

Penobscot Bay Stewards Program

April 23 – May 23, 2019

Application forms available on line as of February 1, 2019
Application deadline April 1, 2019

Would you like to learn more about the Penobscot Bay region and help preserve its unique character and history? The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition in partnership with Searsport Shores Ocean Campground is offering the Penobscot Bay Stewards Program to Penobscot area residents. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the Penobscot Bay region and ways to conserve its resources.

The program will run all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 23 through May 23. Topics to be covered include Penobscot Bay history, marine life, island ecology, coastal land, intertidal and marine habitats, geology, the Penobscot Nation, fisheries, aquaculture, water quality, conservation issues, and current regional issues with impacts on our environment and human life. Leading authorities in their fields will give presentations and lead field trips.

The program will include classroom presentations, short hikes in nature preserves and state parks, and field trips to Rockland, Hurricane Island, Indian Island, Blue Hill / Stonington, Searsport, and the Belfast area. Some days will require early morning departures and boat trips. Participants should be prepared to car pool and bring a bag lunch.

The course is free, but participants are expected to volunteer 30 hours to local conservation efforts of their choice during the coming year. Classes will provide an ample selection of possible projects. The Belfast Bay Watershed Coalition (BelfastBayWatershed.org) qualifies as a conservation organization.

Why should you join the Stewards? As you learn more about Penobscot Bay, the Mid-Coast, and local watersheds, you'll realize how very important and fragile they are. With this knowledge, you can be part of efforts to preserve and protect this valuable resource.

Early applications are encouraged, as the course is limited to 20 participants. If you are selected, **you are expected to attend each day of the entire program**. There are two options for applying: you can use the easy electronic application (preferred), or you can download a paper form and mail it. Both are available at BelfastBayWatershed.org.

If you would like more information, email stewards@BelfastBayWatershed.org or call **Edie at 207-338-0048 or Ernie at 207-505-1767**.

Application forms become available on **February 1**. The application deadline is **April 1**.

If mailing your application:

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