



Volunteer Education & Training (VET) 2022

Send questions to training@soundwaterstewards.org

Requirements for 2022: how the hours add up	Hours
1) Attend Zoom Classes with live speakers, on Thursdays, 2 classes per day for 14 weeks (3.5 hr x 14 days = about 49 hours) (9 am to 12:30 pm with a mid-morning minute break) Class dates: Spring: March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12 (total of 8) Fall: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 (total of 6)	49
2) Fill out post-class survey	4
3) Review class materials on curricula webpage about topic and speaker, in advance of class (on average 1/2 hour for each class, thus 1 hour for each day of classes)	14
4) Slack and Zoom Training, get to know SWS website	3
5) Attend at least 6 Field Trips – we will offer up to 20 over the course of spring-summer-fall. Purpose of field trips includes team-building among new class and across new class and current members, plus enhances knowledge of place. Field Trip time will vary from 1 to 3 hours. Credit is given for 3 hours per field trip.	18
6) Attend at least 1 intertidal monitoring – Purpose is small group teamwork across new and current members, learn life forms on a local beach, learn scientific survey protocols. You will have lots of choices of dates and locations (April to July).	3
7) Attend at least 1 monthly Member Meeting (or obtain and watch zoom recording of whole meeting if the date doesn't fit your schedule)	2
8) Volunteer with or “shadow” an existing project, activity, or committee – not limited to summer, can include more Intertidal Monitoring	7
9) Track your own progress on a form provided by SWS	0
Subtotal	100
Substitute Options for Field Work -- Accommodations are made for anyone who isn't able or comfortable with field work or in-person outdoor activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Attend Members Monthly Meetings via Zoom ● Watch recordings of 2000-2021 VET speakers or member meeting speakers ● Self-led field trip(s) - report on the objective and what was discovered 	Up to 21

SWS Training Plan for 2022

Zoom Classes

- **2022 Class dates: Spring: March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12 (total of 8)
Fall: Sept 15, 22, 29, Oct 6, 13, 20 (total of 6)**
- Live speakers: 9 am to 12:30 pm
 - 2 Time Blocks each Thursday with a mid-morning break of 15 to 30 minutes
- Some classes will include breakout room discussion or activities, we ask to see your face during breakout rooms
- Zoom, Slack, Volunteer Portal and VolunteerMatters training will be provided

Field Trips

- See the beaches, bluffs, life forms described in class
- Meet your classmates and other Stewards in an outdoor in-person small-group setting
- Group size will vary depending on topic and presenter

Class size

- Approximately 50 with a good mix of Camano and Whidbey
- Current Stewards are welcome to attend Zoom classes so the Zoom audience size will vary

After you apply:

We will schedule an informal zoom breakout room **interview conversation** where applicants meet with a few current Stewards. The purpose of this conversation is to learn a bit about you and your interests and to make sure you are aware of these training requirements and to answer any questions you may have.

If you are invited to join the Class of 2022, you will then be asked to:

- Pay the Membership Fee (Training Fee) of \$300, or request a full or partial scholarship. We do not want the fee to be a barrier to participation. The fee covers the cost of materials and training.
- Authorize SWS to do a criminal background record check via Intellicorp. (We will send you a personal email link)
- Set up your login to Volunteer Matters for logging volunteer hours. (You must wait for an invitation before you can join Volunteer Matters)
- Sign a [participant waiver](#) inside Volunteer Matters
- Agree to adhere to [SWS Covid Policy](#) and [Beach Safety Checklist](#)
- Follow defined protocols when collecting data or conducting monitoring surveys
- Attain the necessary level of knowledge, including any required project-specific training
- Educate, not advocate, when representing SWS in the wider community. What does this mean? It means that SWS seeks to educate and inform the public and our members about the challenges facing the environment, but does not take a position (for or against) public policies under consideration at the local, state or federal level, on the ballot, or otherwise.
- **Give Back at least 100 hours** over the next two years by volunteering with SWS

Ask Your Island Coordinator

Whenever you have a question about the fee, classes, expectations, or ways to get involved, please contact a Coordinator. Joan and Tabitha are the staff members who support the 2022 training for new Stewards and will be your ongoing contact as you become involved in Sound Water Stewards programs and activities.

- Joan Schrammeck, [Camano Coordinator](#), 206-399-8401
- Tabitha Jacobs-Mangiafico, [Whidbey Coordinator](#), 860-367-62866

To learn more about what Stewards do, [please visit our new website!](#)