

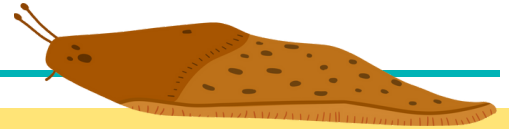


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FAREWELL, SUMMER!

As the school year looms around the corner, we're reflecting on the past 8 weeks of summer camps. Nature Vision campers explored several parks this summer, including Farrel-McWhirter Park, Hamlin Park, Shoreview Park, and a new site at Big Rock Park Central. We kept busy making crafts, identifying plants, searching for insects, and considering solutions to environmental issues.

Nature Vision camp topics have something for everyone, from future artists to future researchers. Our campers are the best, and we stayed cool outside of school all summer long!

We'd love to catch you next year back in Shoreline, Redmond, and Sammamish. Registration for summer day camps opens around March-April every year, so mark your calendars now-and we'll catch you next time!

For more information about our day camps, visit naturevision.org/day-camp-programs.



Top left: Campers showing off their shelter-building skills at our Northwest Explorers camp.

Top right: Nature Vision campers creating with plants at our Nature Art camp.

Below: Nature Art campers getting fierce in the forest with their animal masks.





2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW



The 2022-2023 school year was wonderfully full! It was great to have kids back in the classroom and able to participate hands-on programs, with our program numbers reaching pre-pandemic rates. In addition to regular programming throughout King county, our Educators coordinated 70 **Blue Team** stewardship projects with 1,580 students. We also taught 40 preschoolers, with 22 graduates ready for Kindergarten.

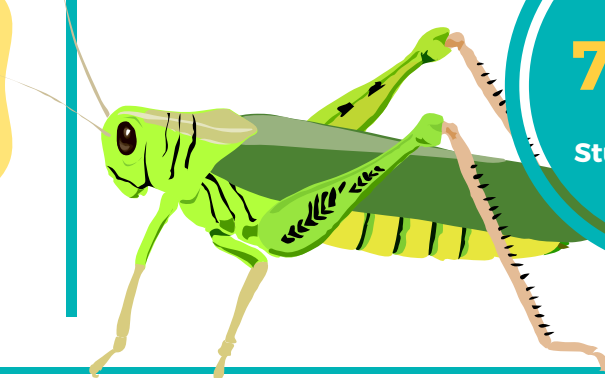
Below are a few numbers that summarize some of our accomplishments in the past school year.

Above: Students raising their hands to ask questions during a Salmon Cycle program.
Top left: Students participating in Blue Team restoration.
Top right: A preschooler enjoying "Tree Island" at Farrel McWhirter Park.



PROGRAM REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We're already planning for the coming year! If you are too, check out our fully-funded science programs for your K-12 students (or pass the word on to any teachers you know) by visiting naturevision.org/free-programs-for-schools.





COWORKER
SPOTLIGHT:

ROSITA!



Have you met Rosita? She is a Mexican redknee tarantula and happens to be one of our other-than-human coworkers at Nature Vision. Rosita helps our Educators teach children about spiders in our **Amazing Arthropods** program, where students can discover the world of arthropods through an arachnid encounter with Rosita herself!

Mexican redknee tarantulas are native to the central Pacific coast of Mexico, where their habitat is currently threatened by deforestation. They are burrowers who hunt their food by ambushing prey as they move near the spider's burrow. In spite of this, as pets, these spiders are docile, rarely bite, and their venom is not harmful to humans.

Our lovely Rosita just molted! Molting is a normal part of her growth cycle, during which she will shed her old exoskeleton and emerge fresh, rejuvenated, and BIGGER!

We are so lucky and grateful to have Rosita as a member of our teaching team.

TEACHER REVIEWS

"We love Nature Vision! Having them come to visit our classroom and teach us about water, soil, plants, and animals is fun and exciting. They provide engaging materials and hands-on on activities...My students meet and learn from a diverse group of instructors who clearly love science!"

-Kennydale Elementary teacher

Many students in my class are "indoor" kids. They don't spend time outside...It's good to expose them to insects and other outdoor critters. Nature Vision has been very valuable in giving my students those experiences.

-Clara Barton Elementary teacher

"Nature Vision teaches science in a memorable hands-on way that I wish we could do every day."

-Sunrise Elementary

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