

2018 WHO'S WHO & WHAT'S WHAT
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.

For information about training courses, check the WSU website: <http://ext100.wsu.edu/kitsap/nrs/water-stewards/>

To keep informed about volunteer opportunities and other activities, register to receive the bi-monthly e-news. You'll find a link to the e-news registration on the WSU website at <http://ext100.wsu.edu/kitsap/nrs/water-stewards/> The e-news is a great resource for volunteering, self-education and other water-resource related activities going on in Kitsap.

Stream Stewards Training:

On the Kitsap Peninsula, beautiful forests and small streams abound, making it the ideal place to learn about native plants, forests, wetlands, aquatic insects, and more. We also discuss our interaction with these resources and their protection, conservation, and restoration. We'll spend plenty of time exploring outdoors.

This 6 week non-credit training is open to the public and taught by local and regional experts

When: Thursdays, varies, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. January - February, or July – August (includes classroom and field trips)

Where: Varies, typically at Eagles Nest and Island Lake plus field trips

Cost: \$50, which includes class materials; scholarships are available

Who: Adults; please contact us about registering teens age 13 and over

Opportunities for volunteer activities include being a Salmon Docent (additional training encouraged), Water Festival, and Salmon in the Classroom.

Beach Naturalist Training:

The Kitsap Peninsula is nearly surrounded by water, making it an amazing place to learn about the stars, clams, crabs, birds, bugs and other cool critters, seaweeds, and plants that live on our beaches. We also discuss Salish Sea oceanography and shoreline living, conservation and restoration. Field trip options will be offered.

This 5-6 week non-credit training is open to the public and taught by local and regional experts

When: Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. mid-April to mid-May plus field trips

Where: SEA Discovery Center, and beaches throughout the county for the field trips

Cost: \$75, which includes class materials; scholarships are available

Who: Adults; please contact us about registering teens age 13 and over

Opportunities for volunteer activities include acting as a naturalist for community beach explorations and children's field trips, and conducting beach profiles, sea star monitoring, and outreach at local events.

Free Beach Explorations:

Explore and wonder at the rich and colorful sea life that is exposed during low tide. Beach explorations on Kitsap Peninsula and Bainbridge Island are open to the public, and naturalists are on hand to share resources and knowledge with you. Tell your family and friends, and we will see you at the beach! Dates TBA. We always need volunteer help with these.

Pier Peer Sea Life Explorations:

A few times a year we shine a light onto winter's dark waters to explore life that continues to flourish even after the rich summer plankton blooms have gone. Docks are always covered with creatures that are normally only visible to divers, and yet more can be drawn to the surface by a bright light. The cover of winter's darkness also protects sea life from drying out or being eaten when the tide has receded. We often recruit divers to fill aquarium tanks on the dock. We always need volunteer help. We try to have free explorations with divers at Brownsville Marina and Poulsbo after dark, usually in the evening.

Native Plant Classes:

Are you curious about native shrubs, trees, and woodland plants? Stream Steward, Master Gardener, and self-taught expert and native plant enthusiast, John Mikesell, shares his vast knowledge of native plant varieties in Kitsap through classes and walks. Phoebe Goit is a guest speaker and self-taught mosses and lichens expert who sometimes joins John in class and on native plant walks.

Volunteer Requirements

Education – Volunteers must complete the initial training for the program of their choice. After completing the training, volunteers can return to repeat the training as many times as they wish without having to pay the registration fee again. However, if additional materials are provided the volunteer would need to pay for those additional materials.

Volunteer Commitment – Active Beach Naturalists, Stream Stewards and Salmon Docents commit to a minimum of 25 volunteer hours annually. Volunteers must complete the WSU volunteer application form. We securely store your information and use it to do a background check before you can start volunteering.

Put the Child First Training – ALL WSU Extension volunteers are required to take "Put the Child First" training. Register here: <http://universalvoltraining.wsu.edu/>. Once registered, you will receive a new link in an email that has a login and password.

Reporting Volunteer Hours – It is extremely important that volunteers report their hours monthly. It's important to show our volunteers' outreach and impacts in their communities. We encourage you to report hours directly on the WSU Volunteer Database. Look for the link to the database in the monthly newsletters. Simply click on the "log your volunteer hours" link under Quick Links, then login and report your hours (first timers, please refer to the instructions below. Remember volunteers must report at least 25 hours each year to remain active. Your hours must be logged so that WSU can offer L&I coverage.

