

# Columbia River Watershed Festival

The Columbia River Watershed Festival is a **science and nature field trip for 4th grade students** that takes place each September. The event rotates to a new location each year, and local schools are invited to participate to **kick off their year with environmental learning**.

Students rotate through presentations from local leaders in the environmental field who lead activities including **guided hikes, story telling, music, games and more**. All presentations connect back to the Columbia River Watershed and what we can do to keep it healthy.



- “The Columbia River Watershed Festival has **engaging performers and quality academic content**” - Dylan May, Silver Star 4th grade teacher
- “I was very pleased with the event. My students really enjoyed it and **were repeating things they learned and heard the next day**” - Leah Kleeberger, 4th grade teacher
- “My favorite part of the event was seeing how engaged the children were because of **skilled and prepared presenters**, educators and event planners” - Volunteer
- “The best part is that students and teachers were interested and engaged, **asking questions and participating** in the activities” - Ellen Ives, Presenter from Waste Connections of SW Washington
- “I learned that a house by Mt Saint Helens was buried in 200ft or rock! I also learned that **I can protect the watershed by cleaning up the roads**, so bad stuff does not get in the drain.” - Blake, age 9, Daybreak Primary
- “I learned that **some of the things I’ve thrown away don’t belong in the trash!**” - Demari, age 9, Silver Star Elementary



## 2019 at Lewisville Regional Park:

- **7 schools** attended from Battle Ground, Ridgefield and Evergreen Public School District.
- A total of **30 classes** of 4th graders attended.
- Over **944 people** attended the festival including students, teachers and chaperones.
- **21 community organizations** came together with staff and volunteers to support the event and offer learning stations.
- In total, **72 individual partners, staff and volunteers** were on site throughout the event to ensure students had a successful learning experience.



## 2019 COLUMBIA RIVER WATERSHED FESTIVAL PARTNERS INCLUDED:

Clark County Parks, Water Resources Education Center, Urban Forestry, Clark Public Utilities, Stream Team, Waste Connections, Clark County Green Schools, Master Composter Recycler, Clark County Clean Water Services, Clark County Parks, Evergreen Public Schools, Mount Saint Helens Institute, more.