

EXPLORE MORE

K-12 Field Investigations with Seattle Parks and Recreation



Bringing science, environmental education, and experiential learning to your parks.

Seattle Parks and Recreation's Environmental Education and Outdoor Learning staff provide opportunities for grades K-12 and organized groups, such as scouts and camps, to experience age-appropriate, hands-on adventures in learning about natural communities in an urban setting.

Programs align with WA State Essential Academic Learning Requirements for core content areas and support Science kits.

For more information and to schedule school programs:

Call 206-684-0877 or email masha.shtern@seattle.gov or

Fill out this form([link](#)) and email it to Masha Shtern at the email address listed above.



Program Descriptions

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS

Beaches (Spring and Summer only)

Search for the hard and the soft, the quick and the slow, and all the colors of the intertidal community at Discovery Park or Carkeek Park.

Forest

Camp Long and Discovery Park have lots of forest habitat to explore. Venture through the trees looking for clues to animal habits, hiding places, and seasonal happenings. Forest programs empower participants to feel comfortable in the outdoors.



GRADES 1-12

Spiders (Fall only)

Spiders are a fascinating group of animals with a bad reputation. Investigate spider characteristics and how their adaptations actually help humans to survive. Search the park for different types of spiders using various hands-on techniques. Observe how spiders catch their food and their important role in the ecosystem. Participants explore nature and the lives of spiders in an experiential manner that inspires respect, stewardship, and curiosity.

Forest

The Pacific Northwest is famous for its evergreen forests. Explore these forests and the animals that make their homes in them, right here in city parks at Discovery Park or Camp Long. This field program is an exciting, hands-on way to teach participants about forest stewardship, interdependence, the cycles of nature, and native plants.

Beaches (Spring and Summer Only)

Explore the saltwater beaches of Puget Sound at Discovery Park, Carkeek Park, or Me Kwa Mooks during low tide. Learn to find, touch, and handle, gently and safely, the unusual life forms that live

Ponds (Spring and Summer only)

Experience the freshwater habitats of a city park at Camp Long or Discovery Park. Waddling ducks, wriggling tadpoles, and dancing dragonflies are some of the creatures we may see as we explore what makes these places so special.

Spiders (Fall only)

Weaving webs, waiting, stalking, and pouncing: delve into a micro-world as we search for and observe spiders at Discovery Park or Camp Long. Discover beautiful and fascinating spiders as we explore fields and forests. Learn web construction and spider anatomy. Spider programs allow participants to explore the natural world in a safe, hands-on manner that inspires stewardship and appreciation.

between the tides. Discover the challenges of life in the tide zone and the adaptations these animals develop to survive. This field program allows students to experience a unique habitat in a hands-on manner that inspires curiosity, stewardship, and learning.

Ponds (Spring and Summer only)

Explore the varied aquatic habitats at Discovery Park or Camp Long. Using dip nets and tubs, and field magnifiers, catch and identify aquatic wildlife. Get a first-hand look at water dwelling organisms in their habitat!

Stewardship for Students (Grades 5 and up)

Classrooms improve habitat for wildlife through hands-on service projects at Discovery Park and Camp Long. Naturalists guide students through intensive instruction with interactive games, hikes, invasive plant removal, native planting or beach clean-ups.



School Program Registration Form at Seattle Parks and Recreation Environmental Learning Centers

Please fill out the information below and email to: masha.shtern@seattle.gov

Questions? Call 206-684-0877

Teachers/Group Name:

Email:

Telephone Number:

School or Location:

Grade:

Number of Students:

Program Request:

Requested Location (Camp Long or Discovery Park):

How will you arrive (i.e. bus, personal vehicle, public transit, walking):

Date Request:

- Choice 1:
- Choice 2:
- Choice 3:

Time Slot:

- AM:
- PM:

What percentage of your students participates in the Free-Reduced lunch program?

*If you are interested in a beach program (spring and summer only) please know that the dates and times vary depending on tides. Please contact masha.shtern@seattle.gov for more information regarding beach programs.

*If you would like to reserve the Fire Ring, East Shelter, West Shelter or Cabins at Camp Long please contact Jacinta at Camp Long: 206-684-7434