



Sound Water Stewards (SWS) Training Requirements for 2024

1). Attend class on Thursday for 15 weeks. The 9 Spring classes are:

March 28 (in-person, at the Rosario Marine Lab - 9 am to 3 pm),

April 4 (in-person on Camano Island - 9 am to 3:00 pm),

April 11 (Zoom - 9:00 am to 12:30 pm),

April 18 (in-person in Oak Harbor - 9 am to 3:00 pm),

April 25 (Zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm),

May 2 (Zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm),

May 9 (Zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm),

May 16 (zoom, 9 am to 12:30 pm), and

June 20 (in-person at Padilla Bay 9:00 am to 3:00 pm)

The 6 Fall dates are: **Sept 12, 19, 26, Oct 3, 10, and 17**. Schedule subject to change based on speaker availability, but all classes will be held on Thursdays.

2). Set aside time to prepare for each class and field trip by reviewing online content in advance. We also ask you complete a quick Feedback Form after each class.

3). Willing to learn/work with various forms of technology including: Zoom, SWS member webpages, SignUpGenius, Google Forms for feedback, Slack for fun interactions with classmates, and VolunteerMatters for logging volunteer time. We also ask that you please read weekly SWS email updates during training.

4). Attend at least three field trips (dates are not yet set). You may select from among the many 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 one "[Intertidal Monitoring](#)" in Island County, or seek alternate accommodations.

6). Attend at least one monthly member meeting (via zoom or watch recording).

7). Pay the Membership Fee (Training Fee) of \$350, you may request a *full or partial* scholarship to offset the fee.

8). In return for 100 hours of training, pledge to *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)** Continuously follow the beach safety check list.
- c)** Because we work with the public, you must authorize SWS to do a criminal background check (via Intellicorp) *after* being selected for the class of 2024.
- d)** Attain the necessary level of knowledge to carry out project-specific protocols
- e)** Remember, educate not advocate when representing SWS.