

# STEAM Resources for K-12 teachers in Skagit Watershed

**Friends of the Anacortes Community Forest Lands (ACFL)** offers a school program suite that includes year-round activities for kindergarten and 3rd grade classes as well as a place-based project program for 7th grade classes. They also host summer camps, after school programs, homeschool programs, community hikes, and volunteer opportunities. [www.friendsoftheacfl.org](http://www.friendsoftheacfl.org)

**Glacier Peak Institute (GPI)** helps young people discover their potential through place-based, hands-on outdoor learning and skill-building experiences. Offers in-class and after school programs in Darrington & Concrete, and youth summer programs from the North Cascades and beyond. More info at [www.glacierpeakinstitute.org](http://www.glacierpeakinstitute.org)

**Museum of Northwest Art (MoNA)** offers [lesson plans](#) and [free art supplies](#) (borrow for up to three weeks at a time). They also offer [MoNA Link](#), a one-year professional development program. Learn more about their programs here: [www.monamuseum.org/](http://www.monamuseum.org/).

**North Cascades Institute (NCI)** offers Mountain School, a 3-day program for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and Youth Leadership programs for high schoolers. More info and resources: <https://ncascades.org/signup>

**Pacific Education Institute (PEI)** offers professional learning for K-12 teachers to support FieldSTEM implementation. Explore free educator resources and more at [pacificeducationinstitute.org/](http://pacificeducationinstitute.org/)

**Pacific Mammal Research (PacMam)** offers classroom presentations about marine mammals in the Salish Sea, which can be tailored to meet the specific needs of individual teachers. Also available are half-day field trips (grades 7-12) to collect data at their study site in Anacortes. This program is free, but donations are welcome. transportation is not provided. Students must hike 10 minutes to/from the site. <https://www.pacmam.org/>

**Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve** offers half-day and full-day field trips for classes at any grade level as well as virtual presentations. [Sign up for their teacher email list here](#) and learn more [on their website](#).

**Skagit Audubon Society** offers guided birdwatching field trips or class visits with non-living bird specimens. They are happy to work with teachers to meet individual needs. More info at <https://www.skagitaudubon.org/education>

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**Skagit Conservation District** offers hands-on stormwater presentations, the Soil and Water Stewardship poster contest in the spring for grades K-12, the Envirothon Competition in the spring for grades 9-12, the Skagit Youth Conservation Tour for 5/6th grade in May, as well as a variety of videos and worksheets about the Skagit Watershed for a range of grade levels. More information can be found here: [www.skagitcd.org/youth-opportunities](http://www.skagitcd.org/youth-opportunities).

**Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group (SFEG)** is offering their Kids in Creeks program for grades 7-12, which teaches how riparian restoration helps salmon and includes a service-learning project. Funding for school buses is available. More info on this program and more: [www.skagitfisheries.org/classroom-education/](http://www.skagitfisheries.org/classroom-education/)

**Skagit Land Trust (SLT)** offers their land for educators to use as an outdoor classroom and Conservation Classroom kits that teachers can check out: Nearshore Habitats, Heron in the Classroom, Elk Education, or Forest Health. SLT is happy to work with teachers to meet their outdoor classroom needs. More info: [www.skagitlandtrust.org/pages/youth.aspx](http://www.skagitlandtrust.org/pages/youth.aspx)

**Skagit Public Utility District** offers an educational program called [The Story of Drinking Water](#), that includes a tour of Judy Reservoir, the water treatment plant, and a visit to a source water stream. Students learn where their water comes from and how it's treated to make it safe to drink. Transportation reimbursement is available. Or, do the [virtual tour](#).

**Skagit River Poetry Foundation** offers the Poets in Schools program and list of Classroom Teachings that can be found here: <https://skagitriverpoetry.org/poets-in-schools/curriculum/>

**Skagit Watershed Council (SWC)** offers a community calendar of environmentally-related events for all ages ([skagitwatershed.org/events](http://skagitwatershed.org/events)), and the [Our Skagit River Watershed storymap](#) in both English and Spanish.

**The Salish Sea School (TSSS)** provides hands-on marine science field trips for K-12 students, including both boat-based and shore-based experiences centered on Salish Sea ecosystems and conservation. Programs align with STEAM learning standards and immerse students in authentic, place-based learning. Learn more at [thesalishseaschool.org](http://thesalishseaschool.org)

**The Whale Museum (TWM)** offers in-person and virtual classroom presentations, activities, and labs focusing on local whales, seals, and sea lions. TWM also offers Salish Sea Explorer Kits. A full listing of resources: [whalemuseum.org/pages/education-programs](http://whalemuseum.org/pages/education-programs) and [whalemuseum.org/pages/educator-resources](http://whalemuseum.org/pages/educator-resources)

**Washington Native Plant Society, Salal Chapter (WNPS)** offers presentations about native plants and the importance of pollinators.

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