

News about the impact WNPF has on Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks.



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People care deeply about our parks, and when they visit, they are a captive audience. Olympic National Park gets visitors from all over the world. Seeing the glaciers disappear catapults their awareness to considering what changes we need to make as a society, like reducing carbon emissions.

*Bill Baccus, Olympic National Park field scientist
[Understanding Shrinking Glaciers project](#)*

Each September, we wrap up our fiscal year by starting to share the news of which projects have been funded in each of the parks: Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic. While we can't release all the details quite yet, here's the headline: more donors like you are stepping up for our national parks. The impact is significant.

YOUR philanthropic donations are used as you direct. If you have given to "greatest areas of need," then we follow the priorities that have been established by park leadership and fund these projects - all important - in order.

While work continues to happen behind the scenes, we will be thrilled to start making initial announcements in the coming weeks. We'll share news on our website and social media pages as well as in our next email to you. ***Suffice it to say that once combined, our three parks will be receiving more support than EVER.***

As you well know, none of these efforts would move forward without support from donors like you.

Thanks for all you do for YOUR national parks!

Laurie Ward, Executive Director

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Let's do that again!

Eric Sheckler photos

WNPF's new Discovery Group launched September 14th at Georgetown Ballroom. What a blast! More than 100 great outdoor enthusiasts...delicious appetizers and cold brews from Two Beers Brewing Company...lively discussion with rangers. Plus, Georgetown Ballroom owner Jerry broke out his great collection of national park and outdoor themed items - even his vintage camping trailers!

The Fund's Discovery Group is off to a great start and we can't wait to gather again. [Next chance? Fireside Circle overnight at Rainier.](#)

Special thanks to Sage, Mitch, Mitch, Dana and Ashley on this one!





To The Parks!

The chance to summit Rainier - and to give back.

[WNPF's latest blog post](#), written by Shannon Appleby, presents a beautiful account of her July summit of Mount Rainier. She climbed as part of the Microsoft team, guided by International Mountain Guides, and raising funds especially to support the [restoration of fishers](#).

[Read on here.](#) And, [enjoy this video](#) put together by fellow climber (and Shannon's future sister-in-law!) Aubrey Hughes.

"I knew it was my chance. Not only would I have the opportunity to climb with amazing guides at International Mountain Guides (IMG), but I could climb Rainier for a great cause - to raise awareness and money for WNPF."

Shannon Appleby



THANK YOU!

Together, we did it!!

We've been sharing news with you for a few months now about Mount Rainier National Park's campaign to restore a historic cabin for use by search and rescue volunteers. In support, WNPF's board members launched a matching campaign, pledging to match all gifts of \$100 or more made during August and September.

We're happy to report that nearly all the funds needed are now raised! Work will begin in 2017. We're MOST happy for the army of local



THANK YOU for supporting our hard-working search and rescue crews, who need and deserve housing at Mount Rainier.

SAR volunteers who give so much to our national parks!!

Lodge & learn about your parks (in great company!)



Glenn Nelson photo

Fall Fireside Circle Series for Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic National Parks

If you have yet to make it to one of the Fund's Fireside Circle events, check your calendar and consider joining us this fall. These are NOT fundraising events. Registration is open. Visit www.wnspf.org or contact Ashley Stokes, Community Engagement Manager, at ashley@wnspf.org or (206) 623-2063.

A Weekend in Stehekin: October 7-9 *SOLD OUT*

[Lodge at Stehekin](#)

Lake Quinault Mushroom Festival Weekend: October 21-23 *SOME ROOMS AVAILABLE*

[Lake Quinault Lodge](#)

Discovery Group Mount Rainier Weekend: October 28-30 *SOME ROOMS*

AVAILABLE

[National Park Inn](#)



Left: Former WNPf board member Carolyn Dobbs

Recognition for six outstanding national park employees

This summer, two awards were given to recognize excellence among national park employees: The Carolyn Dobbs Science Research Awards and the National Parks' Spirit Awards. Winners are selected from each of our three national parks: Mount Rainier, North Cascades, and Olympic.

Funded in memory of one of our beloved former WNPf board members, the **Carolyn Dobbs Science Research Award** recognizes national park employees who conduct boots-on-the-ground research with a level of commitment reminiscent of Carolyn Dobbs herself. This year's recipients are:

- Mount Rainier National Park: Rebecca Lofgren
- North Cascades National Park: Tanner Humphries
- Olympic National Park: Maia Murphy-Williams

The **Mount Rainier, North Cascades and Olympic Spirit Awards** honor the person who most personifies the core values of his/her respective park, including service, stewardship, workforce, and community. This year's recipients are:

- Mount Rainier National Park: Daniel Keebler
- North Cascades National Park: Dan Camiccia
- Olympic National Park: Pat Crain

[We'd love to tell you more about each of these outstanding individuals. Please click here to read on!](#)

And special thanks to John Dickson who started the Spirit Awards!

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