

Farm to School & School Gardens

Updates on Forthcoming Cross-programatic
Farm to School Projects

June 24, 2024

FCH/SNAP-Ed/EFNEP Statewide Meeting



AGENDA

Overview farm to
school state funding
process and future
directions

Share outs about
forthcoming projects

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER!

2023-2025
\$11+ MILLION

\$500,000 TOTAL
PRODUCER
EQUIPMENT &
INFRASTRUCTURE
GRANTS

ADMINISTERED BY
OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE

REIMBURSEMENTS
TO PURCHASE
FOOD

OPT- OUT

AVAILABLE TO
ALL CNP
SPONSORS

GRANTS FOR AG,
FOOD AND
GARDEN
EDUCATION

\$2,000-\$15,000
MINI-GRANTS

UP TO \$100,000
FULL GRANTS

TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE

FARM TO SCHOOL
NETWORK

ECOTRUST

OSU

EVALUATION

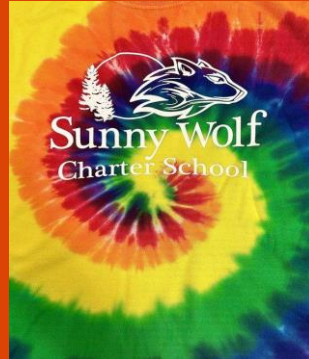
IMPACTS
&
COMMUNICATIONS



Sunny Wolf Charter is a public charter school in the Three Rivers School District. The school serves an estimated 120 students Kindergarten through sixth grade in rural area of Wolf Creek, Oregon.

Josephine County Extension provided Nutrition Programming to the 2nd & 3rd grade classes @ Sunny Wolf Charter Fall of 2023.

Offered Sunny Wolf Charter assistance with applying for Farm to Child Nutrition Program Education Grant-\$15,000 Capacity Building Mini Grant.





2024 Elementary AgFest

OSU Extension-Marion County SNAP-Ed, 4-H and Food Preservers



- 8 elementary schools; 21 classrooms, 490 3rd graders
- Schools from Salem-Keizer, Jefferson, Santiam Canyon and North Santiam School Districts
- 4 days of farm field Trips to Chemeketa Ag. Complex and MPFS Youth Farm
- 6 activity stations
- 22 volunteers
- 5 community partners (Salem Harvest, Chemeketa Agriculture Complex, MPFS Youth Farm, Oregon Dairy Women and AgWest Farm Credit)
- AgWest funded the program
- Sack lunches from Salem-Keizer S.D. used local products
- ***Evaluation data being compiled*



Growing Healthy Kids Teacher-Led version

- Marion, Polk, Yamhill, Lane and Portland
- 2024: 127 classrooms participated
- Produce provided to classrooms
 - Weekly deliveries
 - Funds to purchase provided to teachers
- 76 Post-evaluations

Bringing gardens INTO the classrooms!

PLANT, GROW, and TASTE!
Vegetables grown in classroom greenhouses!

Student experiences include:

- Growing seasonal vegetables in the classroom or school garden
- Tasting Food Hero recipes that include the vegetables grown at school
- Taking home vegetable grow kits with seeds or starts from a local farm
- A classroom visit from a local farmer
- Growing Healthy Kids lessons
- Food Hero Bee Books and pollination activities (aligned with nutrition/growing themes)
- A field trip to Hopkins Demonstration Forest (in collaboration with OSU Forestry)



Clackamas FCH/SNAP-Ed Farm to School

Philomath School District Test Gardens

Working side by side with a school district to expand the use of three existing gardens as outdoor exploratory classrooms and creating systems to lower garden maintenance and involve all students.

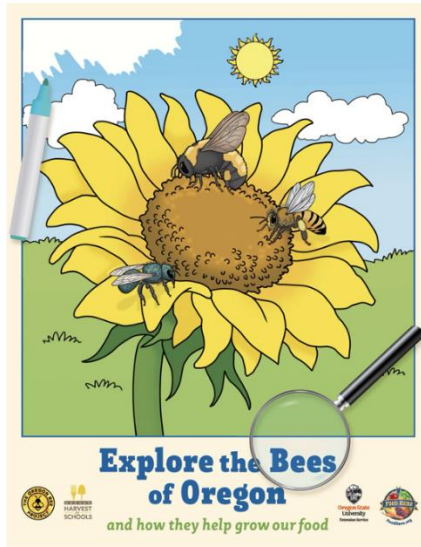


Explore the Bees of Oregon, 3rd Edition

- Research informed/tested (especially with 4th grade teachers and students)
- Aligned to 4th grade standards
- Preview 3rd edition pages as they are updated: <https://foodhero.org>
[draft](#)
- Spanish and English



