

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### Russian and Oregon students to focus on environmental stewardship during exchange camp

**July 16, 2009 – Portland, Ore.** – During a nine-day exchange program, Oregon and Russian students will focus on environmental stewardship and leadership through art, writing and scientific investigation. During the Salmon Stewardship Summit, Students will explore salmon habitat, participate in inquiry-based scientific research as a part of restoration project and experience outdoor adventure within a river and mountain ecosystem.

**What:** Oregon students will spend the first 2 ½ days guiding Sakhalin, Russian students on Portland area tours and sight seeing which includes a team scavenger hunt of downtown Portland, tour of the World Forestry Center, team Leave No Trace presentations, a tour of Johnson Creek Watershed and hiking in Forest Park.

The students will then head out to Camp Arrah Wanna for a six-day residential camp on the Salmon River near Mt. Hood to explore salmon habitat, experience outdoor adventure and learn about cultural connections to salmon. Campers will also develop a team salmon habitat restoration project based on the Salmon River Side Channel project.

**Why:** The goal is to provide students from Oregon and Sakhalin, Russia with an opportunity to develop leadership skills through teamwork on a stewardship project based on the question: “What, if any role do side channels play in providing habitat to juvenile salmonids?” Through this process they will not only develop leadership and stewardship, but also an appreciation and understanding of another culture.

**Who:** Twelve Russian students and 13 American students ages 13 to 17  
The Freshwater Trust and the Wild Salmon Center are the key partners in the Salmon Stewardship Summit. Other partners include Johnson Creek Watershed Council, Bureau of Land Management, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Mt. Hood Forest Service, Siuslaw Institute and the Sakhalin Salmon Initiative.

**When:** Wednesday, July 22 to Friday, July 24  
Students in Portland for sightseeing

Sunday, July 26 at 1 p.m. to Friday, July 31 at 1 p.m.  
Students in Welches at Camp Arrah Wanna

\*\*\* Detailed camp schedule available upon request \*\*\*

**Where:** Portland and Camp Arrah Wanna in Welches, Ore.

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