



# **Mentors to Mentors Program**

Spring, Summer, Fall 2024





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## SAN JUAN ISLANDS

We are offering a 2 night, 3 day trip up San Juan Island

This Program is FREE

- Grant funded
- Limited space, so please get application in ASAP





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## **WE WILL SHARE**

- About Us
- Overview of Program
- How to Participate



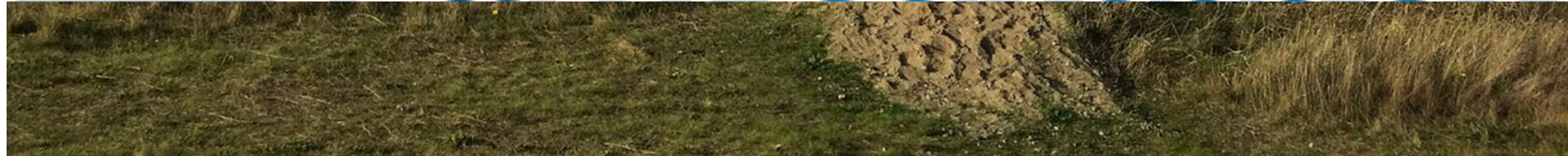


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## **PROGRAM FUNDER: National Park Foundation**

- National Park Foundation helps guide charitable giving to the greatest needs within the National Park Service.
- National Park Ventures grant - to help address obstacles that hinder communities from having full and enduring connections to national parks
- Focused on equity-focused outdoor leaders and organizations
- Aims to provide representation, accessibility and interpretation to help overcome barriers that historically excluded communities





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## ON SACRED GROUND LAND TRUST

### Mission:

- On Sacred Ground aims to restore our deep connection to all living beings in order to create a biodiverse, abundant and harmonious relationship with our planet
- Island & Mainland connections – create habitat – co-existence
- Environmental stewardship projects & programs





Photo Courtesy of Spring Street International School

## SARAH HANSON

### Program Planning & Crew Lead

- B.S. Geology/Geophysics – WWU, Certified Permaculturist
- Environmental Educator
- Wilderness Restoration
- Trails, Conservation, Natural Resource Management w/ Public Lands
- Former kayak guide, Whale Museum employee, canoe skipper
- Former Program Director SJICC
- Co-founder & Executive Director of On Sacred Ground





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## **SALISH SEA VOYAGING SOCIETY**

We are canoe and water people, both native and non-native spread across the Pacific and our surrounding shared water ways. There is a deep cultural and historical connection between Hawai'i, the San Juan Islands, and B.C.





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## MATT WICKEY

### Recreation Trip Manager & Crew Lead

- 25 years – outdoor educator, conservation biologist, trained in indigenous traditional knowledge systems, community building
- Taught ocean-based experiential therapy
- Founder of Salish Sea Voyaging
- Current firefighter & EMT





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## MID SOUND FISHERIES

### Mission:

- We restore habitat in close partnership with others.
- We connect and empower our communities to care for lands and water.
- We provide educational programming, restore habitats, and create leaders!





Photo courtesy: Peggy Lee

## PEGGY LEE

### Program Planning & Crew Lead

- Education & Outreach Coordinator at Mid Sound
- B.S. in Marine Biology (WWU), Masters in Teaching (UPS), MS (UW) studying Killer whale acoustics
- K-12+ Teacher for over 10 years
- NOAA Fisheries Education and Outreach (Seattle & Oahu)
- Puyallup Tribe: Water Quality Tech, Fisheries, and Chief Leschi Teacher (6th grade)
- Whale Watch Naturalist



# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Get youth outside in a National Park classroom
- Experiential environmental & outdoor education
- Understand habitat connectivity in the Salish Sea - From the Green-Duwamish River to the San Juan Islands
- Provide mentoring for green/conservation jobs & meet community college students in this field already (Green River College)
- Help create young leaders in conservation
- Every trip will also have a fun, recreational experience as well



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## SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

- **DAY 1:** Early AM travel to Anacortes ferry, ride ferry, set up camp, lunch, afternoon activities--guest speakers, volunteer service learning or field educational activity around San Juan Island, dinner, evening activities
- **DAY 2:** Breakfast, pack lunch, day--guest speakers, field educational activities around San Juan Island/recreational activity, dinner, evening activities
- **DAY 3:** Breakfast, pack lunch, break camp, day--field educational activities around SJI, lunch, ferry, drive home