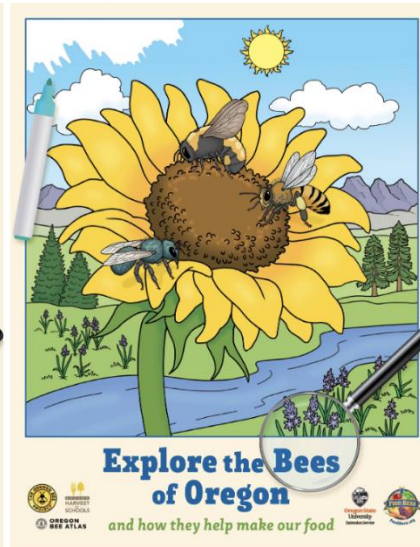
Long-Horned Bee



June 2021



June 2023



Fall 2024



Farm to Food Backpack Project at Highland Park Middle School

- ✓ Provide bi-monthly food backpacks + ingredients to make Food Hero recipes for 40 - 50 middle school students
- ✓ Pilot a system to discreetly deliver Oregon harvest produce to students to take home in school backpacks
- ✓ Revitalize school courtyard garden with *Grow This!* seeds and resources
- ✓ Include edible landscaping in garden, such as blueberry/raspberry bushes
- ✓ Make eating or trying what we grow & eating a variety of FV a school-wide norm

Oregon Harvest for
Schools Indigenous
Celebration Recipes and
Grow This! themed kit
with Chef Nephi Craig





***Promote Food Justice.
Prevent Waste.
Strengthen
Community.***



OSU Extension

EXPLORERS SUMMER CAMP



Send your camper to the Lane County Extension Service for some hands-on summer fun! Campers will get to explore 4-H, cooking, gardening, food preservation and forestry programs through field trips and activities! Lunch and snack will be provided!

OSU Extension Summer Camp is **FREE** and preference will be given to children from limited-income households.

Space is limited!
Reserve your spot soon!

Session 1: August 5–8, 9 am–3 pm
For incoming 1st-3rd graders

Register at
beav.es/pjD

Session 2: August 12–15, 9 am–3 pm
For incoming 3rd-5th graders

Register at
beav.es/pjP

Need assistance with registration? Visit our office at 996 Jefferson St. in Eugene or call us at 541-344-5859

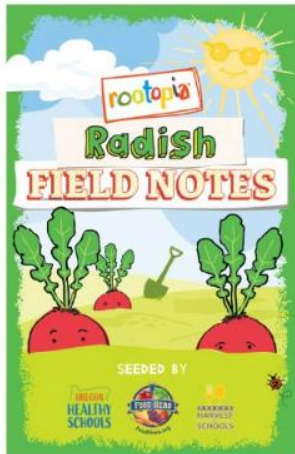
Extension Day Camps

- Administrated by SNAP-Ed faculty, but in partnership with staff/vols from all programs
- Two Extension Interns are ‘counselors’
- Activities span all local Extension programs including forestry, food preservation, 4-H, nutrition, and gardening/farming.
- Each week will include field trips to a local farm, the downtown Farmer’s Market, and a woodland arboretum.

OSU Farm to School

Rootopia Material Development

- Update Radish based on pilots
- Finalize “Field Notes” outline
- Develop Educator Guide & Worksheets
- Create Beans Field Notes
- 5th grade focus





SNAP-Ed
Approved plan

Farm to School
& School Garden
Strategic Initiative

Table 1. 2023 PEARS reporting. 14 counties included the Farm to School Strategic Initiative template language for the first time. |

	Farm to School	Edible Gardening	Early Learning	Farmers Markets	Physical Activity
# Program Activities (n=1484)	219	456	221	84	484
# Social Marketing Events (n=466)	36	86	71	116	47
# PSE Site Activities (n=61)	15	19	9	7	20

County Websites

Cross county
and program
collaborations

Monthly
Calls

**Extension
Farm to
School
Team**

Strategic
Planning

Communications

Regional
Technical
Assistance Hubs