Watershed Education Programs

FREE Classroom Programs for Bellevue Schools sponsored by City of Bellevue Utilities

Choose from the menu of programs, then follow the registration instructions listed below. Groups can be 30 students or fewer and we can accommodate most dates and times throughout the school year. Programs are 50 minutes and align with WA State K-12 Learning Standards and STEM Education.

BE THE SOLUTION (Grades 6-8):
Students will become familiar with Bellevue’s local watershed with the aid of a detailed map highlighting each subwatershed within the city. Students will get to apply their new understanding of watersheds while interpreting real-world data from the City of Bellevue and other local agencies. Becoming aware of current water issues and understanding what community members can do to help is a central focus throughout this program.

BE THE SOLUTION (Grades 9-10):
Students will use a detailed map of Bellevue’s subwatersheds to see firsthand how waterways are connected, and understand how human actions can affect the health of more than just the immediate waterway. Small groups of students will review data collected by the Bellevue Stream Team and other local agencies in order to gain an understanding in local issues that affect local waterways, and become familiar with best management practices that have a positive impact on the watershed ecosystem.

BE THE SOLUTION (Grades 11-12):
Students will become knowledgeable in the many issues facing the health of the Puget Sound today, and understand the important role we all play in the Puget Sound recovery. As a class, students will make clear the many facets affecting the Puget Sound by interpreting the most recent state of the sound report. Students will also become familiar with what daily actions Bellevue community members can take to create more positive consequences than negative ones.

BLUE TEAMS (Grades 6-12):
You have the opportunity to create a youth-powered Blue Team to help care for one of our most precious natural resources – WATER! Blue Teams carry out a water quality action project that promotes watershed sustainability and stewardship in their community. Each team receives expert help from a Naturalist to help plan, prepare and execute their project.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Programs are led by Nature Vision, a local non-profit organization of experienced environmental educators. To register for programs and field trips, visit http://www.naturevision.org/program-registration/. Register online or print out the registration form and fax it in per the instructions. Please contact Nature Vision at 425-836-2697 with any questions.

TO REGISTER FOR A BLUE TEAM: Visit https://naturevision.org/blue-teams, fill out the registration form and send in via fax or scan and email.