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# CAMPING LOCATION #1

- English Camp- San Juan Island National Historical Park
- We have the group camp site reserved
- Ammenities: Running water, toilets, but no showers!
- Program Dates:
  - May 17th - 19th
  - june 28th-30th
  - August 7th -9th



Photo courtesy: San Juan Island National Historical Park



# CAMPING LOCATION

## #2

- San Juan County Fairgrounds
- Group Camp Reserved
- Ammenities: Running water, toilets, but no showers!
- Program Dates:
  - September 13th - 15th
  - October 4th - 6th



Photo courtesy: San Juan County Parks & Fair



# Possible Guest Speakers, Activities

- High Impact guest speakers
  - Dr. Deborah Giles and Eba the whale dog
  - Kaeley Pruitt-Hamm (Canary Collective) Musician & Activist
- Service Learning Activities
  - Beach Clean-up with micro-plastics
- Education in the Field
  - Killer whale, Chinook, and food web connections
  - Forage Fish & Eelgrass transects
  - Green Jobs & Stewardship



Photo courtesy: <https://www.seattletimes.com/entertainment/tv/eba-the-whale-dog-and-owner-whale-biologist-deborah-giles-star-in-episode-of-pbs-show-shot-around-san-juan-islands/>



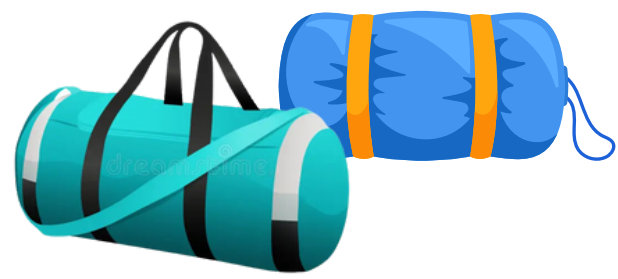
## Recreational Activities

- **Voyaging Canoes**
  - **Coast Salish and/or Polynesian/Hawaiian canoe organizations to honor cultural connection to the sea and travel lightly on the water**
- **Beach Walks**
- **Possible hikes**
- **Optional morning stretches**



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# Packing List: One bag limit, One sleeping bag & One pad

Pack light (vans have limited space, focus on necessities)

- Group Gear We Provide:

- Tents
- Tarps (for weather)
- Camp Stove & Kitchen
- Meals & Snacks:
  - Day 1 lunch thru Day 3 lunch
- Hand-washing/Dishes/TP
- 1st Aid Kit & Safety Gear
- Plastic ponchos (if raining)
- Firewood & tools
- Recreational gear – life jackets, paddles, etc

**If you need help with any gear, let us know as soon as possible.**

- You will need to bring/borrow:

- Sleeping Bag
- Sleeping Pad
- Backpack/Duffel Bag
- Toiletries/medications
- Tupperware w/ lid & utensils for eating/packing lunch
- Refillable water bottle
- Protective Layers:
  - Rain jacket
  - Rain pants
  - Warm hat/beanie
  - Sun hat/baseball cap
- Phone/camera: plan to use phone for camera only
- Headlamp/flashlight
- Journal/book, pen/pencil
- Cards/frisbee/small games
- \$20 cash (snack on Ferry)

- Camp Clothes

- Avoid cotton (use polypropylene, nylon, polyester, wool, down)
- 1 pair sturdy pants to work in
- 1 pair shorts
- 1 pair sweats/long johns for camp
- 1 sweater/sweatshirt – warm layer
- 1 insulating shirt layer – polypro, under armour type
- 1 long-sleeve sun protection shirt
- T-shirt, tank tops
- Swim wear (optional)
- PJ's
- Undergarments/socks
- 1 pair sturdy tennis shoes/boots
- 1 pair water shoes/flip flops/slip-on shoes (shoes that can get wet)



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**Applications due: May 1st:** click here for Google Form

Three other forms:

<https://www.onsacredgroundlandtrust.org/marine-environmental-education.html>



**We are so honored to  
be sharing with these  
youth, but it takes a  
village to pull  
something like this off!**

**You can donate to the  
program at the link  
below:**

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