirits in these adventures, moving their bodies, breathing fresh air, and connecting with the wild and wonderful world outside of home. The exposure and accomplishment fulfilled through these vast array of experiences fostered a sweet sense of belonging within the group, working better together, and appreciating the camaraderie created.



Goldendale Observatory



Visiting Lost Lake



PARENT EVENTS

Parent chaperones are a fun part of the field trips we get to take during Summer REACH. In addition to their students having these opportunities, parents also get the chance to experience new things and go to new places. This also enables REACH staff to connect more directly with parents and work together more closely. The very last day of REACH at Howard's Haven Animal Sanctuary was open to all families and extended community as well. Many extended community members showed up to celebrate the final day of REACH and the deepening relationship was present and palpable. We are grateful to the ripple effect among adults that occurs from tending the young together.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dallesport REACH staff are excited to take some time off this summer and rejuvenate for the fall. A fall kickoff event is already scheduled with our partners at GEO for Saturday, September 28th at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center between 11am-3pm. We look forward to welcoming families and students back as we gather in a beautiful facility supported by wonderful partners and fun activities!



Hiking is always a fun activity



Student Highlight

AVA & JORDAN (3RD GRADE)

What is your favorite thing about REACH?

Ava - "Playing with my friends"

Jordan - "That it's not normal school"

What is something fun you did at REACH recently?

Ava - "Visiting the zoo"

Jordan - "Visiting Risi's farm"

What have you learned recently?

Ava - "Teamwork"

Jordan - "Be kind"

Quote:

Ava - "Shoot for the moon!"

Jordan - "Kindness is always the answer!"

