

ADDITIONAL DAYS, TIMES, & GRADE FOR AFTERNOON ECOLOGISTS PROGRAM

You spoke and we listened! Thanks to your feedback, we're offering a new structure for Afternoon Ecologists -- our in-person, outdoor program on Bainbridge Island.

As of October 19th, students in 3rd - 6th grades can participate either two days per week (M/W or Tu/Th) or one day per week (Fridays), for five weeks. We've also changed the times of the program to better complement school schedules.

Students will deepen their science knowledge, work together collaboratively (and safely!), and practice environmental stewardship. Registration opens Monday, October 5th.

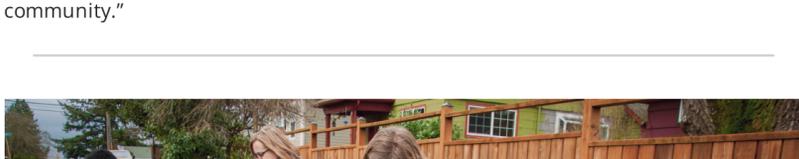
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HOW SCHOOL RAIN GARDENS CAN CENTER EQUITY AND SUPPORT STEWARDSHIP

Recently, Urban School Programs Coordinator Celina Steiger co-led a presentation on "Rain Gardens and Schools in Seattle," in partnership with Seattle Public Utilities' Rainwise program and the School Learning Garden Network.

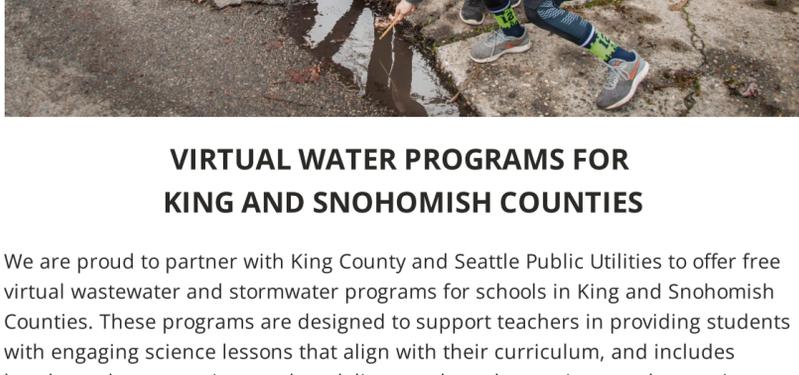
You can watch the full presentation [here](#) to learn more about the purpose of rain gardens, gain strategies for centering equity in the implementation process, and explore how, in Celina's words, we're helping "teachers and students learn about and design outdoor learning spaces that will be lasting assets to their school and community."



VIRTUAL WATER PROGRAMS FOR KING AND SNOHOMISH COUNTIES

We are proud to partner with King County and Seattle Public Utilities to offer free virtual wastewater and stormwater programs for schools in King and Snohomish Counties. These programs are designed to support teachers in providing students with engaging science lessons that align with their curriculum, and includes hands-on demonstrations and modeling, outdoor observations, and extension activities to connect to students' interests, identities, and home and family experiences.

[Learn more and register now →](#)



UPCOMING TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

Registration is now open for our teacher professional development course **Community Science**, coming up in November! Collaborate with fellow teachers and IslandWood educators to gain tools and strategies to make science learning come alive through hyper-local investigations. Our first course of the year filled up fast, so be sure to secure your spot soon!

Learn more about all of our professional development opportunities, including workshops coming up on October 10 and 24, [here!](#)



WHAT'S FOR DINNER WEDNESDAY

WHAT'S FOR DINNER WEDNESDAY GIFT CARDS NOW AVAILABLE!

Pick up a gift card [here](#) and treat a friend or family member to a delicious, no-stress meal through our What's For Dinner Wednesday to-go meal program!

Your dinner orders and gift card purchases help support us as we continue to create new programs to meet the evolving needs of our community. Thank you!

[Find out what's on the menu for next Wednesday →](#)



SUPPORT IN-PERSON, OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Our new in-person, outdoor Afternoon Ecologists program on Bainbridge Island is designed to support the evolving needs of our community's children, and we are committed to making it available for ALL 3rd - 6th grade children who want to participate! To do that, the cost is based on a sliding scale and we're offering scholarships. Would you make a gift to our Science in the Woods campaign to help make this hands-on educational opportunity accessible for all our community's children?

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