

Hours and Capacity

School programs are offered Tuesdays through Fridays, 8 AM - 3 PM, for both classroom visits and field trips. Capacity varies by the program and ranges up to 120 students.

Fees and Scholarships

The Seward Park Environmental & Audubon Center is not supported by taxes. We are a private non-profit organization. Tuition, special events, store sales, donations, and special grants provide our entire annual operating budget. We charge nominal fees for all our education programs.

Discounts are available for most schools and are based on the percentage of free and reduced lunches or scholarships for your school. Private schools should contact us for discount information.

Transportation: Currently we do not subsidize the cost of transportation for schools. We suggest you contact your school's PTSA and administration for help in funding for transportation.

Come for Education and Stay for Restoration!

Want to add the additional benefit of a service learning element to your park and program visit? Come for an education program such as Eco Explorations or a Custom Walk and stay for 1-2 hours of restoration work in the park. **There are no additional fees to volunteer for restoration!**



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Please visit our website to download a Scheduling Application for your program. To have an application and information packet mailed to you, please contact us by mail, phone, fax, or email.

Once your application has been submitted, received, and processed, you will receive written confirmation as well as an enrichment packet containing pre- and post- activity ideas to enhance your field experience.

Additionally, we would be happy to work with you in adjusting our programs to meet your specific needs.

SEWARD PARK ENVIRONMENTAL & Audubon CENTER

Located on a 277-acre peninsula in southeast Seattle, Seward Park features the largest remaining stand of old-growth forest in the city, two active bald eagle nests, and a wide array of plants and animals.

Surrounded on three sides by Lake Washington, it is truly a natural oasis in the heart of Seattle and is the perfect place to teach future generations about the importance of the natural world.



SEWARD PARK ENVIRONMENTAL & Audubon CENTER



Middle School Programs 2010-2011



Working with Schools Every Day in Every Way

The goal of all our education programs is to provide students with science-based education that fosters an ethic of ecological and environmental stewardship. Utilizing microscopes, nets, test kits, live and preserved specimens, games, and, most importantly, our Seward Park outdoor classroom, students are introduced to a variety of exciting learning experiences.

All of our middle-school lessons are designed and assessed to meet 6th through 8th grade learning standards in Science. Our lessons take into account the vast array of learning styles and levels. All students and teachers enjoy and learn from our outdoor and indoor classroom lessons!

Eco Explorations: At the time of registration, teachers choose one of our three ecosystem based focus areas: On the day of the program, participants are divided up into smaller groups, and they rotate through several outdoor learning stations for 50-60 minutes per station.

- \$9/student
- Occurs at Seward Park
- 3.5 hours
- Lake Washington Water Chemistry and Aquatic Ecology
- Garry Oak Ecosystems and Habitats
- Old Growth Forest Botany, Food Chains, Pyramids, and Webs

Guided Nature Walks: Special naturalist-led interactive walks for youth groups during the school day. Pick from a variety of themes including plants, animals, general ecology, geology, and many more.

- \$3/student
- Can have customized themes
- Guided Walk ~ 1.5 hours
- Guided Walk + Restoration ~ 2-3 hours

Outside In: Let us come to you with one of our Outside In classroom science enrichment programs.

- \$50/program ~ 1 hour per class
- Water Chemistry Testing: test local water for key chemicals
- People and Water: water cycle, water pollution, and the human impacts on water
- Trial of a Tree: mock-trial style lessons in community involvement and environmental issues
- Owls and Osteology: basics of owl ecology as well as pellet dissections
- Climate Change: climate change 101, and how kids can help!

REGISTER NOW

Download a registration application

<http://sewardpark.audubon.org>

or register by phone

206-652-2444 x102

