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**Students at this Eugene high school skip class every other week,
so why do they graduate early?**

June 6, 2006 – Eugene, OR – OutDoor High School (ODS), an alternative private school in Eugene, is celebrating the graduation of students from the largest class in school history. With over 50 students enrolled this year, and a waiting list for next year, OutDoor High School is proving itself as one of the premier experiential learning high schools in Eugene.

Opened to the public since 1997, students study a traditional school curriculum in experiential learning setting. OutDoor High School students are not segmented by grade level, but rather placed into one of two educational tracks. The classroom track is exclusively classroom-based education, while the outdoor track provides both classroom and field-based education.

Additional instruction time, and a higher teacher-to-student ratio, allows students to receive more credits per year than those at a traditional high school. OutDoor High School graduates earn a traditional high school diploma or an Adult Basic Education diploma. In addition, all students can earn a Certificate of Advanced Mastery in Natural Resource Management.

Northwest Youth Corps congratulates the OutDoor High School class of 2006: Chase Bolt, Kade Brown, Brandon Burrows, James Elliott, Amanda Graham, Kayla Lundin, and Austin White.

OutDoor High School operates in partnership with many school districts including Eugene, Springfield, Bethel, Creswell, Crow, Lowell, Fern Ridge, Junction City, Marcola, Central Linn, McKenzie, Pleasant Hill, and South Lane. Support is provided by The Lane Workforce Partnership, Oregon Youth Conservation Corps, Eugene Water & Electric Board Partners-in-Education, Trust Management LLC, Meyer Memorial Trust, Jordan Fundamentals, Columbia Sportswear, McGraw Hill Higher Education Donation Program, Register Guard Newspapers-In-Education Program, Wesley United Methodist Women, and several individual donors.

OutDoor School is a part of the Northwest Youth Corps, a non-profit youth development organization. For additional information about the OutDoor High School, or Northwest Youth Corps, visit the campus at 2621 Augusta Street, Eugene, OR 97403, phone (541) 349-5055, or visit www.northwestyouthcorps.org.

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