

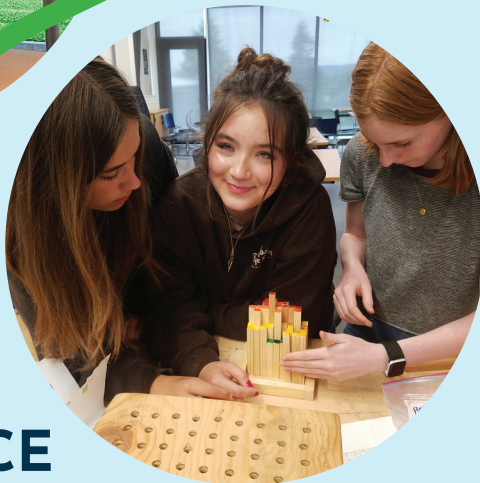
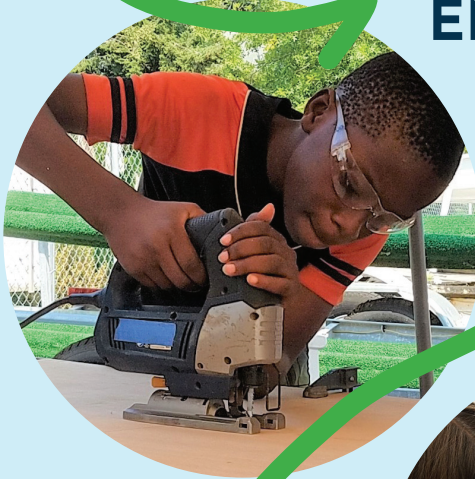


Wind & Oar Boat School engages young people and inspires learning through the art, science, and craft of building wooden boats.

HANDS-ON LEARNING

FOSTERS ENGAGEMENT

Crafting something with their own hands sparks **curiosity and confidence**; students see their strengths and are motivated to dig deeper.



IMPROVES ATTENDANCE

Student-centered, experiential learning brings kids to school. In one particular 8th grade Wind & Oar math class, daily **attendance increased to 80%**, compared to the general school attendance rate of 57%.

THE WIND & OAR DIFFERENCE

Integrated learning based on real-world challenges, where students apply classroom concepts to hands-on problem solving.

A model of guided discovery that centers student voice and reflection—building confidence, curiosity, and critical thinking.

Collaborative partnerships with public schools and community-based organizations make experiential education accessible to students.

Inclusive, relationship-based programs (30–150 hours) in which low student-to-teacher ratios foster belonging and teamwork.

Proven impact demonstrated by higher attendance, deeper engagement, and a sense of purpose as students discover who they are and what they can achieve.

IMPACT THAT GOES BEYOND THE BOAT

With more than a decade of collaboration, Wind & Oar has built lasting partnerships, expanded opportunities for experiential learning, and helped thousands of young people discover what they're capable of—and we're just getting started.

3,000+ youth ages 9-22 have found purpose in learning and strengthened real-world skills essential for lifelong success.

100+ programs with **24 schools** and **12 community partners**. Together, we've broadened access to meaningful learning experiences that re-engage students and strengthen community connections.

6:1 average student-teacher ratio, ensuring inclusive, individualized instruction and genuine relationships.

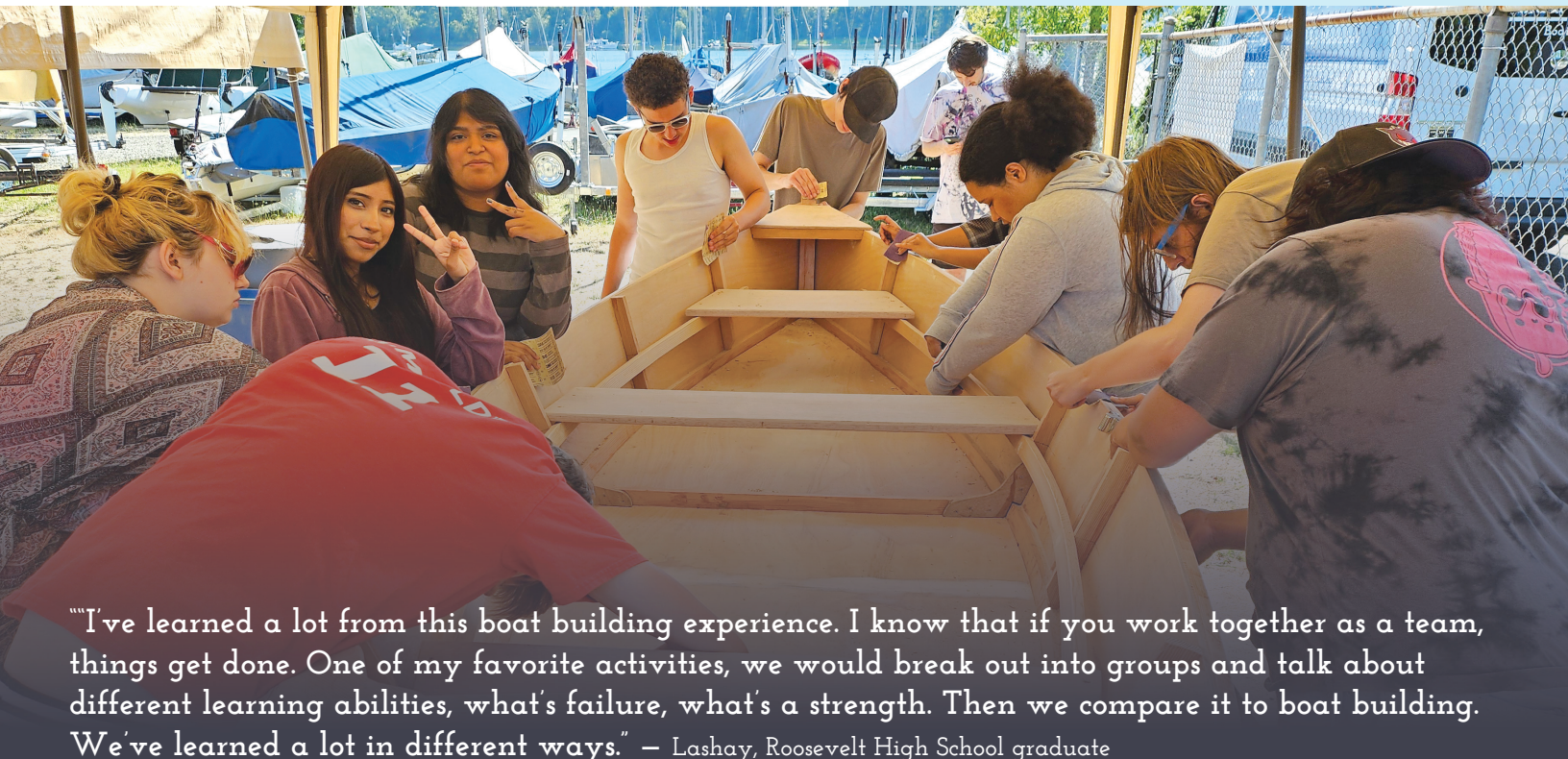
Research shows that **project-based learning boosts engagement and knowledge retention up to 30%.**

