



Be a Vashon Beach Naturalist In 2011!

Do you enjoy exploring beaches and discovering the animals living in sand, rocks, clay, and sea algae? Do you like sharing the experience of nature with others? You can do both while performing a service for others by joining the 2011 Vashon Beach Naturalist training course.

If you volunteer for the VBN program you will receive free education about local shoreline ecology and beach life. In return, you will donate time back by volunteering to help present the beaches to the public at 5 or 6 events scheduled throughout the year. The biggest event will be the Low Tide Celebration on Saturday, July 2, 10am to 3pm. Another event is planned at Jensen Point on Saturday, June 4, noon to 2pm for all ages, especially including people with limited mobility.

For training there will be two classes and two field trips per month in April, May, and June. All six classes meet on Wednesday evenings. The field trips are mostly Saturdays but also include one Sunday and one Friday.

The VBN program is intended to develop a corps of trained beach naturalists who will promote greater Vashon community awareness of beach ecology and gentle beach exploration through volunteering at island beach activities to help adults and children learn about and develop meaningful connections to Vashon-Maury Island's marine shorelines and their creatures. Please join us!

For more information and to sign up, contact Rayna Holtz (raynaholtz@aol.com, 463-3153) or Erin Durrett (foodforworms@yahoo.com, 463-0303).