To strengthen the connection between people and the natural world through education, service learning, career development and research.

1. We believe that opportunities to serve public lands and our communities have a triple net impact: positive stewardship of natural resources, increased career options for participants and a stronger social fabric.

2. We believe that experiential science programs that immerse participants in nature inspire people to seek solutions to global issues like climate change.

3. We believe that relationships matter and strive to be great partners, teachers, coordinators and mentors.

So we went to work in 2015...

51 participants in VetsWork and Public Lands Stewards (an increase of 104% from 2014) contributed over...

47,000 hours of volunteer service on public lands

Cascade Mountain School ran 12 week-long camps (an increase of 80% from 2014) that served...

over 180 students

Through partnerships and community support, we increased our budget 67% to...

$1,100,000
"Of all the stepping stones on the path to becoming a permanent employee with the US Forest Service, the VetsWork program has taken me farther and higher than any other."

Jason Griffith, former VetsWork participant and current employee, Mark Twain National Forest

"Before I came to camp I was a zombie...I am completely sure I will walk away from camp with an entirely new perspective on agriculture, the environment, and my own decision-making."

Gabby Lemieux, Cascade Mountain School Student

Farm Camp Participants
Nature Art Camp Participants with their works of art.
Outdoor Explorers Camp Participant
Public Lands Stewards Participant, Morganne Barrett
Mt. Adams Sunset from Cascade Mountain School Camp Site
Public Lands Steward Participant, Martin Zepeda
NEW PROJECTS FOR 2016

In addition to continuing to expand our capacity to better serve our communities and participants, we have two big projects on the board for 2016.

Expand VetsWork & Public Lands Stewards to Eleven States

Launch Cascade Mountain School Semester Program

Since the beginning, our high school participants have said, “I wish I could be here longer.” Well, we’re aiming to fulfill their wish.

The Semester program will launch in August with space for 15 students. This residential program will immerse participants in 16 weeks of hands-on science and farming.

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