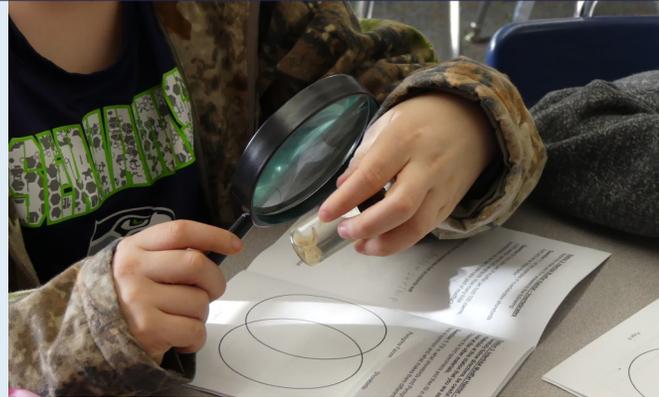


Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge Shorebird Education Program

What is the Shorebird Education Program?

Each year, the Refuge partners with third and fourth grade classrooms in Gray Harbor County to deliver a year-long series of six lessons on the shorebirds and ecology of the refuge, focusing on topics such as migration, adaptations, and different habitat types. One lesson even blends art and science together as students create an entry for a poster contest!



A student inspects a preserved specimen during a lesson.

Why Should I Apply?

- Each month's lesson involves hands-on learning using **scientific specimens, outdoor activities, binoculars, and field journals.**
- The lessons culminate in a **field trip** to the Refuge during the peak of the shorebird migration, where students can see the topics they've been learning about come to life in front of them.
- **The program is entirely free, including the buses to the Refuge, and supports NGSS.**



Students scan the mudflat for shorebirds at the Refuge.

Who Provides The Lessons?

The program is managed by an AmeriCorps member, and is funded by a partnership between Grays Harbor Audubon Society and Grays Harbor National Wildlife Refuge.

Questions? Contact the Grays Harbor Education Coordinator at grayshaboreducation@fws.gov

