



Youth for Parks – Winter Workshop Series

Department of Natural Resources and Parks (DNRP)

December 3 – February 4, 2020

Application Due: Wednesday, November 4 by 5 pm

About: Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in the Youth for Parks Winter Workshop Series. This virtual program is an opportunity for young people in grades 9-12 to participate in a series of Zoom sessions on various environmental topics related to parks and greenspace. This one-time opportunity will also involve a co-design process between Parks staff and participating youth for King County Parks' new summer internship program for high school students. We firmly believe that youth programs should be informed by youth like yourself and we are inviting area high school students to apply to be part of this process. Stipends will be provided.

Requirements: You must be a current high school student (grades 9-12) living in King County. Preference will be given to students with expressed interest in learning about parks and the environment. If you feel that a lack of reliable internet access would prevent you from participating, please contact us and we will try our best to find a solution: 206-276-5773.

Commitment: We will meet for 1.5 hours over Zoom starting at 4 pm every Thursday after school from Thursday, December 3rd – Thursday, February 4th (Breaks on Dec. 24 & 31). You will also be required to spend one Saturday at a park from 10 am – 1 pm*. Social distancing and proper sanitization practices will be implemented. The options are December 5th, 12th, or 19th. **If you have a concern about an in-person park visit, please let us know and we will find an alternative way for you to participate.*

Compensation: \$250 Visa Gift Card after completion of workshop series.

Application Instructions:

- Please complete the application on page 2.
- Review the Safety Guidelines on page 3.
- Review the Participant Agreement starting on page 4. This agreement will need to be signed by a parent/guardian if you are under 18. The applicant should also sign the document.
- **Return the application and signed Participant Agreement to Sahar Arbab (sarbab@kingcounty.gov) by Wednesday, November 4. You can also drop your application off at the Teen Center in Steve Cox Memorial Park on Tuesday-Saturday from 3 pm – 8 pm.** We will schedule brief Zoom or phone interviews for the week of November 9. Decisions will be made by November 16.

For questions, please contact Education Coordinator, Sahar Arbab, at sarbab@kingcounty.gov or 206-276-5773. If you would like to learn more about King County Parks, check out this informational video:

<https://www.kingcounty.gov/services/parks-recreation/parks/about.aspx>.

Youth for Parks Winter Workshop Series Safety Guidelines – Park Visit

COVID-19 Considerations & Protocols (Park Visit):

- **Bathrooms:** We understand that bathrooms are a big consideration for exposure during COVID times, so we wanted to give you a heads up that bathrooms may or may not be available during our park visit.
- Face masks shall be worn at all times (we will have extra disposable ones if needed). Please contact our staff ahead of time if you cannot wear a mask and need an alternative accommodation.
- Physical distancing of 6+ feet between each person shall be maintained throughout the day.
- Participants shall follow specified tool sanitizing protocols.
- No sharing tools during the event.
- We will have a hand washing & sanitizing station on site. Hands should be washed or sanitized at the start of the event and before/after eating, drinking, using the restroom.
- We won't be able to provide water, snacks, etc. so be sure to bring a supply of your own.
- For more information on King County Parks' response to COVID-19:
<https://kingcountyparks.org/COVID/>



Participant Agreement

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Participant Name: _____

Participant Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Participant Phone Number: _____

Participant Date of Birth: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

This waiver can be returned by:

- Taking a picture and texting to 206-276-5773.
- Taking a picture and/or scanning and sending to sarbab@kingcounty.gov
- Dropping off the form at the Teen Center in Steve Cox Memorial Park

About the Program

The Youth for Parks Winter Workshop Series is an online educational program offered to youth currently in high school by King County Parks. The program occurs online every Thursday from December 3 to February 4. We will meet from 4 pm – 5:30 pm over Zoom. We also ask that each participant attend one socially distanced park visit. Upon successful completion of the Winter Workshop Series, participating youth will receive a \$250 stipend.

