



Imagine your students taking the helm of a 100 year old tall ship, rowing and navigating aboard an historic longboat and assembling a gray whale skeleton.....

As a vibrant and important port throughout the age of sail, Port Townsend has played a critical role in the cultural and economic history of the Pacific Northwest. We are a community uniquely positioned to teach students sustainable stewardship of our planet through hands-on, place-based learning. Sound Experience, Northwest Maritime Center and Port Townsend Marine Science Center can help you achieve academic success at your school. We provide flexible programs combining maritime heritage and on-the-water experiences with marine science and other STEM learning utilizing the unique resources Port Townsend and the Salish Sea have to offer.

Located at the intersection of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Puget Sound, Port Townsend has engaging marine habitats that include rocky intertidal zones, eelgrass and kelp beds, and habitat where bird and marine mammal sightings are a daily occurrence. **Our three organizations, individually and collectively, provide the opportunities to fully engage your students with these rich regional resources in a captivating and rigorous learning environment.**

Consider bringing your 4th to 12th grade students for a day or extended joint program with Sound Experience, Northwest Maritime Center and Port Townsend Marine Science Center. As students deepen their understanding of their impact on the surrounding saltwater world, they become more responsible stewards for a healthy future. Please feel free to contact us with questions!

Sincerely,

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Please see reverse side of this letter for more information about our organizations and a three-day blended program utilizing the opportunities available from all three programs.



The following is a brief description of our offerings. Please see enclosed flyers for more information:

Sound Experience:

Sound Experience sails the historic 101-foot schooner *Adventuress* to educate, inspire, and empower an inclusive community to make a difference for the future of our marine environment. Programs include day and overnight voyages where students are involved in working together to sail the ship and learning about the ecology of the Salish Sea.

Northwest Maritime Center:

Northwest Maritime Center's mission is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in a spirit of adventure and discovery. NWMC has a large and beautiful waterfront campus that houses classrooms, a boat shop and its own dock. Programs include land-based mariner's skills, sailing, rowing, and boatbuilding programs.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center:

PTMSC, located at Fort Worden State Park, offers unique hands-on experiences in the marine sciences. They emphasize active exploration, critical thinking and reflection. The facility features a Marine Exhibit with local, live animals in aquariums and touch tanks. The Natural History Exhibit highlights scientific investigation and conservation.

Below is a sample three-day blended program. Budget conscious lodging options are available in Port Townsend, including camping, dorm and other group housing at Fort Worden State Park. Hotel/motel accommodations are also available locally.

Day 1: NWMC Rowing and sailing aboard historic longboats at Northwest Maritime Center. Voyage on Port Townsend Bay while working as a team to navigate and maneuver a 26 foot open boat. Learn skills of a mariner and naturalist.

Day 2: PTMSC Lab and outdoor classes at Port Townsend Marine Science Center that focus on Science Inquiry. Students will be able to observe marine life in the touch tanks and on beach investigations.

Day 3: Sound Experience: A culminating experience sailing aboard the historic Schooner *Adventuress*. Students will bring together the skills of a mariner and working as a team learned on the longboats with the skills of a marine scientist developed at PTMSC.

A 5% discount will be offered on a joint program with the three organizations. Programs are also available with each individual organization. Evening programs are also available.