Source: Buck Institute for Education, "A Review of Research on Project-Based Learning," 2000.



"Wind and Oar gave me the space to do something great. They allowed me to not just learn by instruction but learn from hands-on experience and teamwork."

Annabelle, POIC+Rosemary Anderson H.S.



"I've learned a lot from this boat building experience. I know that if you work together as a team, things get done. One of my favorite activities, we would break out into groups and talk about different learning abilities, what's failure, what's a strength. Then we compare it to boat building. We've learned a lot in different ways." — Lashay, Roosevelt High School graduate

PROGRAMS THAT TRANSFORM

Wind & Oar's programs engage students of all backgrounds and are adapted for in-school, out-of-school, and summer learning settings. Many of our program partnerships span a decade or more, reflecting measurable student growth and lasting trust.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASSES

- **6-9 month interdisciplinary courses** integrating math, science, history, and environmental studies.
- **25-40 students per cohort** earn credits through immersive, project-based learning.
- **Students build career-connected skills** that blend craftsmanship with academics.
- **5-7 instructors per session** provide close mentorship and individualized support.



At Alliance High School, students constructed a solar-electric, 18' Point Comfort Deadrise Skiff, earning up to 2.5 credits. On launch day, students were very proud of their boat, each taking a turn at the helm on the Willamette River.

Students at Metropolitan Learning Center built a Bevin's Skiff sailboat while reading Rosanne Parry's *Turn of the Tide* and exploring Oregon's rivers and geography.



MIDDLE SCHOOL (GRADES 5-8)

- **30-60 hours of hands-on learning** bring classroom subjects to life.
- **15-75 students per program** work in three areas—class subjects, STEAM activities, and boat building.
- **Place-based learning** turns rivers, forests, and neighborhoods into classrooms.
- **Growing thinkers and makers**—students build transferable skills and see themselves as capable contributors to their community.

SUMMER INTENSIVES

- **5 two-week camps** in partnership with community-based organizations.
- **Mornings in the shop and along the river** blend boatbuilding and place-based learning.
- **Afternoons sailing on the water** in partnership with the Oregon Youth Sailing Foundation.
- **10 students per session** build teamwork, confidence, and stewardship through hands-on discovery.



"I truly wish everyone gets to experience a program like Wind & Oar because of the confidence they gave me to do great things. Things I truly thought impossible."

Summer camp boat builder



IT'S BIGGER THAN THE BOAT INSPIRE CONFIDENCE, CONNECTION, AND CURIOSITY IN EVERY STUDENT

"They gave me a box of tools, helped me along the way, and we built a boat. I built a boat. That's more than incredible."

POIC+Rosemary Anderson H.S Student

Many schools can no longer afford the kind of rich, hands-on experiences that inspire life-long learning.

Wind & Oar Fills the Gap

We bring high-quality, culturally responsive, hands-on learning to classrooms and communities where it's needed most. Our programs help students see themselves as capable learners, creators, and future leaders.

Why Your Support Matters

The demand for Wind & Oar's programs continues to grow, but resources remain limited. Your gift ensures every student has access to these transformative experiences—regardless of background or school funding.

What Your Support Does:

- ✓ Expands access to under-resourced schools and community partners.
- ✓ Keeps programs tuition-free for all students.
- ✓ Hires and retains expert instructors and mentors.
- ✓ Offers paid student internships and real-world career exposure.
- ✓ Sustains multi-disciplinary, high-impact learning year-round.

Your generosity changes students lives by building more than a boat—it builds possibilities.

WAYS TO ENGAGE

Consider making a one-time or monthly gift that goes directly to programming.

Sponsor a boat for a high school project or summer camp—you keep the boat.

Create a Donor Advised Fund or donate your RMD (talk to your financial advisor).

Organize a corporate give-back campaign or matching gift program with your business or employer.

Contact us for volunteer and in-kind donation opportunities.



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