



Next Generation Stewards

Next Generation Stewards broadens students' understanding of the connections among the parts of a Pacific Northwest forest. Students record their observations and reflections in a science journal and, during a reflective lesson, take a pledge to become a 'Next Generation Steward of the Greenway.'

Next Generation Science Standards: 5-LS1-1 and 5-LS2-1
Suggested Grade Level: 4th-5th



Introductory Lesson Taught by the classroom teacher, this lesson helps students complete a pre-program assessment in their Science Journal and start getting familiar with curriculum topics and key terms.

In-Class Lesson A Greenway Educator teaches this one-hour lesson to prepare the students for their field study trip. Students spend the bulk of the time doing a hands-on activity in small groups. The activity is bookended by an overview presentation and expectations about the field study trip.

Field Study Trip Students spend the day at Tiger Mountain State Forest in Issaquah exploring the connections among various parts of the ecosystem. They hike about 2 miles and eat lunch on the trail.

Stewardship Event Students get to take action! Depending on the season, they remove weeds (like blackberry and ivy) or plant native trees and shrubs. This ecological restoration helps improve habitat for salmon and other wildlife. Stewardship events most often happen at Lake Sammamish State Park in Issaquah.

Reflective Lesson A Greenway Educator returns to the classroom to review the students' learning experience and facilitate the post-program assessment found in their Science Journal.