



# Nature VISION

# NEWS

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## HAVE YOU HEARD OF BLUE TEAMS?

Our Blue Teams programs offer action-oriented experiences for student groups to take part in real world environmental solutions. The goals of these place-based programs are to instill lifelong stewardship values, promote sustainable practices, and empower students to make a difference in their communities.

Blue Teams feature a series of programs with a Nature Vision educator in which students learn about water resources and ecosystems and culminate in Community Science and stewardship projects.

Community Science is a core facet of the Blue Team experience for grades 3-12. Students become scientists by collecting and analyzing important water quality data. Taking part in this action connects students to science, community, and their local environment.

Interested in these (free!) impactful programs? Find information for registering your class, club, or youth group at [naturevision.org/blue-teams](https://naturevision.org/blue-teams) for Blue Teams or [naturevision.org/community-science](https://naturevision.org/community-science) for Community Science Programs. Email [sbacon@naturevision.org](mailto:sbacon@naturevision.org) for more info.

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Top left: Student participating in Community Science. Above: Preschoolers playing at "tree island."

## PRESCHOOL OPENINGS

Our Nature Vision preschoolers have been hard at work and play while the forest makes its seasonal transitions.

Did you know that there are still spots open in our Creative Play class (for ages 3.5 to 4)?

Our preschool's traditional and nature-based blended programs offer unique experiences for young learners. The curriculum centers holistic learning and fosters lifelong nature connections.

Sign your preschooler up now for our Creative Play class get on the waitlist for other classes at <https://naturevision.org/preschool>.

**PROGRAM  
SPOTLIGHT:**

**ENVIROSCOPE  
PROGRAMS!**



Nature Vision offers multiple programs using an exciting hands-on and visually engaging EnviroScope model! An EnviroScope is a 3D tabletop model of a watershed. In partnership with multiple water utility districts in King and Snohomish Counties, we offer programs including *Watch the Flow* (grades 4-12), *All About Groundwater* (grades 2-8), and *Watershed Dynamics* (grades 2-12).

Using these models helps to illustrate concepts such as water systems, runoff, point and nonpoint-source pollution, water infrastructure, Best Management Practices, and more. Students love these interactive lessons that connect stewardship to their own communities and encourage them to think about their own impacts on the environment. Registration is open for free winter and spring school programs featuring EnviroScapes—sign your class up now at [naturevision.org/school-programs](https://naturevision.org/school-programs).



Above: New staff in order of Ian, Sam, Colleen, and Isa.  
Top Left: Students learning with the Enviroscope model.

**WELCOME TO THE TEAM!**

We are excited to welcome four new staff members to our Educator team this fall—Ian, Sam, Colleen, and Isa! We appreciate these dedicated folks, who have been training and beginning their first programs with Nature Vision over the past month. They will be teaching K-12 school programs in King and Snohomish counties and helping out with the Nature Vision Preschool. Each of them grew up with a deep passion for nature, but they have diverse backgrounds that brought them to our organization. Their backgrounds range from Environmental Studies to Geography to Instructional Design and Parks & Rec Groundskeeping. We're looking forward to our new team members bringing their unique perspectives and skills to our amazing group of educators and delivering quality nature programming to local youth! See all four of them in the classroom and in the field the rest of this school year!

**PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION IS  
OPEN FOR 2024!**

We're already planning for the coming year! If you are too, check out our fully-funded science programs for your K-12 students (or pass the word on to any teachers you know) by visiting [naturevision.org/free-programs-for-schools](https://naturevision.org/free-programs-for-schools).

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