

2008

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Form **990-EZ**

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A** For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 20 09

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific instructions.	<b>C</b> Name of organization <b>Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors</b>		<b>D</b> Employer identification number 20 : 3710367
		Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address), Room/suite <b>P.O. Box 90293</b>		<b>E</b> Telephone number ( 503 ) 367-8920
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 <b>Portland, OR 97290-0293</b>		<b>F</b> Group Exemption Number . . . ▶
		* Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		

**I** Website: ▶ www.ecologyoutdoors.org

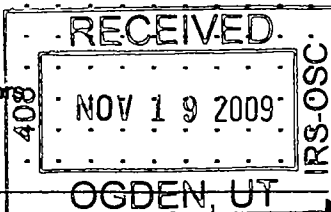
**J** Organization type (check only one) —  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K** Check  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L** Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$ 147

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I.)**

		Revenue		Expenses		Net Assets	
1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	2,228	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	0
2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	21,945	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	0
3	Membership dues and assessments	3	0	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	0
4	Investment income	4	0	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	21,945
5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	0	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	167
5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	0	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	878
5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach schedule)	5c	0	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>School Supplies</u> )	16	324
6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>			17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	23,314
6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	465	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	1,213
6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	0	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	1,344
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	465	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	0
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	36	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	2,557
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	147				
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-111				
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	0				
9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	24,527				



**Part II Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	1,344	2,557
23	Land and buildings	0	0
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	0	0
25	Total assets	0	0
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	0	0
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	1,344	2,557

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**Part V Other Information** (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI.)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity . . . . .		✓
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes . . . . .		✓
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T.		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements? . . . . .		✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year? . . . . .		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N . . . . .		✓
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. ▶ <b>37a</b> 0		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? . . . . .		✓
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return? . . . . .		✓
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved . . . . . <b>38b</b>		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 . . . . . <b>39a</b>		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities . . . . . <b>39b</b>		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ 0 ; section 4912 ▶ 0 ; section 4955 ▶ 0		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I . . . . .		✓
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 . . . . . ▶ 0		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization . . . . . ▶ 0		
e	All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T. . . . .		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. ▶ Oregon		
42a	The books are in care of ▶ Sarah Bercume Telephone no. ▶ (503) 680-2389 Located at ▶ 6926 SE 134th Ave, Portland, OR ZIP + 4 ▶ 97236-4925		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? . . . . .		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? . . . . .		✓
	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/> and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year . . . . . ▶ 43		
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . .		✓



**Science Enrichment**

Ecology in Classrooms and Outdoors (ECO) provides hands-on, cumulative science programs to elementary school students in the Portland metro area. Programs reached 1,290 students in 44 classrooms during the 2008-2009 school year. Led by pairs of Scientists in Residence (SIRs), these programs are aligned with state educational standards. During 2008-2009, SIRs also lead students on field trips and prepared students to present at a schoolwide Science Fair.

ECO has been operating Science Enrichment Programs in elementary schools since 2005. Funding comes from Parent Teacher Organizations and Associations, with additional support from community donations.

**TAG/Curriculum Development**

The curriculum implemented in ECO Science Enrichment Programs is created and compiled by ECO Scientists in Residence. In 2008 ECO SIRs were asked to develop a program for fourth and fifth grade students in the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program within the Canby School District. These lessons were designed to be facilitated by ECO SIRs or district staff.

**Habitat Restoration**

ECO has facilitated habitat restoration with elementary school students since 2005. Students have applied knowledge learned in ECO Science Enrichment Programs to improve their local communities. Habitat restoration projects have included invasive plant removal, native species plantings, wetland and creek restoration and the creation of "natural areas" on school grounds. Habitat restoration projects are facilitated by ECO Scientists in Residence, and occasionally assisted by parent volunteers, but elementary students are responsible for the majority of the transformative work.

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