WSU Beach Watchers
Dedicated to protecting our marine and fresh waters through education, research, and stewardship

Beach Watchers are Making a Difference and Having Fun!

Washington State University Extension invites you to celebrate and protect the natural wonders of Whatcom County by getting informed and getting involved with Beach Watchers! Training begins March 17, 2009.

Beach Watchers explore our beaches, streams, forests, and agricultural lands. They learn about marine biology, coastal geology, wildlife, urban growth, and local issues from an objective, scientific point-of-view.

Beach Watchers receive extensive FREE training and contribute 100 hours enhancing our community with volunteer projects of their choice.

Participants come from all walks of life and bring a rich cross-section of experiences and talents.

What will you bring to our community?

In the Words of Beach Watchers...

"This program exceeded my expectations in the amount of information I received and the quality, passion, and background of all the speakers."

"A tremendous amount of information and extremely enlightening."

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Beach Watchers are . . .

. . . on the Beach
- surveying creosote logs
- sampling shellfish populations
- collecting baseline data
- educating beach goers

. . . on the Land
- promoting rain gardens
- fostering shoreline-friendly home / yard care
- restoring streams and shoreline

. . . on the Water
- monitoring invasive species
- collecting water-quality data
- enhancing our crab harvest by preventing ghost crab pots
- teaching kids stream ecology

. . . in the Community
- participating in local decision making
- educating fellow citizens
- promoting better stormwater management
- organizing workshops on our natural resources
- teaching after-school environmental science

To learn more or request an application please visit our website at:
http://whatcom.wsu.edu/environ/water/beachwatchers.html