



# Nature VISION

# NEWS

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## WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON BEYOND REMOTE PROGRAMMING?

This spring has been bountiful for Nature Vision! *Here is what has been going on:*

### School Year Day Camps & After School Programs

We've been bringing camps to the school year with [full-day outdoor camp programs](#) at Hamlin Park in Shoreline, WA and [after school outdoor programs](#) at Farrel-McWhirter Farm Park in Redmond, WA every Wednesday, during spring. These day camps have been an absolute hit, filling up quickly with students who have been waiting to get outdoors and make connections with nature and other kids all year. These camps introduced all-new topics like Woodland Investigations and The Explorer's Quest. We'll be revisiting these activities plus so much more during our summer camps. [See info about summer below...]

### Preschool Graduations

It was a big year for our [preschool](#). Despite changing our curriculum to be outdoors-only and small groups, we were packed with young learners ready to brave the weather and experience nature at the forefront of their education! This school year, we had 20 students graduate from preschool. Big congrats to our future kindergarteners! We hope to visit them in their new classrooms next year!

### GiveBIG Washington

Lastly, we want to give a huge THANK YOU to our donors from GiveBIG this May 4-5, 2021! We generated over \$2,400 through donations to help cover costs from the pandemic, and to help support our staff in program development. Didn't get to donate but want to still? You can donate anytime at [naturevision.org/donate](https://naturevision.org/donate). These generous donations are helping us to continue to get through the pandemic and support our staff.

### Summer Camps!

Nature Vision's acclaimed summer camps are coming back! June through August, catch us at Shoreline, Redmond, and Mercer Island having some outdoor summertime fun! We still have some spots available in Shoreline! [Check our website](#) to register your camper now, or add yourself to the waitlist for any full camps.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

### INSIDE THIS EDITION:

CURRENT EVENTS  
COMMUNITY SCIENCE  
REGISTER FOR FALL

Campers explore and build together outdoors during After School Programs!



Preschoolers go on nature walks to learn about (and sometimes play on) native plants!

[Donate](#) to support our free student programming!



## PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: COMMUNITY SCIENCE IN THE VIRTUAL ERA



Program Coordinator Scott Jenkins doing water quality analysis in the field

To find free programs for your K-12 class or for registration help, please email [info@naturevision.org](mailto:info@naturevision.org)

**Community Science** is a method for community members to serve their environment and neighbors while collecting important data for ongoing scientific research. Nature Vision provides community science opportunities through sponsored **Blue Team programs**, allowing students to participate in active data collection projects at a local waterbody - all free to them!

Our free **Community Science Blue Team programs** are now also offered in a virtual setting. Students join a Nature Vision Educator for a series of classroom programs, a live-streaming of field data collection from a water source in their community, and stewardship reflection.

Here's a quote from a teacher with Riverview School District about the virtual Community Science experience: "***Our students LOVED this lesson. They were so excited to test the different parts of the water. Our students were on the edges of their seats. They were engaged, passionate about share their ideas, and loved being on a field trip during remote learning. My class thought this lesson was very special.***"

Community Science Blue Teams are sponsored by the Cascade Water Alliance, and grants from King County Flood Control District, and King County WaterWorks.

For more info on Community Science Blue Teams, [check out our page here.](#)

## REGISTER NOW FOR 2021-2022!

The school year is coming to an end, but we're ready to start registering for 2021-2022 school year programs! Know a teacher or are you interested in programs for your class? 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/school-programs](https://naturevision.org/school-programs).

**In-person or remote, we have you covered!**