



George Fox University

Science Outreach Program



End-of-Summer Update 2026

As fall approaches, the Science Outreach Program (SOP) team is reflecting on another rewarding year of bringing science education to students, educators, and families in our community. From hands-on classroom demonstrations to youth science classes and equipment loans, SOP continues to connect learners with meaningful opportunities to explore God's creation through science.

By the Numbers

During the 2025–2026 academic year, the Science Outreach Program made an impact across our region:

- **1,192+ students** from over 30 schools participated in science labs or demonstrations led by George Fox undergraduate students and faculty.
- **69 enrollments** in our 6-week youth science classes including paleontology, botany, and science of natural disasters, led by George Fox biology and biochemistry students.

- **379 equipment and supply loans** provided to local educators, featuring microscopes, specimens, and specialized scientific tools.
- **30+ students** served through our monthly fall nature walk series.

Program News

New Resources for Educators

We are excited to expand our loan room inventory with six Zeiss microscopes recently donated by the George Fox Department of Biology and Biochemistry. Additionally, we have added an assortment of new prepared microscope slides and an excellent collection of specimens available for classroom use. These resources are available for check out through our [Interschool Equipment Loan Program](#).

Excellence in Outreach

The Science Outreach Award was presented this year to George Fox undergraduate student Abigail Julian in recognition of her three years of dedicated teaching in classes such as Anatomy, Botany, Oceanography, and more. We are grateful for the joy and enthusiasm that she brings to every interaction and we pray for blessings on her journey as a 2026 graduate. Congrats, Abi!

Scholarship Program Honoring Dwight J. Kimberly

Each semester, 2-3 scholarships are awarded to George Fox students who work with the Science Outreach Program in honor of our SOP founder, Professor Emeritus Dwight J. Kimberly. These scholarships recognize students who dedicate their time and energy to sharing science with our community under Prof. Kimberly's original vision. To learn more about the scholarship program and find out how you can donate, read the [full story](#) by the George Fox Journal.

Career Exploration for High Schoolers

This fall, SOP will host a Pre-Health Professions Seminar featuring a representative from A.T. Still University. Planned for November 3rd, this seminar provides local

high school students an opportunity to learn more about career pathways in healthcare such as medicine, dentistry, physician’s assistant, physical therapy, audiology, and more. Details to come.

Educator Professional Development Opportunities

We are excited to announce a star lab training workshop for K-12 teachers at the Newberg campus of George Fox University. This opportunity will allow educators to develop their own lessons in astronomy, cell biology, and bird migration while using the inflatable dome and projector provided by the Science Outreach Program. In addition, the SOP and a representative from the George Fox Department of Education seek to partner with our local educators to provide science safety, pedagogy, and lab training workshops. Please let us know how we can serve you by filling out this [survey](#)!

Fall 2026 Offerings & Important Dates

Program	Key Date	Details
Science Equipment Loans	September 2 ▾	Loans open to K-12 educators for the new school year.
Youth Science Classes	September 28 ▾	Registration opens for 6-week courses (Ages 6-18).
Custom Labs & Starlab	September 17 ▾	Requests open for on-site labs and demonstrations.
Ecosystem Explorers	September 17 ▾	Monthly nature walks begin (3rd Thursday of

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		each month). For more about our program, visit our Ecosystem Explorers webpage or RSVP here .

In Closing

Thank you for being part of our community and helping inspire the next generation of scientists and explorers. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

Warm regards,

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