



# Summer Update 2024

George Fox University  
Science Outreach Program

## HEAR OUR *Stories*

*“The George Fox students were kind, cheerful, flexible and helped students raise their curiosity in the natural world.”*

Jennifer Waldroup, Ambleside School

Jennifer wanted to get her kindergarteners out in God's creation to complement her classroom nature study. She requested a nature walk on the George Fox Campus where her students saw many of the specimens they learned about in the classroom as well as new ones. They especially enjoyed seeing college students, walking under the bridge along the stream and using magnifying glasses.

*“My class enjoyed the experience. Their minds were blown!”*

Nicole Smith, Cornerstone Christian Academy High School

Nichole Smith found the VR lab to be an exceptional tool for teaching energy transfer through the human digestive system. The immersive experience allowed her students to visualize the digestive system in a way that was engaging and memorable. She highly recommends the Science Outreach program and appreciated the friendly and helpful staff.

## Program News

The '23-'24 school year was both busy and rewarding for the Science Outreach Program. Along with our youth science classes and regular programming, we forged new partnerships and found innovative ways to connect with the community. Alumni joined us at the [Great Backyard Bird Count event](#), organized by [Outdoor Education Adventures](#). A new partnership with the [Carlton Observatory](#) brought volunteers to our Star Lab program, allowing us to share our lab at the [Evergreen Aviation and Space Museum summer camps](#) and [Science Fest](#). We also extend special thanks to George Fox Professor Sarah Hanthorn and her education students for planning and leading our fall [Ecosystem Explorers Nature Walks](#).

We're excited to honor our founder and announce the Dwight J. Kimberly Science Outreach Endowed Scholarship, which rewards students who volunteer in the Science Outreach Program. [Learn more about the scholarship's story and donate here](#).

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to welcome Marissa Dickison as our new program administrator. Tennille Hostetler has moved to a new department within the university but will continue to volunteer with us. We're grateful for the opportunity to serve you.

For more information about the Science Outreach Program, visit our website [https://www.georgefox.edu/science\\_outreach/index.html](https://www.georgefox.edu/science_outreach/index.html) or email [scienceoutreach@georgefox.edu](mailto:scienceoutreach@georgefox.edu).

# Quick Facts

Academic year 2023-2024



## Labs & Demonstrations

14

Star Labs

6

Cadaver Labs

7

Virtual Reality Labs



1830 items loaned to area educators



71 students enrolled in youth science classes



67 students participated in a custom lab



6 nature walks attended by 75+ children

**1600+** Students and **18** Schools  
Participated in a Science Outreach activity



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