



GREENWAYS' SCHOOL PROGRAMS

2023 - 2024





SCHOOL PROGRAMS

NEST BOX BUILDING

Supported the construction and installation of bird nest boxes with students at Erickson Pond

INDIGENOUS WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE: RESTORING THE CAMPBELL RIVER

Program in which students
can learn about and get
involved in stewardship
initiatives with the We Wai
Kai Guardians and the Wei
Wai Kum Guardian Watchmen

JUNIOR STREAMKEEPERS

Program that promotes clean water stewardship. Activites include: invasive removal, Yellow Fish Storm Drain Marking Program, litter cleanup, fish fence visits, interpretive nature walks, trail maintenance.

JUNIOR STREAMKEEPERS ECOACTION PROJECT

Larger project with activities focused on Erickson Pond.
Students planted 350 native species around Erickson Pond.

FOOD SECURITY

Includes school garden
support and our Campbell
River Fruit Tree Project

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR OVERVIEW



825

Native plantings by students and teachers



315 KG

Invasive species and garbage removed from local ecosystems



87

In-school sessions,
environmental
stewardship and
nature outings with
classes



1472 HOURS

Time invested in Greenways projects by students, teachers, and volunteers

SCHOOL YEAR OVERVIEW CONTINUED



10

School gardens part of our online volunteer database project



27

Indigenous
Watershed Initiative
restoration days and
in-class
presentations



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Nature outings, storm drain marking sessions and fish fence visits



3

Trails maintained in the Beaver Lodge Forest Lands by class groups

JUNIOR STREAMKEEPERS: PHASE II



NATURE-BASED LEARNING

Hands-on learning promotes clean water stewardship

Activities:

- Invasive plant removal
- Yellow Fish Storm Drain Marking Program
- Litter clean-up
- Fish counting fence visits
- Interpretive nature walks
- Trail maintenance.



ECOACTION PROJECT: ERICKSON POND

Students have planted 350 plants at Erickson Pond to date. The project is supported by the City of Campbell River, who join planting sessions to teach students about Storm Water Management Ponds.

BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

- Provides hands-on experiential learning in nature
- Develops environmental literacy
- Empowers them in making a difference to their environment and community

BENEFITS TO THE ENVIRONMENT

- Enhances habitat around the pond and its ecosystem functions
- Plants improve sediment control and shading of the pond, which cools water and lowers evaporation rates

INDIGENOUS WATERSHEDS INITIATIVE



A Program where students learn from local Indigenous stewardship groups: the We Wai Kai Guardians and the Wei Wai Kum Guardian Watchmen



The Guardians shared presentations about their work with students

Students joined the Guardians and Greenways to remove invasive plants and to plant native species



The program has provided mentorship opportunities for youth considering employment with the Guardians



INTERPRETIVE NATURE OUTINGS

Nature interpretation

Outings focused on nature interpretation, citizen science birding, and reducing our ecological footprint

History

Exploring restoration work at
Baikie Island Nature Reserve,
Willow Creek Conservation
Area, Campbell River Estuary,
and the Beaver Lodge Forest
Lands

Invasive species workshops

Identifying, having a discussion about, and removing invasive plant species



SIMMS CREEK FISH COUNTING FENCE

COUNTING SMOLTS AND FRY

Classes helped us at the fish counting fence on Simms Creek. Students had the opportunity to work with fish up close, while contributing to a longstanding data set that monitors fish populations.

Students can participate in:

- Measuring weights and lengths
- Recording data
- Identification
- Releasing the fish after data collection



FRUIT TREE PROJECT

The Fruit Tree Project is a fruit gleaning program, in which volunteers pick fruit from a homeowner's tree for donation. It reduces bear interactions with people by removing fruit that can attract bears to yards.

Destinations of the fruit

- 50% is donated to community organizations
- 25% is given to the volunteers
- 25% is given to the homeowner

School group participants

- Help with picking
- Learn about the value of the program
- Use fruit in cooking and food security classes





THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS



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So many amazing teachers, staff and administrators have made this program what it is. Thank you for all that you do.



CITY OF CAMPBELL RIVER

Support with multiple initiatives in the City, as well as funding for Junior Streamkeepers 2022-2025



Volunteers who
dedicate their time to
helping spread
ecological knowledge
and stewardship to the
next generation



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE CANADA

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Please note that future school group programming is subject to funding

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