

Washington State University Extension Volunteers

THE HEART OF COUNTY PROGRAMS

WSU Extension is the world-class outreach and engagement enterprise of the university. We partner with businesses, communities, and **VOLUNTEERS** to drive innovation, invention, and technology transfer. We specifically focus on expanding the capacity of communities by:

- ▶ creating and sustaining businesses, jobs, and the economy;
- ▶ enhancing natural resources and the environment;
- ▶ enhancing economic opportunities for agriculture;
- ▶ improving health and wellness—especially in the realm of nutrition and obesity prevention;
- ▶ eliminating barriers to success of youth and families;
- ▶ building lifeskills for youth and adult mentors; and
- ▶ enhancing energy security for our state and nation.

We leverage federal dollars with state, county, grant and private funding to maximize our reach and effectiveness.



Volunteer Programs

- 4-H Volunteers
- Master Gardeners
- Beach Watchers/
Watershed Stewards
- Master Food Preservers/
Food Safety Advisors
- Food and Farm Network
Volunteers
- Latino Youth Summit Volunteers
- Master Recyclers/Composters
- Livestock Advisors
- Native Plant Advisors
- Lighthouse Docents
- Horizon Volunteers
- Weed Advisors

Our Volunteers

- Apply and are screened for their volunteer positions
- Complete personal background and reference checks
- Complete 10–100 hours of training
- Volunteer their time for the betterment of youth, families, communities, and the environment



WSU Extension Volunteer Roles

4-H VOLUNTEERS educate and nurture youth resulting in improved school performance, higher graduation rates, stronger social connections, greater personal leadership, increased self-esteem, and stronger emotional health.

MASTER GARDENERS provide science-based information that improves peoples' health, lifestyle, and nutrition through horticulture and environmentally sound gardening practices.

BEACH WATCHERS help people protect and enhance the Puget Sound's fragile environment through education, citizen-science, and public awareness.

FOOD SAFETY ADVISORS and **MASTER FOOD PRESERVERS** educate consumers on the topics of food storage, safety, and preservation to help them attain a personal food supply that is economical, top quality, and free from illness causing organisms.

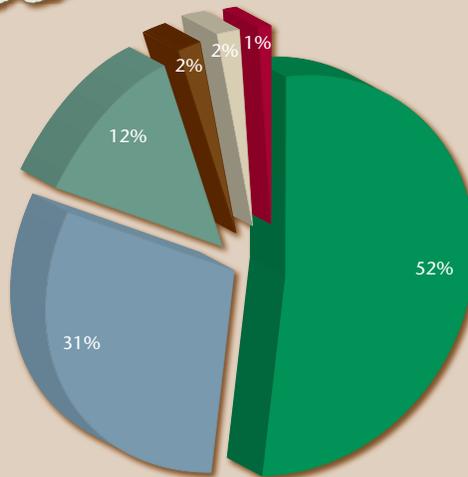
Volunteers by District

WESTERN 8,840 EASTERN 2,298 SOUTHERN 3,143



Volunteers by Program

- 4-H Youth
- Master Gardener
- Natural Resources and Environment
- Agriculture
- Food Safety
- Community Development



Contribution of Extension Volunteers in 2008

	Hours	Value @ \$20.25/hr.*
4-H Volunteers	1,144,884	\$23,183,901.00
Master Gardeners	519,225	\$10,514,306.00
All other volunteers	35,000	\$708,750.00
Total hours	1,699,109	34,406,957.00

* Source: Independent Sector

WSU Extension programs and employment are available to all without discrimination. Evidence of noncompliance may be reported through your local WSU Extension office. October 2009.