Logging onto the WSU Volunteer Database and Reporting Hours (it's easy!):

- Use the link in the monthly Newsletter to log on.
- Once you're logged on, click "volunteers" on the left side of the box.
- Select "enter activity" which is listed directly below volunteers.
 - To record your hours, click on the date, then select the start and end times.
- Select the program you are reporting under: Beach Naturalists or Stream Stewards.
 - Beach Naturalists also includes Beach Watchers
 - From the dropdown box, select the activity you were involved in: Program Support or Stewardship.
 - Be sure to describe the specific activity that you were doing (i.e. PIC sampling, monitoring, planting at one of the stewardship sites (be sure to list the site name)
 - Stream Stewards also includes Native Plant Advisors and Salmon Docents
 - From the dropdown box, select the activity that you were involved in: Education-Self; Outreach to Public; Program Support; Stewardship.
 - Be sure to describe the specific activity that you were doing.
- You can review the hours you've reported by clicking on "view/edit activity". If you want to make a change, click on "select" and you can review what you previously reported.
- If you're not able to logon to report hours, please provide the information to Amy to record into the database.

Communication

Amy Brodbeck and Jeff Adams communicate regularly by email about events, volunteering and educational opportunities. We also have volunteer meetings and outings where you have a chance to meet each other and hear guest speakers.

- **Emails** – The kbw-kbn@uw.edu listserv email system can be used by any of our volunteers to communicate with the group about any inquiries, interesting information, pictures, or cool finds. Key kbw-kbn@uw.edu in the "to" line and then compose your message. Jeff has added all our Water Stewardship Program volunteers to the kbw-kbn listserv. If you'd like to not be on that listserv please let us know. Look for emails about volunteer and educational opportunities.

- **Newsletters** – Water Stewardship Newsletters and mid-month Updates emailed monthly with information about events, volunteering opportunities and classes. If you have items you'd like listed in the newsletter please send them to abrodbeck@co.kitsap.wa.us
- **Volunteer Meetings** – Stay connected with other volunteers through meetings, as announced in the monthly e-newsletter.
- **Volunteer Field Trips** – Connect with other volunteers while learning and having fun. See the monthly e-news for details. In most cases volunteers may invite friends and family to join them.

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 Amy at abrodbeck@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 Amy Brodbeck abrodbeck@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-7157 Ext. 6272. If interested to serve on the steering committee. The committee meets quarterly.
- Field Trip Committee – Contact Amy Brodbeck abrodbeck@co.kitsap.wa.us 360-337-7157 Ext. 6272. 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: at a variety of parks in South, Central and North Kitsap.

Stream Stewards and Salmon Docents can volunteer at these locations:

- Tree Planting, Native Plant Salvage and Restoration/Enhancement Efforts – Watch your 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 – The WSU Stewardship Section work parties are on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 9:30 am to 11:30 pm during the months of April through October. Please email Peg Tillery gardenmentor@yahoo.com or Barb Erickson berixn@comcast.net and they will add you to the email notifications. You will only receive those two times a month. For information about other work parties, contact Mary McCluskey at Poulsbo Parks and Recreation- mmclluskey@cityofpoulsbo.com, 360-394-9772.
- 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 Kitsap Parks at (360) 337-5350. Volunteers meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month, from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Banner Forest – Contact Kitsap Parks at (360) 337-5350. Volunteers meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.
- Chico Salmon Park – Contact Kitsap Parks at (360) 337-5350.
- 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.
- Suquamish Tribe Outmigration Trap – Contact Paul Dorn paul@dorn-enterprises.com about trap fish counting.
- Kitsap Conservation District – Contact Jesse Adams j-adams@kitsapcd.org about opportunities. October and November have the most opportunities to volunteer. Groups of 5 or more volunteers are ideal.
- Kitsap County Citizens Advisory Groups – Contact Rebecca Pirtle rpirtle@co.kitsap.wa.us
- Water Festival – Contact Kimberly Jones kimberly.jones@kitsappublichealth.org.