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Winter Wildlands Alliance Backcountry Film Festival and Snow School Fundraiser

The Dalles, Oregon - Embrace the thrill and chill of winter at the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center & Museum at the **Winter Wildlands Alliance *Backcountry Film Festival* Friday, November 15, 5:30pm - 9pm** and support the Discovery Center's **Snow School** during this special event!

Admission is **free**, but there will be many opportunities during this fun-packed evening to generously support the Discovery Center's Snow School. Your contributions will enable the Discovery Center to take local 5th grade students snowshoeing on Mt. Hood where they will experience hands-on learning about winter animal adaptations, snow science and the intricacies of the winter ecosystem. The Winter Wildlands Alliance ***Backcountry Film Festival*** is a series of short films packed with heart-pounding adventure, featuring snowboarding, cold-water kayaking, and other high-energy winter sports—guaranteed to get you stoked for the season. For every \$500 raised, our Snow School Program will provide a local classroom with an unforgettable snowshoeing experience on Mount Hood, where students will explore the science and wonder of snow and winter ecology.

Noelle's Crunchy Tacos will be at the event to fuel your belly and Sierra Nevada has generously donated beer which will be for sale. There will be a raffle and festive lawn games in our River Gallery. Come for the film, fun and food and help make a difference!

The education program at the Discovery Center strives to connect local kids with the glorious landscapes that surround us. Winter is a time when many kids don't have the resources to get out and explore. With your help, the Discovery Center aims to change that! For more information or if you would like to support this program contact Britney Gitch, britney@gorgediscovery.org.