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Hello Future Beach Naturalist!

Thank you for your interest in WSU Beach Watchers' Beach Naturalist Project. Our mission, to protect Puget Sound's fragile environment through education, research and stewardship, can not be achieved without dedicated community members. We appreciate your willingness to become a Beach Naturalist in 2017!

The upcoming three-part training will be held on Friday, April 21st and 28th AND Saturday, April 29th from 9 AM – 3:30 PM each day. The training includes field trip times at two different beaches. You should plan to attend all three days. The training location will rotate between Everett, Mukilteo and Edmonds.

There is a materials fee of \$35 and we do ask that each person volunteer at least 12 hours (four shifts) during the spring and summer at the beach naturalist events we organize with youth and beach visitors. These events are scattered throughout the week and weekends and you will be able to select those dates and locations that work best for you. We currently work at Edmonds' Olympic Beach, Mukilteo Lighthouse Park and Kayak Point County Park in Stanwood.

Class size is limited so there is an application process. No experience is required - you don't have to be a professional biologist or teacher. You DO need to be enthusiastic about protecting Puget Sound and be available to work on Beach Watcher projects after the basic training is completed. An application is available in the WSU Beach Watcher website at www.beachwatchers.wsu.edu/snohomish or upon request to yolimar.rivera@wsu.edu. All volunteers work in teams so those new to the material or education can continue learning while volunteering.

Completed applications must be postmarked, faxed or hand delivered by April 7th, 2017 to the WSU Extension office (address below). Background check forms will be distributed at the training on April 21st for all to complete. More details about the training will be sent around April 14th with notification of acceptance occurring no more than one week after your application is received.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. You can also look at the WSU Beach Watcher website for more information about the program in general. We look forward to talking with you!

Great Days!

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