



Volunteer Training Programs



Beach Watchers

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Stream Stewards

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Beach Naturalists

Class offered in Spring
60 hours of training
(48 hours in class and 12 in the field)
Cost: approximately \$60
(scholarships available)

Training topics

- Intertidal invertebrates
- Seaweeds
- Animals
- Beach etiquette
- Nearshore habitats and conservation
- Salmon and forage fish
- Climate change

Native Plant Advisors

Class offered late Summer
60 hours of training
(48 hours in class and 12 in the field)
Cost: approximately \$60
(scholarships available)

Training topics

- Shoreline plants
- Plant propagation
- Landscaping with native plants
- Native plants from A to Z
- Taxonomy
- LID (Low Impact Development)
- Intro to Rain Gardens
- Ethnobotany

Stream Stewards

Class offered January - April
33 hours of training
(additional field work May-August)
Cost: approximately \$40
(scholarships available)

Training topics

- Trees and their environment
- Forest practices/ecology
- Surveying and assessing
- Riparian management plans
- Restoration and enhancement
- Salmon ecology
- Benthic ecology

Each of the volunteer programs requires a minimum of 25 volunteer hours and 5-10 hours of continuing education per year.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Bird Surveys:** Participate in the regional beached bird surveys (requires one additional day of training)
- **Rain Garden Mentors:** Assist with education and installation (requires additional training)
- **Salmon Docent:** Educate the public streamside during the salmon run season
- **Dock Walker:** Boater outreach
- **Beach Education:** Educate citizens visiting local beaches and conduct beach walks
- **Streamside Planting:** Assist with restoration and enhancement, using native plants
- **General Outreach:** Teach youth and adults about your area of interest
- **Technical Committees:** Participate in local environmental advisory groups such as stormwater and shorelines
- **Stream Sampling:** Assist local public works staff collecting stream bug samples (requires one additional day of training)
- **Shoreline Assessment:** Assist local health district staff with water quality samples (requires additional 1/2 day of training)

