EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Experience environmental science & maritime history at Foss Waterway Seaport

Expand environmental science beyond the classroom and into the reality of Tacoma’s history!

Engage your students in a LIFE-CHANGING learning adventure on a research boat in Commencement Bay or in DYNAMIC active learning throughout our museum.

The Seaport’s programs give students a chance to make a personal connection to their community and the natural world through FUN and ACTIVE learning experiences.

K-to-gray groups of all ages are welcome! Groups of up to 28 students will experiment, predict, play, and learn about their surroundings and the waters of Puget Sound.

Smaller groups can be accommodated in “mini-programs”.

How can we ENHANCE your student’s classroom experience?

Our modular programs can enrich and complement YOUR classroom focus. Lessons and activities are customized to specific grade level, meet state curriculum standards, fit with NGSS Crosscutting Concepts, and make learning FUN!! Let us work with you and your students to provide a great informal learning experience.

Please contact us with any questions or requests!

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**On-Shore Programs**

On-shore programs occur in and around the Foss Waterway Seaport museum. Activities may use museum exhibits to illustrate Tacoma’s history, exploration tanks to meet Puget Sound invertebrates, or craft and imagination to understand animal design. All activities are tailored to be interactive, hands-on and grade-level appropriate.

**WHO?**
Learners from K through college, adult learners welcome.

**WHEN?**
Programs are offered Monday through Thursday, year-round. Programs typically begin at 10am. Each activity will last 30 to 50 minutes—depending on the age of the learners.

**COST?**
Fee is $5 per student. Teachers and up to 4 chaperones are FREE. Additional adults are $5 each.

A $25 deposit is required to secure your program and date.

*To ensure the quality of our programs we require that scheduling be COMPLETED and deposit paid a minimum of 3 weeks before the actual program date.*

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**On-Water Programs**

On-water programs are 4 hour research cruises on a research charter vessel. Students discover the plankton of Puget Sound, assess the general health of our water, learn how their actions on land affect the waters of the Sound, and learn to navigate with charts and compasses.

**WHO?**
Learners 4th grade and older.

**WHEN?**
Programs are offered Monday through Thursday, March through October. *Dates must be agreed upon by our charter partner.* Programs typically begin between 8:30 and 9am. Each activity will last 45 to 50 minutes and gives every student a chance to do REAL oceanographic science.

**COST?**
Fee is $1400 per class. We REQUIRE there be one chaperone or teacher for every 7 students—a minimum of 4 adults per cruise.

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