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**Youth Environmental Stewards (YES!)
Environmental Science and Leadership Class**



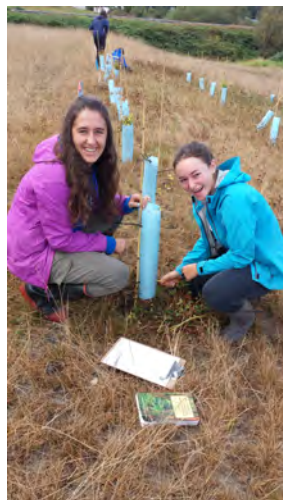
YES! Summer Science Field Intensive 2016 - Dabob Bay



Mentors from WDFW, Summer Science Field Intensive 2017



Youth Crew Leader – NWI's Plant-A-Thon 2015



Learn how to manage, protect and restore natural ecosystems with professional experts as your mentors.

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Class Offered: Environmental Science and Leadership

The accredited **Environmental Science and Leadership** class (ESL), is taught outdoors by the staff of **Northwest Watershed Institute (NWI)** and a team of natural resource experts as part of the **Youth Environmental Stewards (YES!) Program**, coordinated by NWI. Students experience field science in forests, wetlands, streams, and beaches, while gaining leadership and pre-professional skills. Participants use the YES! Program to prepare for jobs, internships, scholarships and college.

THEME: "How can we better understand, protect and restore our local ecosystems?"

PART 1: Summer Field Intensive (60 hours)

July 15-20: Week-long field course and leadership training. Students work together as a team at two field sites per day. Alongside natural resource experts, they conduct research and help restore forests, rivers, lakes, and shorelines. Students learn three basic approaches: restoration, protection and management.

Overnight Location: Fort Flagler. **Field sites:** Tarboo Wildlife Preserve & various places in Jefferson County. Outdoors all day, every day! Dorm living — everyone helps cook & clean. Evening leadership and programs (required). **Transportation and meals are provided during Summer Field Intensive.**

Dates: 2PM Sunday, July 15 – 4PM Friday, July 20 2018.

PART 2: Environmental Leadership (30 hours)

Throughout the school year, students choose opportunities to serve as **Youth Environmental Stewardship (YES!) Crew Leaders** on approved events, totaling 30 leadership hours. Examples include: The Plant-A-Thon, salmon restoration projects, International Coastal Clean-ups. There are many events for students to choose from. Transportation to and from Port Townsend provided free for most events. Students sign up with local organizations during the summer field intensive, and are responsible for tracking their own commitments, attending events and sending in work reports.

Dates: August 2018 – June 2019 TBA

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

A small number of students will design and implement their own restoration or environmental project, with NWI staff and/or other professional mentors. Students can use this experience toward completion of their senior projects, and/or request occupational credit.

Dates: Aug 2018 – May 2019

Held outside of the normal school schedule, the **Environmental Science and Leadership** class requires students to be responsible for their own actions. A **written letter of evaluation** is based on attendance, field participation, group cooperation, self- and peer-assessment, and short written assignments for all field experiences. The class is offered as a COMMUNITY CONTRACT CREDIT, and counts as an elective. Students may ask administrators whether it may count as occupational credit.

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? Do you enjoy nature, and want to learn about the environment through direct experience? Do you want to build leadership and teamwork skills? Are you ready to take more responsibility for your own learning and future? Do you picture yourself in a career in natural resources, environmental action, or research? Do you want to earn a professional letter of reference to use for job applications? If you answered yes to any ...apply! <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5K2F7R9>
Cost for the year is on a sliding scale basis: \$0 - \$300 donation. No one turned away for lack of funds.