SALMON HEROES

The Environmental Science Center’s Salmon Heroes program improves the quality of salmon habitat and stormwater runoff through environmental education.

Project Accomplishments

Salmon Heroes combined classroom and outdoor learning to engage 4th-8th graders in hands-on science through testing water quality, learning about native riparian plants and other salmon habitat features, and brainstorming ways to prevent stormwater pollution.

This program served students in south King County along the Green/Duwamish watershed. Over two years, ESC successfully reached 83 classes and 2,092 students. Additionally,

- 93% students increased watershed and stewardship knowledge
- 41 local storm drains were stenciled and 30lbs of trash were removed with an extra middle school stewardship project

Successful Partnerships

ESC partnered with the White River Valley Museum and the Muckleshoot Tribe for this expansion of their Salmon Heroes program. Now called Sea To Stream at this location, the program brings in unique perspectives to provide students a well-rounded program about salmon and protecting the watershed.

FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

Working with the Auburn School District has ensured that all 8th-grade students will continue learning ways to protect their local watershed for years to come. Stewardship messaging is shared with students and their families to increase knowledge of easy ways to help the watershed using our STREAMS acronym:

- S - Save the trees
- T - Turn off the lights
- R - Ride your bike
- E - Every poop, you scoop
- A – All-natural gardening
- M - Make sure only rain down the storm drain
- S - Share what you learned

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
EnvironmentalScienceCenter.org/salmon-heroes/