Dear parent of a Girls in Engineering, Math, & Science (GEMS) youth participant,

We look forward to exploring hands-on inquiry based science with your child on the following date:

**Friday, May 10, 2019 for GEMS: Sensational Seaweed---Gardens of the Sea, 6:00-9:00 P.M.**

Would you believe that many of us eat seaweed *every day* without knowing it? It's not just for crabs and sea turtles; seaweed is found in many products for people. Seaweed also comes in many beautiful shapes and colors! Learn about how light wavelengths influence the growth and distribution of green, red, and brown seaweeds, and create your own seaweed art using a botanist’s plant press.

*A minimum of 10 participants per session is required.* Please help spread the word—invite a friend. Please check your email for a reminder/confirmation email the Wednesday prior to the session.

Below is additional information to help you and your child prepare for their time with us.

Location & Parking:
The SEA Discovery is located in downtown Poulsbo near the corner of Front St. and Hostmark St. See the map at: [https://wp.wwu.edu/seacenter/visit-the-aquarium/](https://wp.wwu.edu/seacenter/visit-the-aquarium/). Parking is available in the small lot outside the SEA Discovery Center. However, this lot does fill up quickly. There is 3 hour public parking by the marina, and by the waterfront park nearby. Please allow for ample time to find parking and walk to the SEA Discovery Center for check-in and check-out.

Check In:
Youth check-in between **5:45 and 6:00 p.m.** at the SEA Discovery Center. Please escort your child into the aquarium.

FYI--If your child invites an unregistered friend, walk-ins are welcome as long as we have not reached maximum capacity. The guardian will have to fill out the appropriate paperwork and pay the fee on site.

What to Bring:
- Enthusiasm and a curious mind
- Short sleeve shirt to keep dry at the touch tank
- A Jacket
- Closed-toed shoes
- A snack
- A water bottle

*WWU is not responsible for lost belongings*
Check Out:
Youth check-out between **8:45 and 9:00 p.m.** at the SEA Discovery Center with the Authorized Pick-up Person listed during registration. The Authorized Pick-up Person needs to bring a photo ID or driver’s license to show SEA staff. Please be sure to inform SEA staff if your child has permission to leave GEMS with anyone other than those listed. If additions should be made, please email us at SEAeducation@wwu.edu.

*Please be prompt to pick up.*

If you can’t make it:
*Please notify us immediately at (360) 440-8458 (cell) or (360) 598-4460 (office), if your home or emergency phone number(s) change, or if your child cannot attend.*

Directions from Hwy 3:
1. Take the Finn Hill Road exit
2. Turn right onto NW Finn Hill Rd
3. Continue onto NW Lindvig Way
4. Continue onto Front St NE
5. The SEA Discovery Center will be on your right. Turn right into the parking lot prior to the SEA Discovery Center building.

Directions from Hwy 305 heading South:
1. Head South on WA-305
2. Turn right onto NE Hostmark St
3. Continue onto Front St NE
4. The SEA Discovery Center will be on your left. Turn left into the parking lot just after the SEA Discovery Center building.

Directions from Hwy 305 heading North:
1. Head North on WA-305
2. Turn left onto NE Hostmark St
3. Continue onto Front St NE
4. The SEA Discovery Center will be on your left. Turn left into the parking lot just after the SEA Discovery Center building.

We look forward to having your youth join us at the SEA Discovery Center for GEMS Youth Night Out!

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