

PUGET SOUND ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING CENTER



The Puget Sound Environmental Learning Center provides ecologically-based educational programs centering on Puget Sound's intertwined natural and cultural histories. Our primary focus is on hands-on learning experiences in an outdoor setting for school-aged children and those who touch their lives.

Operating from a sustainably designed 255-acre campus on Bainbridge Island, we serve as a model for energy conservation and community living. Scientific inquiry, technology and the arts are tools that help participants to develop a deeper understanding of the relationships between biological and cultural diversity.

MISSION

TO INSPIRE ENVIRONMENTAL AND COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP
BY PROVIDING HANDS-ON LEARNING EXPERIENCES THAT LINK
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE ARTS IN A NATURAL SETTING.

VISION

We envision a future in which generation after generation shares an extraordinary bond of stewardship for each other, and for the communities in which we live.

ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS

- Create a wondrous place where students can engage in hand-on projects and outdoor field experiences that appeal to different learning styles and interests, encouraging life-long learning.
- Serve students and teachers in communities that do not have available resources to provide a residential environmental education experience.
- Support Puget Sound area schools to improve student learning through a multidisciplinary curricula that support Washington State learning goals and objectives.
- Empower students to become responsible community citizens by building an understanding of how their actions make a difference in the world.
- Offer a model for resource conservation and community living by operating from a sustainably designed campus.
- Continuously evolve as an organization by regularly assessing the effectiveness of our programs and activities.

VALUES

The PSELC provides a magical setting for joyful learning experiences. We are passionate about education children and creating life-long learning opportunities for every individual. Staff member demonstrate a love of learning through engaging enthusiastic attitudes.

As an organization, we:

- Honor the individual roles and expertise of the staff.
- Exemplify sustainable living and environmental stewardship.
- Encourage innovation and collaboration.
- Embrace diversity in staff, board and constituents served.
- Welcome and respect people of all cultures, backgrounds and orientations.
- Strive for continuous improvement in everything we do.
- Exceed expectations by “going the extra mile.”
- Invite community involvement and collaboration.