



# FIELD TRIPS & SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**Plan a field trip for your school, daycare, or activity group for fun, hands-on learning on the garden or farm!**



## FIELD TRIP TOPICS

### **Ecosystems & Relationships (Grades PreK-5th)**

Discover the importance of reciprocity in garden! In this field trip, students will dive into the complex web of life that exists all around us. Together, we will examine the importance of relationships with more than humans in our garden space, as well as take a closer look at how we can strengthen our connection with other beings. This trip may include some garden care as we learn about our relationship to the garden.

### **Seed and Garden Exploration (Grades PreK-5th)**

Join us as we discover the life of a seed from germination to plant/flower. We learn about seeds through a hands-on seed dissection, observe phases of plant growth through garden observation and other hands-on activities. These can include, but are not limited to, experiences such as sensory and tasting tours, compost exploration, invertebrate investigations, and more. Students will plant seeds in the garden or take some home. This trip is a great option for groups who are new to the farm and garden.

### **Soil to Snack (Grades K-5th)**

Just how did that snack make it into your lunchbox? Let's take a closer look. Through the preparation of a simple snack and exploration of the garden, students will discover where our food comes from, how it grows, and the part that they play within the context of the larger food system. Depending on the season, we may look at soil and compost, new and growing crops, and/or seeds. This trip will include preparing and enjoying a simple snack (based on the season).

### **Roots of our Food (Grades 6-12th)**

Where does our food come from? How can we share and preserve food culture and traditions? Students will learn about food traditions, share their own food stories, and explore the garden and farm to discover the deep roots that connect food communities. Depending on the season, we may look at seeds, new and growing crops, and practice honorable harvest. This trip will include community sharing, a garden tour and preparing and enjoying a simple fresh snack from the garden (based on the season).

### **Wetland Ecosystems at Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands (Grades 3rd-12th)**

Explore the vibrant and biodiverse wetland ecosystem at Seattle's largest urban farm! In this field trip, students will get a close-up view of the ecosystems at Rainier Beach Urban Farm & Wetlands and illustrate the connections between plants and wetlands and water. Students will engage in a farm tour, plant ID, science-based exploration and group activities that develop their understanding of wetland restoration and stewardship.

## **SERVICE LEARNING TOPICS**

### **Food Access, Sovereignty and Organic Farming (Grades 3rd–12th)**

Learn about the important work related to food systems, food justice, organic food production, land management, and strengthening local ecosystems. In this field trip, students will explore the various ways that growing food can reduce environmental impact, transform urban spaces, and empower communities of growers. Students will engage in a farm tour focused on growing practices, community access to fresh food, and environmental choices. Hands-on service learning may include garden and farm work, composting, land and wildlife stewardship, harvesting , and more.

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Explore the vibrant and biodiverse wetland ecosystem at Seattle's largest urban farm! In this field trip, students will get a close-up view of the ecosystems at the Rainier Beach Urban Farm and Wetlands and get to know some of the plants and wildlife that play a part in the balance. Students will engage in a farm tour, plant identification, and group activities that develop their understanding of wetland ecosystems including soil and water preservation, strengthening local ecosystems, restoration and environmental stewardship. Hands-on service learning may include land and wildlife stewardship in the wetlands.

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