



SOUTH SOUND ESTUARY ASSOCIATION

Beach Naturalist Program

The Beach Naturalist Program is a hands on opportunity to work with people who come to our local beaches. Beach Naturalists have the opportunity to work with people who have come to the beach seeking a personal connection with the water. Naturalists work to create a greater understanding of the South Puget Sound and its estuaries. They talk about how everyday choices can have a positive impact on our water quality.

Beach Naturalist volunteers are asked to commit to 18 hours of training followed by a minimum of 5 shifts on the beach during the months of June, July, and August. Program fees apply, please see details on the back of this sheet.

Additional volunteer opportunities include providing interpretation for partnering agencies such as South Sound Green working with school age children and staffing booths at community events or SSEA's popular speaker series.

The training schedule for the Beach Naturalist Program:

April 19th, 6:00-9:00pm The Evergreen State College (Lib 1001)
April 26th, 6:00-9:00pm at the Boston Harbor Fire House
May 3rd, 6:00-9:00pm at the Boston Harbor Fire House
May 17th, 6:00-9:00pm at the Boston Harbor Fire House
May 31st, 6:00-9:00pm at the Boston Harbor Fire House

Boston Harbor Firehouse
5046 Boston Harbor Road Northeast
Olympia, WA

Beach training date:

April 28th, 1:30pm – 4:00pm at Burfoot County Park



Now in its fourth year, the Beach Naturalists Program is offering more training opportunities for interested volunteers for the modest charge of only \$45 for returning Beach Naturalists and \$50 for new Beach Naturalists. All program fees are due by no later than the first night of the training session on April 19th, 2011.

Benefits of becoming a trained beach naturalist:

- Improved knowledge of Puget Sound intertidal flora and fauna species
- Training provided by some of the leading experts in the field
- Improved skills in interpretation for public audiences
- Marketable job experience for resumes
- Valuable professional networking with partnering organizations
- Potential trips to Seattle Aquarium & local zoos and aquariums for further training opportunities
 - 2012 included Seattle Aquarium, Northwest Trek, & The Marine Science and Technology
- Keepsake South Sound Estuary Association T-shirt
- CD after classes of all PowerPoint presentations and handouts for later review
- Oh and don't forget it's Fun!

Seats are limited and time to register is short. Volunteer Applications available today.



Don't miss out on all the fun!



Please contact Leihla Scharlau, Program Coordinator, at 360-888-0565 or leihla@sseacenter.org to sign up today or mail in your [volunteer form](#) to South Sound Estuary Association PO Box 2182, Olympia, WA 98507.

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