

# Skagit Conservation District

## SKAGIT YOUTH CONSERVATION TOUR

### MAY 13 & 15, 2025

The Skagit Youth Conservation Tour is designed to provide a fun and educational outdoor experience for Skagit County 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

The tour consists of seven stations hosted by local natural resource professionals who will guide students through entertaining educational activities focused on conservation of our natural resources. Classes spend 15 minutes at each station for a total of approximately 2 hours to complete the entire tour. Classes rotate through the stations sequentially with a different class beginning the tour every 15 minutes. This year's conservation partners may include **WA State Department of Natural Resources, Skagit Fisheries Enhancement Group, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Sierra Pacific Industries, North Cascades National Park, USDA Forest Service, Skagit County Department of Public Works Master Composter/Recyclers, and Skagit Land Trust.**

#### WHERE IS IT HELD?

The annual Skagit Youth Conservation Tour is held at the Pomona Grange Park. The park is located adjacent to the Washington State Fish Hatchery on Old Highway 99 N, just north of Burlington.

#### HOW IT WORKS

Your class will be greeted by a natural resource professional, upon your arrival at the park. A new class begins rotation through the forest walk every 15 minutes (see attached schedule). Students will spend 15 minutes at each of a series of six stations. The total length of the tour will be two hours. Classes arriving early or wanting to stay late are welcome to have lunch in the picnic shelter or tour the adjacent fish hatchery. **STUDENTS NEED TO BE AT THE PARK AND READY TO BEGIN THE TOUR AT THEIR ALLOCATED TIME** (it is important that we strictly adhere to the schedule). Your class will stay together throughout the entire tour.

#### LUNCH

The picnic shelter and tables will be available if your class would like to have lunch at the park. You can have lunch either before you start the tour or after you are done. If you plan on having lunch at the park before you start the tour, please be sure your class arrives at the park early enough to allow time for eating. Students will need to be reminded to bring a sack lunch. **The Skagit County Composter/Recyclers will be hosting a "Zero Waste" station to instruct the students with recycling of all food waste, cans/plastic bottles, paper, etc. It is encouraged that students plan to bring food in reusable containers and pack out their own garbage. This will be mandatory for all students who will be eating lunch at the park.**

## **DRESS**

Please inform your students to dress for the weather!!! **Boots, coats, and hats are highly recommended! No flip flops please. We will be outside!**

## **REGISTRATION**

**CLASSES MUST PRE-REGISTER. PLEASE REGISTER BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 2025** (register early for best selection of times and date). There is no cost to participate. Our business hours are M-F from 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Please contact Cindy Pierce at (360) 899-8729 or [cindy@skagitcd.org](mailto:cindy@skagitcd.org).

## **BUSES**

**Teachers are responsible for making their own travel arrangements with their transportation department to and from the site.** Remember to schedule transportation early to ensure that buses are available. If more than one class from your school is attending, arrangements to travel together should try and be organized.

## **Transportation Assistance Funds**

A limited amount of funding for buses is available through the Skagit Conservation District. Please contact Cindy Pierce at the Skagit Conservation District for information at (360) 899-8729.

## **OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

It is recommended that each teacher try to bring at least one other adult to help supervise. Parents are usually happy to attend. **Student conduct is the responsibility of the teacher --not the station leaders.**

## **MORE QUESTIONS?**

Call Cindy Pierce at the Skagit Conservation District, (360) 899-8729, or e-mail [cindy@skagitcd.org](mailto:cindy@skagitcd.org).

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