

Tacoma Nature Center

1919 South Tyler Street, Tacoma WA 98338

(253) 591-6439 www.metroparkstacoma.org

Open Monday – Saturday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Tacoma Nature Center Volunteer Stewardship

Habitat Restoration Work

All ages welcome, free

Join us for our regular stewardship activities as we care for the park by removing invasive plant species, re-planting areas with native plants and helping those plants thrive. No experience necessary. Come dressed for the weather and prepared to get dirty. Work parties occur rain or shine! Children must be accompanied by adults.

March 7 9:00am – 12:00pm

March 21 9:00am – 12:00pm

Tacoma Nature Center Family Programs

Pier Peer around Tacoma

Ages 8 and up, \$8.00/person

Jointly sponsored by Foss Waterway Seaport and Metro Parks Tacoma, these popular programs are a great way to see the sea life in your area. Bring your family and join us for an aquatic night-time adventure as you explore hundreds of mysterious life forms below the docks with experienced naturalists! Warm up at the end of the evening with some hot cocoa. Each child requires one adult companion. Pre-registration required.

Point Defiance Marina

March 1 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Foss Waterway Seaport

March 15 8:00pm – 9:30pm

Tacoma Nature Center Homeschool Science

Homeschool students explore science through hands-on experiments and activities.

Register early – these classes fill quickly! Note – topics are repeated during the month, so select class appropriate for your child's age, knowledge and abilities. Contact Margie with questions or for more information at 591-6439 or marjories@tacomaparks.com.

Budding Scientists

Ages 5-7, \$10 per student, \$9.00 per member child

Young children begin science and nature exploration through games, stories, and outdoor activities.

March 19 1:30pm – 3:00 *Whales Ahoy!*

Elementary Homeschool Science

Ages 8-10, \$12 per student, \$10.80 per member child

To participate in this class, students should be able to add and subtract numbers.

March 13 1:00pm – 3:00 Deep Waters

Intermediate Homeschool Science

Ages 10-12, \$12 per student, \$10.80 per member child

To participate in this class, students should be able to multiply and divide numbers, add and subtract fractions.

March 20 9:30am – 11:30 Deep Waters

Upper Level Homeschool Science

Ages 12-15, \$15 per student, \$13.50 per member child

Older homeschool students will continue their science studies with challenging and engaging experiments and activities. To participate in this class, students should be able to calculate averages, percentages and solve simple equations. Optional lab class requires participation in class on previous day.

March 27 1:00pm – 3:00 Earth Science: Oceanography

March 28 1:00pm – 4:00 Lab: Oceanography

Tacoma Nature Center Adult Education

Basic Backyard Beekeeping Series

Adults 18 and up, \$36/person/class, TNC Members \$25/person/class

\$48/family of 2 adults/class, TNC Members \$36/family of 2/class

This series of classes is taught by beekeeper Dave D'Andrea of City Farm and Garden. Choose one date per class level. Classes are progressive and the previous level is a prerequisite for each class.

Basic Backyard Beekeeping 101

Have you been thinking about the ever deepening crisis the Honeybee is facing, but don't know how to help? Have you ever wondered why your garden isn't producing like it should? Have you ever thought about the last time you saw a honeybee visiting your garden site or community garden? Have you ever thought of raising bees in your backyard? Would you like to be part of the solution to this very real crisis? Honeybees are an asset to the backyard gardener because they pollinate fruit trees, berries, vegetables and other garden plants. And of course, their honey is a delicious and valuable product you can harvest at home and share with your family and friends. January is the perfect time to prepare for starting your own hives in the spring of 2014. This lecture-style introductory course will cover the fundamentals of beekeeping, including equipment, parts of the hive, bee hive location, Pierce County/City of Tacoma

codes, feeding and treating the docile insects, identification of bee species, hornets, and wasps and seasonal management with an emphasis toward natural beekeeping.

March 5 6:00-8:00pm

March 19 6:00-8:00pm

Basic Backyard Beekeeping 201

Pre-requisite: Backyard Basic Beekeeping 101, or advance approval of instructor

The perfect course for raising bees, this class will show you how to start and hive your bee colonies with all the confidence of a seasoned pro. You will learn how to install bee packages and perform basic bee inspections and feedings during the first few critical weeks. Students will watch the instructor go through the process indoors with a demo hive and mock bee package and have the opportunity to ask questions at the end. If you're new to beekeeping and you want to have your own hives, we recommend you take both Beekeeping 101 and 201. All 201 students will be invited to witness real bee packages being installed around the 3rd week of April. We encourage students to sign up for early April classes as 2014 bee packages will be available from mid to late April and in some limited cases, early May.

March 26 6:00-8:00pm

April 2 6:00-8:00pm

April 11 6:00-8:00pm

April 16 6:00-8:00pm

Tacoma Nature Center Special Events

Snake Lake Science Fair – March 8

Join us for the Snake Lake Science Fair at the Tacoma Nature Center. Students age 6-18 will be able to create their own science projects and participate in this exciting community event. Home school students and students from public and private schools are welcome.

Public viewing of the Science Fair

March 8, 1:30pm – 2:30pm

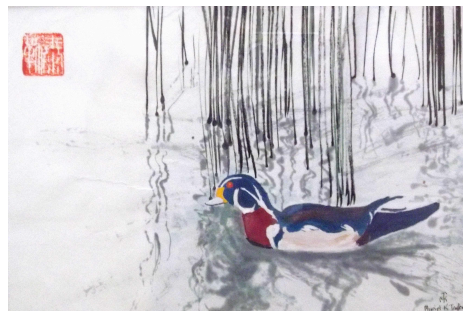
Tacoma Nature Center Art Exhibits

As part of the changing art gallery at the Tacoma Nature Center, please join us in enjoying the following exhibits. Gallery available most open hours. Call ahead to ensure availability of room for viewing.

Creatures Great and Small

February 8 – March 29

Puget Sound Sumi Artists



Tahoma Audubon Society

2917 Morrison Road West, University Place WA 98466

(253) 565-9278 www.TahomaAudubon.org

Open Monday – Saturday 10:00am-1:00pm

Register for all programs through the Tacoma Nature Center (253) 591-6439.

Tahoma Audubon Family Programs

Bird Walk with Rosanne Becker

Adriana Hess Wetland Park, 2917 Morrison Rd. W., University Place

All ages welcome, free

Find out which of our avian friends call the Adriana Hess Wetland Park their home on a guided walk through the park. Bring your binoculars, water bottle and sturdy shoes.

Binoculars available to borrow. Pre-registration not required. Call 253-565-9278 for more information.

March 10 noon – 1:30pm
