



Fall 2017



Shoreline Exploration

In early 2017 Snohomish County Juvenile Corrections reached out to Outdoor Youth Connections to collaborate and enrich the Snohomish Teen Evening Program (STEP). OYC responded with the Shoreline Exploration Program,

Our Mission

OYC connects youth with outdoor adventures. We provide financial support for activities that encourage love, respect for nature, leadership, and community involvement.

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a program that provides youth with space to explore the Salish Sea shoreline, learn beach etiquette, ask questions, and learn about the various career opportunities related to shorelines. Mikaela Montanari, Marine Science Interpreter at the Seattle Aquarium, OYC's Shoreline Exploration Coach says "I like volunteering for the Shoreline Exploration/STEP program because my true love affair with the ocean and the marine environment began when I was a teenager. Any obstacle or hard time I was facing could be worked through as long as I had the beach and the waves at my feet. In a way, the Shoreline Exploration Coach provides a similar guided escape, and provides alternative methods for handling tough times."

The Shoreline Exploration Program runs once or twice a month, rain or shine, high tide or low. Many youth show up without warm clothes but the STEP program does provide rain boots and rain coats. Mikaela has observed that though youth are comfortable on the beach and curious, never having been to the beach, that a few clinging to their phones after a long day at school can be distracted by a crab scurrying across the sand.

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Hydration
Emergency Shelter

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Thank You

Thank you to the Everett Mountaineers for the generous support we received at the annual awards banquet. The money that was raised will help us fulfill our mission of connecting youth with outdoor adventures.



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