## **NAME 2025**

## AQUATIC SCIENCE EXTRAVAGANZA



March 15,2025

The Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME) annual conference will be held in Newport, OR on July 24-27,2025. Each year this conference immerses educators from Oregon, Washington, Alaska and British Columbia in hands-on, engaging lessons focused on freshwater and marine ecosystems. This year, Newport, OR will be our home base and through the theme of **Aquatic Science Extravaganza: Outdoor Explorations from the Forest to the Sea!**, we will explore the geologic and indigenous history of the area, tide pools, dunes, the bay and coastal forest, discover new curriculum opportunities for students of various levels and to share experiences and curriculum. Field experiences each day will offer opportunities for kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, crabbing, clamming, hiking, and playing in the dunes. Evening activities will bring camaraderie and music, and our fabulous gala is being hosted by the Oregon Coast Aquarium.

This event is organized locally, and we are requesting sponsorships from our community in a variety of forms:

- Auction items for our annual Gala
- Cash donations for scholarships for underserved or participants in need
- Food donations

The Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME) is a "family" of educators passionate about oceans and watersheds founded in 1976. NAME includes members from Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, and Oregon. Annual NAME conferences rotate through these states and the province. In addition, each state or province offers local professional development opportunities for formal and non-formal educators throughout the year.

Thank you for considering a sponsorship for NAME's annual conference *Aquatic Science Extravaganza*: *Outdoor Explorations from the Forest to the Sea!* Attached are sponsorship forms and levels to help us meet our fundraising goals. NAME is a 501c(3) organization and our tax ID number is 68-0622053. Your donation is tax-deductible to the extent of the law.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions please contact Fawn Custer at 541.270.0027 or scholarships@pacname.org

Sincerely,

Fawn Custer, Conference Chair

