

BCWF CLASSROOM EDUCATION

2025 REPORT



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OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM YEAR

In 2025, the BCWF delivered educational programs to three groups: Heartwise, Herbert Spencer Elementary, and Xw'epiteng Elementary. These programs focused on providing hands-on, outdoor, and conservation-themed learning experiences designed to engage students with nature. Through these activities, students developed a deeper understanding of local ecosystems, enhanced their environmental literacy, and gained practical outdoor skills that promote environmental stewardship and connection to the natural world.

CLASSROOM EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS



480+ STUDENTS



8 PROGRAM DAYS



ARCHERY, POLLINATORS, SHELTER BUILDING, WETLANDS & MORE



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

The BCWF provides a range of classroom education programs for children and youth of all ages, designed to inspire curiosity about conservation and the outdoors. Each program is aligned with the B.C. curriculum and features interactive, hands-on activities that engage students and foster a passion for protecting and restoring the natural world.

HEARTWISE

The BCWF delivered five educational programs for this group focused on outdoor and environmental learning. These included snowshoeing, fire building, wetlands and invertebrates, pollinators, and shelter building. Through these hands-on activities, students explored topics such as winter ecosystems, survival skills, species diversity, and habitat design. The small group settings provided opportunities for interactive participation and deeper learning experiences.



HERBERT SPENCER ELEMENTARY

BCWF delivered a two-day on-site program for 459 students in grades 1–4, featuring a variety of hands-on, curriculum-connected activities. Students learned about shelter building through the “shelter triangle,” explored the importance of pollinators in ecosystems, and studied aquatic invertebrates using dichotomous keys and species identification exercises. The immersive two-day format allowed for active participation, teamwork, and meaningful engagement with environmental concepts.



XW'EPITENG ELEMENTARY

At Xw'epiteng Elementary, BCWF delivered a NASP archery program that introduced students to the fundamentals of safe and responsible archery. Through hands-on instruction and practice, students developed focus, coordination, and confidence while learning an exciting new skill in a supportive and engaging environment.



CLASSROOM EDUCATION PHOTOS



IMPACT & REACH

In 2025, BCWF's classroom education programs reached more than 480 students, including participants from five Heartwise programs, students from Herbert Spencer Elementary & students from Xw'epiteng Elementary.

The programs focused on grades 1–4 and combined environmental education with hands-on, outdoor experiential learning. Key goals included fostering environmental awareness and conservation knowledge, developing practical outdoor skills and safety habits, and promoting teamwork and collaborative problem-solving among students.





Program Funders

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