

The Water Ship News

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The Water Ship News is a monthly e-newsletter for teachers, students, and community members who are interested in salmon, watersheds, and our local ecosystems. Each month, the WSN will feature different community events and learning resources. For more information, please get in touch with me or check out www.salmoninschools.ca

Thank you for your passion for environmental education!



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Free Pro D Workshop for Victoria Area Teachers:
Connecting Kids to Nature through Art

On Friday, February 14 from 9:00am to 11:30 pm join the educators at the Gallery of Nature for a morning of learning, sharing, art, and nature. Workshop begins with a brief tour of the gallery, introducing the art and philosophy of Robert Bateman and our current OneTree exhibit. We will be presenting on our available programs and art classes. The Pro-D Day Workshop is designed to help you, the teacher, bring the values of art, curiosity, and nature-stewardship into the classroom. Book now to save your spot! 250-940-3630 x 309

Information about indoor and outdoor school programs can be found [here](#)



2020 Ocean Education Conference: Save the Date!

The Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators and the Canadian Network for Ocean Education invite educators, researchers, students, and resource professionals from the Pacific Northwest and across Canada to meet, learn, share, and socialize at the 2020 NAME/CaNOE summer conference from August 16–20, 2020. The conference will be held at beautiful Pearson College UWC, located along the forested shores of the Pacific Ocean at sheltered Pedder Bay, about 29 km southwest of Victoria, BC. The conference program will include a variety of plenary sessions, workshops, presentations, field trips, social events, and time for networking. [Click for more info](#)



Watershed Wonders: February 14, 10am-4pm

School's out and we're celebrating all things watershed! We've invited special guests (Seachange Marine Conservation Society, Stream to Sea, CRD Parks, and Peninsula Streams) to share their expertise on how land, lakes, rivers, streams and the sea are all connected. Alongside these organizations we'll be hosting watershed focused games and activities. [More info here](#)



University of Victoria Astronomy Open House

When: Wednesdays, 8-10pm

Where: 5th floor Bob Wright Centre

You say you don't know a red dwarf from a black hole? A giant star from a globular cluster? Here's your chance to discover everything you've wanted to know about the sky. Everyone is welcome to visit the UVic observatory. The UVic 0.8m telescope is one of the largest optical telescopes on any Canadian university campus. Targets to view may include planets, nebulae, and star clusters. Astronomy students operate the telescope on clear nights and chat with visitors about what's observed. Admission is free. For further information, please contact the Department of Physics and Astronomy at [250-721-7700](tel:250-721-7700).

Explore the Salish Sea with [Eagle Wing Tours!](#)

Did you know that Eagle Wing Tours offers an [education outreach program](#) in partnership with SD61 and the Royal BC Museum? After an introductory classroom session, students board our semi-covered catamaran and we're off to explore the Salish Sea! This spectacular area, rich in biodiversity, offers an abundance of wildlife year-round. Students experience the sights, sounds and smells of seals and sea lions at Race Rocks Ecological Reserve, and meet Ollie the resident sea otter. They watch bald eagles fish for their dinner and see tiny porpoises feeding in the area, all the while learning about history, biology, and conservation. There is also a chance of whales! Winter humpback whales give way to grey whales in the early spring, and killer whales travel through these waters year-round. There is always something exciting to experience. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact us directly. Join us during the long weekend February 14–17 (inclusive) for a Valentine's Day/Family Day special, and experience it for yourself! Use code LOVE30 for 30% off all tours. Call 250-384-8008 for more info or book your tour online.

Come explore the Salish Sea with us!

Goldstream Nature House

Information about spring school programs can be found [here](#)

Editor's Notes –

- This current iteration of The Water Ship News is an evolution of the e-newsletter sent out by former Stream to Sea Education Coordinator and Goldstream Volunteer Salmonid Enhancement Association volunteer Don Lowen – thank you Don!
- Participants in the Classroom Incubation Program will receive program updates **separately** from The Water Ship News this year
- To remove yourself from this mailing list, please reply to katemacdonaldjulicher@gmail.com stating you'd like to be unsubscribed – no hard feelings!