

Community Field Trips EEAW 2007 Annual Conference

Community Field Trips will be held on Friday, November 9, from 12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Select one of the field trips below and sign up by 10:00 a.m. on Friday.

Please visit the Field Trip table near Conference Registration to reserve your spot (sign-ups begin Wednesday, November 7, from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m., and continue all day Thursday and Friday morning). Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. There are no additional costs to participate in a field trip and all transportation to and from the hotel is included.



Burke Museum/University of Washington Herbarium

(Limited to 20 participants)

The Burke Museum is Washington's State Museum of Natural History and Culture. Since 1899, the Burke has served as a place of research, collections, exhibits and education to promote a better understanding of the world and our place in it. Join Tim Stetter, the Burke's Environmental Educator, on a special tour of the museum. Explore exhibits on a wide range of topics: The evolution of Washington's biodiversity, cultures of the Pacific Rim, conservation issues from the Yellowstone to the Yukon corridor and the search for the mysterious giant squid. Participants will go behind-the-scenes for a guided tour of the bird and mammal collections, and walk through the campus of the University of Washington to tour the newest of the museum's collections—the 7-million specimens of the UW fish collection.



The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition

(Limited to 30 participants)

The Duwamish River Cleanup Coalition is EPA's Community Advisory Group for the Duwamish River Superfund Site. DRCC represents ten Seattle-area stakeholder organizations, including the Duwamish Tribe, People for Puget Sound, the South Park Neighborhood Association, and the Community Coalition for Environmental Justice. The Duwamish River boat tour will highlight the cultural and natural history of the river, pollution hotspots and cleanup areas, environmental and human health issues, habitat restoration sites, and a critter search for eagles, ospreys, seals and otters. Dress for the weather and wear sensible shoes.



IslandWood

(Limited to 30 participants)

Attendees will tour IslandWood, a unique 255 acre residential environmental education center, with Denise Dumouchel, head of school programs. Visit the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certified campus, including the waste water living machine, rainwater capture system, tree houses, suspension bridge, floating classroom, and composting toilets while learning about how the curriculum integrates art and technology into an exceptional learning experience for children and adults alike. Dress for the weather and wear sensible shoes.



Seahurst Beach

(Limited to 30 participants)

The Seahurst Park field trip includes the tour of a .8-mile area hosted by The Environmental Science Center and EarthCorps. Participants will first walk the north end of the park and look at the “old,” human-constructed features: the current walls and the perched beaches. Then, they will walk to the south end where a bulkhead was removed and the shoreline brought back to a more natural state, including grading and native planting. There will be an opportunity to look at photographs of the removal process of the gabion wall and to look at the beach reconstruction and how well it matches the beach outside the boundary of the park, which never had a wall.

The EarthCorps project manager on this restoration project will guide participants discussing the role of hands-on environmental service as an invaluable component of environmental education. During the trip, there will be an opportunity to visit the Marine Tech building where there is a small salmon hatchery and, as of this fall, an AP class in Environmental Science. Attendees will set up microscopes in the lab and look at forage fish eggs (one of the reasons for the reconstruction at the south end).

Attendees should dress warmly and wear sturdy, warm shoes as it will be cold on the beach. Raingear also is recommended.



Seattle Aquarium/Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center/ Olympic Sculpture Park

(Limited to 25 participants)

Seattle Aquarium’s mission is to “inspire conservation of the marine environment.” Our new Window on Washington Waters exhibit is a slice of the outer coast of Washington and we hope to introduce and inspire our visitors to learn about the wonders of marine life in our local waters. Join us as we tour tide pool touch tanks, marine bird and mammal exhibits, the Puget Sound underwater dome and many fish displays. Meet our local Pacific spiny lump suckers, grunt sculpins and Pacific giant octopus! We will take you for a behind-the-scenes tour of the pipes and pumps that run the aquarium, our animal laboratory facilities and our food prep areas as we experience firsthand the inner workings of an aquarium!

Next, we will venture to the Odyssey Maritime Discovery Center, where we will discover our connection to Puget Sound and our ocean waterways and learn how they influence our daily lives. Odyssey provides exciting hands-on exhibits and activities from how to load and unload a container ship with a crane to virtual kayaking through the San Juan Islands! Learn about our maritime fishing heritage and how Seattle is one of the major port cities in the west. Explore the diverse aspects of our maritime heritage, economy and environment.

We will continue along the Seattle waterfront to the new Olympic Sculpture Park to see outdoor sculptures and the newly restored pocket beach. A beach naturalist will accompany you to tell the story of the restoration and monitoring of the Seattle waterfront. You can return to the Aquarium by free streetcar bus for the evening event or return to the hotel by conference bus.



Woodland Park Zoo

(Limited to 25 participants)

Woodland Park Zoo's mission is to save animals and their habitats through conservation leadership and engaging experiences, inspiring people to learn, care and act. We hope you'll take this opportunity to see how we put our mission into practice for over one million visitors each year.

Join us for an in-depth tour of Zoomazium, our new, innovative and award winning year-round nature play space for kids. Get the inside scoop on the latest trends in connecting children and nature and get a personalized demonstration of groundbreaking ways we're connecting our audience to the natural world. If you're an environmental educator working with kids, you won't want to miss this opportunity to see some very different approaches and to pick up some new ideas.

Interested in green buildings? Participants will get the details of how we built Zoomazium to become the first zoo-based Gold LEED building anywhere. We'll pack a lot of information into your tour and you'll walk away with new program ideas and a better understanding of what it takes to build and play green. Of course, it's a big zoo and we want to make sure you've got time for unstructured nature play. Take the rest of the afternoon to check out our award winning naturalistic exhibits, catch a little fresh air and connect with your inner animal. You can return to the hotel from the field trip or connect with a shuttle to the Aquarium for Friday night's Keynote extravaganza. See you at the zoo!