



2018 WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT – VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WSU Extension KITSAP COUNTY WATERSHED STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Beach Naturalists • Stream Stewards • Salmon Docents

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Kitsap Watershed Stewardship Programs

A collaborative effort between WSU Kitsap Extension, Washington Sea Grant and Kitsap County Public Works

Through this partnership, we bring you affordable classes that take you outside to explore our region's natural wonders and our relationships with them. Classes are open to the public, taught by local and regional experts, and cover a variety of topics. Contact us today and begin your adventure in learning all about the beauty and value of our land and streams, shorelines and sea life, native plants, and salmon. There are 3 programs to choose from: **Beach Naturalists, Stream Stewards and Salmon Docent**. (In the past, Beach Naturalists and Native Plant Advisors were part of the Beach Watcher Program; Stream Stewards was called Stream Team.)

During the training and field sessions you'll have the opportunity to connect with experts and other local people who share your interests. We also provide opportunities for continuing education and involvement in volunteer activities around the county, including tree planting, streamside restoration, stream sampling, and teaching others at events like Salmon in the Classroom.

Where to Volunteer

Beach Naturalists, Stream Stewards, Native Plant Advisors and Salmon Docents have many opportunities to volunteer at the many Stewardship Sites throughout Kitsap County. If you don't want to be outside, we always need help in the office doing things like organizing historic files, laminating activity sheets, and designing flyers. Contact Renee at rkjohnso@co.kitsap.wa.us to help.

Beach Naturalists choose to volunteer at these sites/educational outreach opportunities:

- SEA Discovery Center – Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday through Sundays all year long. The volunteer coordinator is Lauren Kemper Lauren.Kemper@wwu.edu 360-598-4460.
- Bainbridge Island Beach Naturalists – Contact Maradel Gale mkgale@bainbridgebeach@gmail.com and/or mkgale@uoregon.edu 206-842-5133. The Bainbridge Beach Naturalists are a partnership with WSU Kitsap Extension/Washington Sea Grant Beach Naturalist Programs and Sustainable Bainbridge.
- Monitoring - Jeff Adams jaws@uw.edu 360-229-9398 coordinates our various beach monitoring efforts.
- Benthic (Stream bug Monitoring) – This sampling occurs in late summer with a staff person from Kitsap County Public Works SSWM – watch for newsletter announcements.
- Beach Exploration Committee – Contact Renee Johnson rkjohnso@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-7224 if interested to serve on the steering committee. The committee meets quarterly.
- Field Trip Committee – Contact Renee Johnson rkjohnso@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-7224. This committee meets periodically to plan outings.
- COASST – Beached Bird Surveys – Volunteers in this program walk a stretch of shoreline monthly looking for dead birds and/or beach debris. Those who wish to volunteer are required to attend a training and/or pair up with existing volunteers. Data is gathered and reported back to University of Washington’s COASST Program.
- Beach Walks – Spring/Summer (daytime during low tides), Fall/Winter (nighttime during low tides) and Pier and/or Dock walks – Opportunities throughout the year to interact with the public/families assisting them in experiencing the marine life right in their own backyards: Kitsap Memorial State Park, Scenic Beach State Park, Manchester State Park, Kingston, Point No Point and Lions Park in Bremerton.

Stream Stewards, Native Plant Advisors and Salmon Docents can volunteer at these locations:

- Tree Planting, Native Plant Salvage and Restoration/Enhancement Efforts – Watch you newsletter for updates.
- Kitsap County Parks: Volunteer Meetings and Work Parties – Information can be found at <https://spf.kitsapgov.com/parks/Pages/Volunteer.aspx>
- Clear Creek Monitoring – contact Mary Earl at 360-434-7665. Monthly sample and data collection from 5 sites followed by lab work
- Coulter Creek – Contact Arno Bergstrom, Kitsap County Forester, at 360-620-8907. Master planning for a new heritage park. Ideal for volunteers who have gone through Stream Stewards training.
- Buck Lake County Park Hansville – Contact Susan Harrington info@bucklakenativeplants.org. Work parties are held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. The park was built on an old dirt bike site. The goal of the native plant garden is to help visitors learn about incorporating native plants and/or native plant relatives into their own gardens.
- Poulsbo’s Fish Park – Contact Judy Guttormsen judyrandy@embargmail.com. Work parties are held the third Sunday each month from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Other volunteer days are available for small teams to take on

various sections of the park. The site was cleared in the 1960s and native vegetation has been coming back through volunteer efforts and financial support from grants/donations. The new bridge overpass and culvert removal allow salmon to pass from Liberty Bay into Dogfish Creek.

- Illahee Forest Preserve – Contact Jim Aho jimaho@gmail.com. Almira Parking lot behind Lowe’s in East Bremerton. Volunteers are needed to help maintain and add to plantings in 5 native plant rain gardens.
- Lion’s Park on Lebo in East Bremerton – Contact Joan Morris mmomhamlet@gmail.com. This newly renovated LID enhanced park includes picnic areas, ball parks, shoreline plantings, a dock and boat launch. Weeding and beach cleanup are the main tasks for the first year.
- Salmon Viewing Park Stewardship Committee – Contact John Mikesell mikesell@wavecable.com or Amy Lawrence amypl@wavecable.com.
- Salmon in the Classroom – Contact Mary Earl ClearCreekTrail@yahoo.com
- Newberry Hill Heritage Park – Contact Frank Stricklin stricklin@telebyte.com. Volunteers meet on the 3rd Saturday of the month. This site adjacent to Klahowya Secondary School is led by a stewardship group under the direction and expertise of Tom Coleman.
- North Kitsap Heritage Park – Contact Lori Raymaker lraymaker@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-5372. Volunteers meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Banner Forest – Contact Lori Raymaker lraymaker@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-5372. Volunteers meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Chico Salmon Park – Contact Lori Raymaker lraymaker@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-5372
- Clear Creek Taskforce – Contact Mary Earl ClearCreekTrail@yahoo.com. Task Force Meetings are the first Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at the Clear Creek Interpretive Center. The Task Force does not meet in December.
- Kitsap Audubon Society – Contact Gene Bullock genebullock@comcast.net. Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through May, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., on the lower level of the Poulsbo Public Library.
- Sugamish Tribe Outmigration Trap – Contact Paul Dorn paul@dorn-enterprises.com about trap fish counting.
- Kitsap Conservation District – Contact Alex Sherman a-sherman@conservewa.net about stream monitoring of physical characteristics.
- Kitsap County Citizens Advisory Groups – Contact Rebecca Pirtle rpirtle@co.kitsap.wa.us
- Water Festival – Contact Kimberly Jones kimberly.jones@kitsappublichealth.org.
- Volunteers in Parks – Contact Lori Raymaker lraymaker@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-5372. There are numerous opportunities to volunteer through the Kitsap County Park Volunteer program. Volunteer information can be found at <https://spf.kitsapgove.com/parks/Pages/Volunteer.aspx>