

SERVICE-LEARNING YELLOW PAGES PLACEMENT SITE

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Name of Agency: Puget Soundkeeper

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Agency Description:

Puget Soundkeeper's mission is to protect and enhance the waters Puget Sound for the health and restoration of the aquatic ecosystems and communities that depend on it.

Puget Soundkeeper staff and trained volunteers are on the water every week by boat and kayak, monitoring the health of the Sound and its tributaries.

Position Descriptions:

Kayak Patrols: Volunteer patrols form a central part of our effort to monitor pollution and prevent debris from reaching the sound. We paddle through Lake Union (or the Duwamish River) and remove trash from the water while keeping an eye out for other pollution violations.

Cleanups: Puget Soundkeeper hosts various beach cleanups throughout the year to pick up marine debris from our waterways. Unfortunately, 90% of the marine debris we find is plastic. We usually have 1 per month, if not more.

Host Your Own Cleanup Kit: If students need more hours outside of kayak patrols and cleanups, they can borrow cleanup kits to host their own cleanup.

Community Science – Salmon Surveys: This entails a weekly commitment between October and December to conduct salmon pre-spawn mortality syndrome surveys in Longfellow Creek located in West Seattle.

Days and hours students can serve in these positions:

Kayak Patrols: Every other Wednesday in the summer: 12-2 pm (rain or shine). Pre-registration is required. Check our calendar for upcoming patrols.

Walking Cleanups: We typically have 1 cleanup per month.

Minimum commitment required of volunteers: 2-3 hours per patrol or cleanups (longer for Duwamish patrols), 1-2 hours/week for salmon surveys

What qualities, abilities and skills are important at your agency?

On the water, experience is a plus, but not required. Any knowledge of the environmental sciences, policy, or current water quality related news is also a plus.

Is volunteer training provided: Yes

Length of time students should budget for it: Training is conducted in the first half hour of every patrol.

Is on-site supervision provided? Yes (but no if it is a Host Your Own Cleanup)

Number of Service-Learning positions available per quarter: Depends on staff capacity and current needs. Kayak patrols are often scheduled out well in advance and can have limited capacity.

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