Students participating in the program will:

- Learn about careers within King County Parks.
- Explore the social and environmental benefits of Parks.
- Discuss issues related to environmental justice and climate change.
- Contribute to the design of a more formal summer internship program offered by Parks.
- Engage in hands-on Parks stewardship activities.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK, RELEASE OF LIABILITY, AND INDEMNIFICATION OF CLAIMS

I, or as the parent or guardian of the minor identified above ("My Child"), wish for me or My Child to voluntarily participate in this King County program, identified above ("Program"). I am aware that this

Program involves weekly Zoom meetings where participants will engage in virtual group conversations and interactive learnings sessions on an online platform. The Program also involves a visit to a King County park to engage in park improvements such as weeding and planting using hand tools and shovels, and moving woodchip mulch with buckets and wheelbarrows. I understand that participation in this Program poses certain risks and dangers, including, but not limited to, **the risk of data mining, phishing, viruses, malware, data breach of online information cyberbullying, exploitation, victimization, cyber stalking, online grooming, cyber predators, digital footprint, reputation loss, compliance violations, brand hijacking, image replication, the hazards of traveling in and hiking in the wilderness and often steep mountainous terrain, the hazards of working in urban parks, using hand construction tools (and of working in the proximity of such tools when used by others), injury or illness in remote places without medical aid, lifting and working on often narrow and precipitous trails, and unforeseen events caused by the forces of nature.** I understand that the risks associated with this Program could result in **property damage, personal injury and/or bodily injury, death, or other harmful consequences** to me, My Child, or to others.

I acknowledge the **highly contagious nature of Covid-19** and voluntarily assume the risk that I, or My Child, **may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19** by participating in the Program and that such exposure or infection may result in **personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death.** I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at a King County facility or park may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself, My Child, and others, including, but not limited to, King County employees, volunteers, and other participants and their families.

In consideration of my or My Child's opportunity to participate in the above referenced Program, I **hereby agree to personally assume all risks for any harm, property loss or damage, personal and/or bodily injury, death, or other harmful consequences that may occur to me or My Child in connection with the Program,** regardless of whether such risks, harm, injury, or damage were foreseen or unforeseen. **I accept full responsibility for the cost to treat any injury suffered by me or My Child in connection with the Program.**

I agree to waive any right of recovery and I agree to release, indemnify, and defend King County, its officials, employees and agents from all liability whatsoever for injury to persons, property loss or damage, or wrongful death caused by the negligent acts or omissions in connection with my or My Child's participation in the Program. On behalf of myself, my successors in interest, heirs, and assigns, **I understand and agree that King County, its officials, employees and agents shall not be held liable to me in any way for any occurrence arising out of or related to the Program that may result in injury, death, or other injuries or damages to me, my successors in interest, heirs, assigns, or to My Child. I agree to protect, defend, indemnify, and save harmless King County, its officials, employees, and agents, from any and all claims, demands, suits, penalties, losses, damages, judgments, or costs of any kind whatsoever, arising out of or in any way resulting from me or My Child's participation in the Program.**

I have legal authority to authorize medical treatment for My Child. **I do hereby authorize a physician and staff or first responder to examine me or My Child, in the event of an injury or incapacity, to administer medical and/or emergency care, and to arrange for any consultation by a specialist, including a surgeon, as deemed prudent for proper care of any injury or incapacity.** I understand that an effort will be made to contact me prior to any treatment of My Child. **I authorize King County to send me or My Child to the hospital or doctor most accessible. I understand that King County staff or volunteers will not be responsible for administering any medication or medical treatment to me or My Child.**

I agree that I or My Child will abide by the King County Youth for Parks Winter Workshop Series Safety Guidelines while participating in the Program and understand that I or My Child will not be able to participate in the Program if the Safety Guidelines are not followed.

I hereby give permission for me or My Child to be photographed, filmed, videotaped, and/or sound recorded during the Program and authorize King County to use any resulting images, videos, or recordings.

Opt out of Photo Release

****Youth Under 18 Years of Age – PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST SIGN***

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Participant Signature: _____

Print Name of Participant: _____ Date: _____