

Sno-King Water Watchers Program – Upcoming Water Monitor Training Workshops

Would you like to become a volunteer water quality monitor for a local stream?

Sno-King Water Watchers is a community-based water monitoring program in the north King /south Snohomish county area. We have opportunities for people interested in monitoring local streams and being part of our network of water monitors.

Our program's goal is to foster watershed stewardship through the development of volunteer water monitors. Citizens monitor physical, chemical, bacteriological, and biological indicators of watershed fitness. These include things such as temperature, dissolved oxygen, E.Coli, and presence of indicator species of insects.

Monitor-collected data is used to advocate for protection and restoration of local streams and watersheds, to help foster public health, quality of life, recreational safety, public awareness, and improved wildlife habitat. Monitoring can help fill agency data gaps, bring attention to problems, provide environmental education, and analyze the effects of development or restoration actions.

The first upcoming workshop series will take place on April 25, 26, and 27. A second series will be held on June 3, 4, and 5. Each workshop series will have a day dedicated to 1) Physical and Chemical Monitoring, 2) Bacteriological Monitoring, and 3) Biological Monitoring.

Workshops will go from 9 am to 3 pm each day. Each day will have a combination of classroom and field time. All meetings and workshops will be at Adopt-A-Stream's Northwest Stream Center, 600 - 128th St SE, Everett 98208.

Priority will be given to participants who are able to commit to a complete workshop series, but if workshops are not full, participants may sign up for a single session. We have space for up to 10 participants at each workshop.

Participants will receive a complete set of water monitoring manuals including: Introduction to Water Quality Monitoring, Physical and Chemical Monitoring, Bacteriological Monitoring, and Biological Monitoring. Workshops are free, but we ask a contribution of \$30 to offset printing costs. Scholarships are available.

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