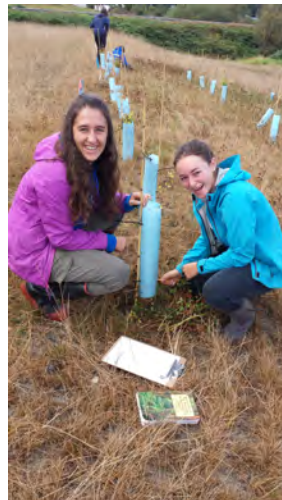


NEW CLASS:
Youth Environmental Stewards (YES!)
2017 Watershed Science and Stewardship Class



YES! Summer Science Field Intensive 2016 - Dabob Bay



Learn skills in restoration, protection and management of natural resources with a team of experts.

To apply for this class: fill out a short survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5K2F7R9>

For information about **Northwest Watershed Institute**, visit www.nwwatershed.org
Questions? Contact Jude Rubin: jude@nwwatershed.org / 360-774-1457

In the accredited **Watershed Science and Stewardship Class (WSS)**, students experience field science from headwater forests to wetland streams, and down to coastal shore lines, and learn outdoor leadership, communication skills, and public speaking skills. The class is taught outdoors by the staff of **Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI)** and local natural resource groups. WSS class is part of the **Youth Environmental Stewards (YES!) Program**, coordinated by NWI.

Central theme: *“How can we better understand, protect and restore local watersheds?”*

Held outdoors and outside of the school schedule, the **Watershed Science and Stewardship** class requires students to be highly responsible for their own actions. Evaluation is based on attendance, field participation, group cooperation, self- and peer-assessment, and brief written assignments for all field and leadership experiences.

Watershed Science and Stewardship Class Options:

PART 1) Summer Field Intensive

August 6-11: A week-long, “Headwaters-to Bay” field course and leadership training. Students work together as a field team at two sites per day. Alongside natural resource professionals, we research and help restore forests, rivers, lakes, wetlands, and shorelines. Students learn different approaches to restoration, protection and management of natural ecosystems.

Overnight Location: Camp Beausite, Chimcum; **Field Base:** Tarboo Wildlife Preserve, various sites. Outdoors all day, every day! Dorm living (in cabins); Everyone helps cook & clean. Evening leadership and skill-building classes (required). Transportation and meals are provided during Summer Field Intensive.

PART 2) Crew Leadership During the 2017/18 school year, students serve as **Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES!) Crew Leaders** on at least **five approved community events totaling 30 leadership hours**. Examples: The Plant-A-Thon, NOSC salmon restoration projects, International Coastal Clean-up. There are eight or more events to choose from. Transportation to and from Port Townsend provided for most events. Students sign up for their events with local organizations during an evening session at the summer field intensive, and are responsible for tracking their own commitments, attending the events and sending in work report after each event. Class meets 4-5 times during the year, on early release days.

Dates: Sept. – May. TBA

PART 3) Mentored Independent Environmental Project (*Optional, for additional .5 credit*)

During the second semester, a limited number of students design and implement their own restoration or environmental project, with NWI staff and/or other professional mentors. Students may use this experience toward completion of their senior projects, and/or petition for occupational credit.

Dates: Aug - May Important: Parts 1&2 are required before or concurrent with part 3

NOTE:

Parts 1 & 2 MUST BE TAKEN TOGETHER for .5 credit (OR community service hours).

Part 3 MUST BE TAKEN WITH/AFTER 1&2. For additional .5 credit.

Should I apply for this class?

Are you concerned about the natural environment, and want to help? Do you see yourself in a career in natural resources, environmental action, or research? Do you want to build leadership and teamwork skills? Are you ready to take up more responsibility for your own learning and future? Do you want to earn a professional letter of reference to use for job applications? If yes, apply! (Over)



Coastal Clean Up - YES! Summer Science Field Intensive 2016



Youth Crew Leader - Plant-A-Thon 2015