

Sound Water Stewards of Island County *2018 Volunteer Training Application*

Thank you for your interest in the 2018 Sound Water Stewards of Island County training. The program will provide 90 hours of college-level instruction and will introduce participants to many opportunities as nearshore-focused volunteers in Island County. In addition, class members will dedicate at least 10 hours during the first summer to “learning-while-doing” projects.

During the first two years, volunteers agree to complete 100 hours of service related to community outreach, stewardship, and citizen science. Volunteer hours include the 10 hours completed during the first summer.

Classes will be held on both Camano and Whidbey Islands each Thursday from March 15 through April 26, and continuing from September 13 through October 25, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Field trips, which are occasionally off-island, may extend the hours.

Applications must be postmarked by February 28, 2018 to be considered. Target enrollment will include 20 participants on each island, and each candidate will be selected on the basis of the application and an informal interview. There is a \$100.00 fee per person to offset the cost of training. Fees are due the first day of class after acceptance into the program. New participants will be required to sign, on the first day of class, a photo release form (acceptance or denial of the use of such photos), and a form for liability insurance.

All applicants must also submit to a “Washington State Background Check” and include a photocopy of a valid Washington driver’s license or valid Washington ID card.

Our goal is to encourage participation. If the fee alone presents a problem, scholarships are available. For information about Sound Water Stewards of Island County and the training, visit our website: <http://soundwaterstewards.org/training/> or contact training@soundwaterstewards.org

Statement of Commitment

If accepted into the Sound Water Stewards of Island County program, I agree to:

1. Attend the complete Sound Water Stewards training course now planned to be held each Thursday from March 15 through April 26, and continuing from September 13 through October 25, and commit to one or more summer activities that will complement Sound Water Stewards training.
2. Attain the necessary level of knowledge to carry out my commitments.
3. Volunteer 100 hours over the next two years working on Sound Water Stewards’ projects focused on education, community outreach, stewardship, and citizen science including support of approved projects sponsored by other environmental programs.
4. Inform the Project Lead or SWS Staff Member overseeing a project anytime I am unable to participate due to disabilities or health constraints, so that an alternative activity can be substituted.
5. Follow defined protocols as presented during project training.
6. Educate, not advocate, when representing SWS in the wider community.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please scan and email your completed application to: training@soundwaterstewards.org

Or mail to:

Sound Water Stewards of Island County
PO Box 1620
Freeland, WA 98249

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Please type or print clearly, and indicate which island for training: Camano: _____ Whidbey: _____

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Daytime phone _____ Evening or cell phone _____

Email _____

Emergency contact Name _____

Phone (s) _____

How did you hear about Sound Water Stewards and volunteer training?

Why do you want to become a Sound Water Steward?

What environmental issues concern you, and in what citizen science, stewardship and/or environmental educational programs have you been involved and how?

Educational background:

Work experience?

Special interests or hobbies?

Volunteer experiences?

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