

Straub Quarterly

Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center

“In partnership with the community, we create awareness and understanding of our relationship to the environment.”

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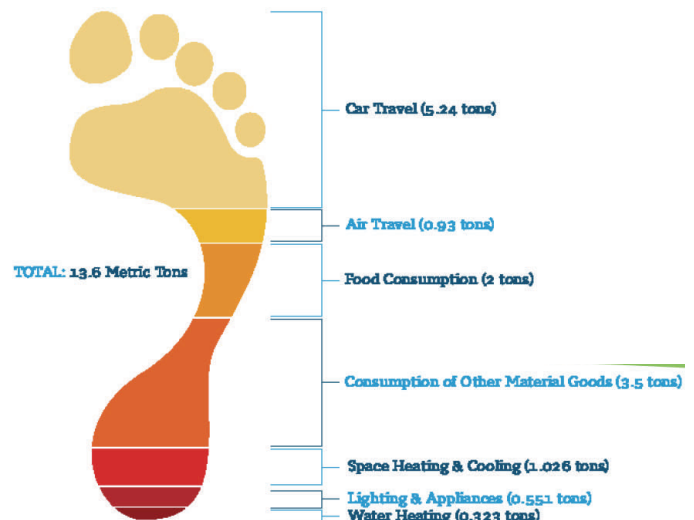
Stewards of Climate Change

This spring, the Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center brought the University of Oregon's *Climate Masters at Home*™ course to Salem!

Modeled after programs such as *Master Gardeners* and *Master Recyclers*, the Climate Masters program educates participants about climate change and how citizens can do their part to curb personal carbon emissions. Climate Masters participate in 30 hours of training on climate change science and learn action strategies to reducing personal green house gas emissions. The program was developed by the Climate Leadership Initiative at the University of Oregon.

Facilitated by FSELc staff and held at the Straub Center, the class of 25 participants enjoyed training by local experts on topics such as home energy, transportation and reducing waste – looking at how each topic causes carbon emissions, and how we can therefore save energy with simple changes in our lives. An additional benefit of saving energy proved to be saving money as well!

In exchange for the free training (there is a nominal fee to cover the production of materials), Climate



Total personal carbon dioxide emissions for a typical Eugene, Oregon resident. Approximate estimations calculated by the Climate Leadership Initiative at the University of Oregon and featured in the Climate Masters™ handbook. The Climate Masters program teaches individuals how to decrease their emissions.

Climate Change Stewards, cont. from page 1.

Masters complete 30 hours of volunteer service after their training is complete. The majority of the 30 hours is spent conducting “home consultations” – basic energy audits with members of the community.

Each home consultation consists of a sit-down session where the client has the opportunity to review their household’s energy use. The consultation looks not only at the energy of the home itself, but also personal behaviors that may be unknowingly contributing to greenhouse gas emissions.

Climate Masters has been successful in Eugene and has also been held in Corvallis. FSELc is pleased to bring the classes to Salem, co-sponsoring with Marion County Oregon State University Extension.

Do you want to become a *Climate Master*? To be added to the contact list for the class of Spring 2010, contact Lisa at 503-391-4145 or lisa@fselc.org.

To learn more about the *Climate Masters at Home*™ and the new *Climate Masters at Work*™ programs developed by the University of Oregon, visit the Climate Leadership Initiative online at: <http://climlead.uoregon.edu/index.html>.

Volunteers Wanted!

The Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center would not be who we are today without the help of volunteers. The FSELc is an entirely volunteer-based non-profit organization that needs your help!



Calendar of Events

September kicks off our 2009-10 program season. We are excited to have a great lineup of topics for our Amateur Naturalist Classes, Environmental Lecture Series, and more!

For a complete and updated listing of our upcoming events, please visit our online schedule at www.fselc.org.

Saturday, September 19
and

Saturday, October 17, 2009
Restoration Days at the Straub Learning Center
9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20 and Tuesday, October 27
Two-part Amateur Naturalist Series:
Tree Identification
Wilbur Bluhm
7:00 p.m., Straub Environmental Learning Center

Thursday, October 22
Straub Environmental Lecture Series
Linking Cougars to Butterflies
Dr. Bill Ripple
7:00 p.m., Loucks Auditorium, Salem Library

Starting three years ago, the FSELc turned our English ivy-laden landscape to native oak savanna and riparian landscapes. Though our native landscapes are now well on their way to being established, we are always looking for folks to help fight the invasive weeds!

Each month, we will hold a Restoration Day to get out there and get our hands dirty. We need your help! Spend an hour or two this fall pulling invasive plants and planting natives. Restoration Days will be held on the third Saturday of every month starting in September. Beverages, gloves and tools are provided—bring your own reusable mug.

To volunteer, please contact Lisa at lisa@fselc.org or (503) 391-4145.



2009-2010 Straub Environmental Lecture Series

Mark your calendars! We are proud to announce the Straub Environmental Lecture Series for the 2009-2010 season. All lectures will be held at the Loucks Auditorium of the Salem Public Library at 7:00 p.m. For a complete description of each lecture, visit the schedule on our website at www.fselc.org.

Thank you to our sponsors who help keep the Straub Environmental Lecture Series free for our community!

Thursday, October 22, 2009
Linking Cougars to Butterflies
 Dr. Bill Ripple

Thursday, November 19, 2009
Navigating Clean Tech: An Overview of Emerging Developments and Green Job Opportunities
 Ron Pernick

Thursday, January 28, 2010
Flotsametrics and the Floating World: how one man's obsession with runaway sneakers and rubber ducks revolutionized ocean science
 Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer

Thursday, February 25, 2010
Environment and Disease: the Ghosts in your Genes
 Dr. Michael Skinner

Thursday, March 18, 2010
God is Green: Intersections of faith and environmental stewardship
 Dr. Luke Gascho

Thursday, April 22, 2010
Oregon's coastal carbon cycle: The good, the bad, and the acidic
 Dr. Burke Hales

Thursday, May 27, 2010
Glacier change and the future of sea level rise
 Dr. Andrew Fountain

Support the growing Straub Center!

Since our beginning in 2002, the Straub Environmental Learning Center has continued to offer an amazing array of environmental education programs thanks to the work of countless volunteers. Though our all-volunteer Board of Directors and Education Committee will continue to be the backbone of FSELC, we are happy to announce that we will have our first staff member starting this fall.

Lisa Olivares, current FSELC Education Program Coordinator, has worked with Center since September 2008 as part of the Northwest Service Acadamey AmeriCorps program. At the end of that service time in August 2009, she will begin working as a permanent staff person. We are looking forward to this new and exciting step towards growing our organization!

Most importantly, we'd like to thank our donors for their support in making our programs—and now staff—possible. Help keep our programs available to the public at little to no cost with a tax-deductible donation to FSELC.

Thank you, we look forward to seeing you at our programs!

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