

## Sound Water Stewards (SWS) Training Requirements for 2023



\*Indicates Required

1. Attend class on Thursday for 15 weeks. Spring dates are: March 30 (in-person, your choice of Camano or Whidbey, 9 am to 3 pm), April 6 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm), April 13 (in-person, everyone on Whidbey, 9 am to 3 pm), April 20 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm), April 27 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm), May 4 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm), May 11 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm), May 18 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm) plus one more in-person date in spring (total of 9). Fall dates are: Sept 14, 21, 28, Oct 5, 12, 19 (total of 6 weeks in fall).\* *Schedule could change based on speaker availability, but classes will be held on Thursdays.*
2. Prepare for each class and field trip by reviewing online content in advance (about one hour for each topic or trip). Complete a Feedback Form after each class.\*
3. Learn to use Zoom, SWS Curriculum webpages and personal login to members-only content in SWS website, SignUpGenius, Email (ie find email from SWS), google forms for feedback, Slack for interactions with class-mates, and VolunteerMatters for logging volunteer time. Please read SWS email sent to you every week during training. [FYI - Slack is a *private* online platform accessible only to members and trainees.]\*
4. Attend at least 3 field trips (dates are not yet set). You may select from among the 30+ offered or seek alternate accommodations. Most field trips occur on weekdays but a few may be offered on weekends; field trips will be in spring, early summer, and fall.\*
5. Participate in at least 1 “[Intertidal Monitoring](#)” on Whidbey or Camano, or seek alternate accommodations.\*
6. Attend at least 1 monthly member meeting (via zoom or watch recording).\*
7. Pay the Membership Fee (Training Fee) of \$300, OR request a partial or full scholarship to offset the fee.\*
8. In return for 100 hours of training, **GIVE BACK at least 100 hours** over the next two years by volunteering with SWS.\*

In addition, all members agree to these **membership requirements**:

- a) Sign a [participant liability waiver](#) \*
- b) Keep in mind the [beach safety check list](#) \*
- c) Authorize SWS to do a criminal background check (via Intellicorp). (Details will be sent to you separately via email after you have been selected for Class of 2023); this is because we work with the public \*
- d) Attain the necessary level of knowledge to carry out project-specific protocols \*
- e) Educate, not advocate, when representing SWS \*