Working with Our Foundation
What is the Foundation?

- Non-profit organization, member-supported
- The only statewide nonprofit dedicated to raising funds for Oregon State Parks
Pertinent Legislation

- Oregon Laws 2013, chapter 299, section 2:
  - OPRD director can work with private, nonprofit organizations to solicit gifts, grants and donations for the benefit of the department.

- OAR 736-002-0015, Working with Donor Organizations implements the law
Mission

“To raise funds to enhance and preserve special places and experiences in Oregon State Parks, now and for generations.”
History

- Established in 1995
- Raises funds for specific projects that are a priority for us
- Past Projects:
  - Helped renovate 5 lighthouses
  - Preserved Kam Wah Chung & Co Museum
  - Funded the first 5 yurts in Oregon State Parks; a first in the country
Organizational Structure

- Board of Trustees
  - 10 trustees
  - 3 Ex officio members

- Staff
  - Executive Director
  - Membership & Communications Director
Ongoing Priorities

- Improve the hiking, cycling, and camping experiences
- Fund activities that connect children with outdoor recreation
- Enable programs for under-served communities
- Restore or construct iconic places
Ongoing Priorities

- Fund exhibits and interpretive displays
- Develop partnerships to reduce operating costs
- Secure donated lands
- Support Friends Groups
Recent Projects

- Hiker/Biker Camp Enhancements
- Ticket2Ride
- Cottonwood Canyon Experience Center
- Vista House at Crown Point
Hiker/Biker Camp Enhancements

- Building 11 hiker/biker shelters along the coast to:
  - Lock bikes, gear and food
  - Charge electronic devices
  - Repair bikes
  - Fill tires and water bottles
Ticket2Ride

- Program provides transportation for 3rd-5th grade students in Title I schools to an Oregon State Parks for experiential learning.
Cottonwood Canyon Experience Center

- Foundation raised $600K for the Experience Center:
  - 1,500-square foot classroom for outdoor education; reservable event space
- Total project cost: $2.5M
  - 4 cabins
  - New restroom facility
Vista House

- The Foundation was instrumental in restoring Vista House at Crown Point, a unique Oregon asset that celebrated 100 years in 2018
  - National Register of Historic Places
  - National Natural Landmark
  - Unique architecture
- Restoration: 2000-2005
How to Make It Work

- Vision
- Expectations
- Communication
- Collaboration
- Adjustment