



### SPOTLIGHT: ADULT & FAMILY WEEKEND FIELD TRIPS

Over the past year, Nature Vision and [Cascade Water Alliance](#) have teamed up with several cities to host free weekend field trips for adults and families at local greenspaces in Tukwila, Kirkland, Redmond, Sammamish, and Issaquah.

During these experiences, Nature Vision taught residents about their local watershed by going on an ecology walk and testing a local water source. Water quality tests were conducted using water quality indicators, as well as taking samples from the water to analyze aquatic insect content. The macroinvertebrates present indicate water health.

We're looking forward to providing more free watershed lessons for other King County communities in the future. In the meantime, our Aquatic Insect Dip program is available free of cost to many students throughout the county courtesy of [Cascade Water Alliance](#).

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*Above: Nature Vision preschooler shovels some snow on a sunny snow day!*

*Top left: Student at a family watershed field trip conducts an aquatic insect dip investigation into the water quality of Mackey Creek.*

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## COMMUNITY SCIENCE & BLUE TEAMS



Above: Blue Team High School Student searches for macroinvertebrates in a local water source to determine water quality.

Top: Nature Vision staff members getting trained on Community Science water quality testing techniques. From left to right: Zoe Powell, Rob Howard, Taylor Hoefer, Ellie Yamanaka, and Anna Roberts.

As of October, all of our Nature Vision Educators have been trained in partnership with SnoKing Watershed Council on the latest water quality testing techniques to help our Blue Team students become community scientists!

[Community Science](#) is a way for the public to participate in important scientific research. By working with a Nature Vision Educator, students will work as scientists and help record data on the health of their local waterways.

Each year throughout King County, our Educators lead K-12 students in a watershed classroom program series culminating in community science and stewardship projects. These programs, called [Blue Teams](#), educate local youth about the water resources and ecosystems in their neighborhood to help them foster sustainable stewardship values and practices in their own communities.

Interested in a Blue Team project for your class?

If your school is in the Green-Duwamish Watershed, reach out to our Sarah Zollner: [szollner@naturevision.org](mailto:szollner@naturevision.org).

If your school is east of Lake Washington or in the Snoqualmie Valley, reach out to Dandy Thornman: [fthornburgh@naturevision.org](mailto:fthornburgh@naturevision.org).

**PROGRAM  
REGISTRATION  
FOR SPRING  
2023!**

As 2022 comes to a close, we're already planning for spring!

If you are ready to bring some science enrichment to your students between January and June, 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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