

**September 10, 2009**

**RE: Salmon Tour Guides**

Dear Present and Future Volunteers,

Washington State University Extension and Snohomish County 4-H is seeking volunteers interested in becoming Tour Guides for our annual *River Salmon Tours* in Goldbar. The Tour Guide Training Workshop teaches the life story of salmon, their habitat, the role of hatcheries, how to help restore salmon populations and how to share this information with youth and adults attending the *River Salmon Tours*. The training includes informative lectures, a demonstration of hands-on spawning, a handbook and the opportunity to practice at 7 different educational stations.

We are looking for youth 15 years or older, adults and seniors. If you know of others who may be interested in becoming a guide, please share this opportunity with them. To sign up to be a Tour Guide, please contact 4-H Natural Resource and Forestry Coordinator **Gabrielle Roesch, at 425-357-6011 or gabrielle90@wsu.edu**. The training will run from **10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**, Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at the Wallace River Hatchery and then school tours will be given Monday-Friday November 2-6 (Usually you need to plan to spend the day out there from 8:30-3). Raingear, warm dress and rubber boots are required. Please bring your layers as you never know if it will be rain or shine out there!

We hope that you will consider taking this opportunity to work with Snohomish County youth by engaging them on the topic of the Pacific Northwest Salmonids. We hope you will consider learning-by-doing as is tradition in the 4-H Experiential Learning Model.

Sincerely,

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