

Blake Island Participant Information

Where and when we board

We will board at 8:30am (VOLUNTEERS SHOULD BE THERE AT 8:00 TO PREPARE FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS ARRIVAL), on the day of departure at Elliot Bay Marina, 2601 West Marina Place, Seattle, WA, 98199 where we are assigned 'N' dock for boarding. If your car will be parked in guest parking overnight, you will need to go to the marina office to get a pass to put in your window when you get there that morning, so that it will not be towed. They are doing us a favor to let us load and park there, so please be considerate of their needs. Once you've obtained your pass and unloaded, please park in guest parking as far away from the docks as possible. Please arrange your own transportation to and from the event. Your transportation from Elliot Bay Marina to home on Sunday should be available to you at 4-5 pm. This should give us ample time to load the boats on Blake, make the trip to Elliot Bay and unload the boats.

Participants responsibilities for Blake Island

1. When you arrive at the Elliot Bay Marina, please locate our dock master and dock coordinator for Blake Island or one of our volunteers. They will sign you in, check and label your gear, fit you for a life jacket and tell you which boat you have been assigned to. Please do not go onto the dock until a volunteer has been instructed to escort you to the boats. We have to give our volunteers and skippers time to stow the gear and prepare the boats for boarding. Please keep your daypack with your food, medicines and water for the sail over, with you. We don't want your lunch to be stowed away where you won't have access to it until you get to the island.
2. When we arrive on Blake Island, the volunteers will help you get your gear to the campsites. If you need help with anything (i.e. setting up tent, escorting you to the restroom, going with you on a walk, fixing your hamburger, or anything) while you are on the island, PLEASE ASK A VOLUNTEER. We have instructed them to allow you to tell them how they can help. Please make sure all your food is put in the wildlife containers as soon as it is brought to the campsite. The raccoons and crows just love to get into it. These containers keep them out. Also, make sure your tent and camp is set up before going for a walk, or before dinner.
3. We will have dinner Saturday evening. Volunteers can show you and escort you there if you like.
4. We usually have a fire and marshmallow roast later that evening with hot drinks (hot chocolate, tea, and coffee). This is dependent on the current fire restrictions in state parks.

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If Footloose members and volunteers want to go for a walk outside of the large camp and Tillicum Village area, please let us know where you are going and when you expect to return. It is easy to get lost in the network of trails around Blake Island. If we don't know you are gone, no one will know to look for you. Please let us know when you return too 😊.

On Sunday morning volunteers will make tea, hot chocolate, and coffee. Participants must make sure your tent is down and your gear is packed up and ready to be loaded on the boat, BEFORE breakfast. If you need help with your tent or gear, please ask a volunteer.

Our skippers are in charge of their own boats and the people on them at sea. Follow their directions. Please thank them because we could not do this trip without their generous donation of their boats, their knowledge and skills, and their time and money. Also, thank our volunteers, they also make this trip possible and fun.