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# EARTH KEEPERS SUMMER CAMP

For students entering Grades 6 – 8 | July 10 – 14, 2017

Be an Earth Keeper and discover how we can help the planet by taking care of nature right here in Oregon! Learn about earth-friendly farming, native habitats, . The Straub Environmental Center is located in the Eco Hub at the Willamette Heritage Center, 1313 Mill Street SE, in Salem.

## MONDAY: HEALTHY STREAMS, HEALTHY PEOPLE

Explore a riparian (streamside) area at Shellburg Falls and discover how healthy habitats help animals and people be healthy too. Gather data to support the evidence we see then take a guided nature hike behind the falls.

## TUESDAY: DOWN ON THE FARM

Visit GeerCrest Farm and learn about organic agricultural practices and how we can use these them in our family gardens and on larger farms. There will be a meet-and-greet with farm animals too!

## WEDNESDAY: HERE COMES THE SUN!

Visit West Salem High School where solar and wind power are used to make electricity. Visit an urban homestead and see roof water catchment, solar electricity, a solar water heater, and earth-friendly gardening practices. Take a trip to AJ's Auto Repair and discover how taking care of your car can also help the planet. Finish your day at the Pringle Creek Community, tour a "net zero" community center, and learn how neighbors can help each other reduce, reuse and recycle.

## THURSDAY: PITCH IN AND BUG OUT!

Start the day helping with a City of Salem environmental service project then take a trip to the Oregon Department of Agriculture Entomology (insect) Department in the afternoon.

## FRIDAY: COASTAL CRITTERS

Visit Otter Rock on the Oregon Coast to observe the life in tide pools and on the shore!

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For more information or to request an application form, contact Bobbie Snead, Straub Education Coordinator, at [bobbie.snead@gmail.com](mailto:bobbie.snead@gmail.com) or call 503-508-5225.