

# Bayshore FieldSTEM Education Volunteer Position Description

**Position Overview:** The Bayshore FieldSTEM® education volunteer will lead and/or assist outdoor lessons for seventh grade students at Capitol Land Trust's (CLT) Bayshore Preserve.

**Responsible To:** Outreach & Education Coordinator, Sarah Croston, sarah@capitollandtrust.org, (360) 819-1459

### Key Responsibilities:

- Engage students in the wonders of the natural world
- Share your knowledge
- Foster student curiosity
- Ensure timely activity rotation
- Answer student questions

**Initial Impact:** Volunteers play a key role in programs that connect kids to nature and increase the number of people benefitting from conservation. By facilitating lessons and conversations, we build a stronger community that values conservation. As a volunteer, you will gain new knowledge, feel good about how your time is spent volunteering, and have fun doing it!

### **Sustained Outcomes:**

- Inspiring the next generation of conservation leaders
- Gaining community support for conservation
- Building relationships with community members
- Creating a personal connection to the natural world

**Training Provided:** Training for Bayshore Preserve FieldSTEM (7<sup>th</sup> grade) is held in October. This training will serve as an introduction to our programs, a tour of the field trip site, and practice with the field trip activities.

**Support:** Bayshore FieldSTEM volunteers receive support from CLT and Puget Sound Estuarium staff, who will be on site every day. Open communication, resource, and knowledge sharing among volunteers and staff is encouraged. Education volunteers have the opportunity to provide program feedback and ask questions throughout the program.

**Commitment:** Volunteers attend a 5 to 6-hour training and sign up for at least one shift. Day-of commitment is between 4-8 hours, not including drive time to Bayshore Preserve. Volunteers are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from training and program days. There are six total field experience days in late October/early November.

### **Skills and Qualifications:**

- Ability to pass a background check.
- Willingness to learn and share knowledge about Pacific Northwest ecosystems and history.
- Willingness to participate in different types of weather.
- Maintain a fun attitude when working with children.
- Flexibility.

## **Benefits:**

- Opportunities to meet and get to know others who are interested in the natural world.
- Spend time outside.
- Learn new skills.
- Professional references.
- Share your knowledge with the next generation.

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