

Club Kids Field Trip to OSU

The Be Great By 8th Program at the Club assists our 6-8th grade members by preparing them for high school, improving social skills, setting goals, and building their confidence academically. Our dedicated staff mentor these young people and encourage them by helping to remove barriers to success through homework help, developing community connections, and exposing them to career and college pathways.

Recently, the Club provided these members the opportunity to tour and visit Oregon State University, and boy, were they excited! A dozen Be Great By 8th members in Roseburg and 16 Camas Valley Be Great By 8th participants, loaded up on the bus early in the morning with plans for a full day of learning, touring, participating in group activities, and of course, fun.

OSU student ambassadors met the bus and the Club members split up into sub-groups. They joined an OSU student majoring in engineering, who set them up in a classroom and facilitated a Wind Power learning activity. This mind stimulating project was great for our members as they split into groups of three and a friendly competition commenced. The groups were tasked to cut shapes and test them using a machine that measures power, and the team who's shape created the most power was the winner.

Right: An OSU student majoring in engineering shares details about how we create power from the wind. The group had the opportunity to ask questions, and later, they separated into groups of three to conduct a wind power experiment.

*"We got to build windmills.
It was fun and my team won!"
Sean*



*Above:
Shawn, Grace, and Maya work together to create a shape that will create the most power from the wind.*

"I figured out while I was there that OSU focuses on Engineering. All my life I have wanted to become a neurosurgeon, but going to OSU changed my mind. Now I am thinking of becoming a mechanical engineer. I really like the OSU campus...It's beautiful!"

Shaeli



Cianna, Mae, and Lorelai test their shapes to see how much power they create.

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After a tour of the campus, the group gathered in one of the class lecture rooms, and met with a panel of OSU students. These OSU ambassadors spent time answering the group's questions about the college experience, campus life, why they choose OSU, and even what type of degrees the school offers.



This is not the only college visit the Be Great By 8th members participate in during the school year. Plans are

set for other college visits and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related field trips. These impactful experiences are made possible through a grant from the Oregon Youth Development Council. The Council was created in 2012 to support Oregon's education system by developing state policy and administering funding to community and school-based youth development programs,

services, and initiatives for youth ages 6-24. The grant program supports educational success, focuses on crime prevention, and funds programs that reduce high risk behaviors.

This special day is one that will be etched into the memories of these young people. Our goal is to remove barriers about attending college and instill some excitement about furthering their education after high school. A campus visit is a great opportunity for them to do just that, and provides a firsthand look at what their futures can be.



Part of the campus tour was the impressive OSU library, that boasts 1.2 million books!

"I learned a lot. There are many opportunities there- I like their choices of sports, volleyball and softball. That surprised me. It also seemed like a good learning college, and they respect cultures. They offer all the classes to become a child psychologist. That's what I want to become."
Jazmin

"We had fun with friends while we learned new things about going to college."
Salina

"It was a good learning experience."

Lorelai