

## EGA'S 2017 FALL RETREAT

### FIELD TRIPS AND LEARNING INSTITUTE

#### SUNDAY PRE-RETREAT INSTITUTE:

September 24, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

*Institute will be held at the Motif Seattle; times may vary*

#### **1. Think Systemically, Act Collaboratively: Unleashing the Power of Networks to Achieve Deep and Lasting Impacts**

Collaboration. Systems approach. Collective impact. Generative networks. What's all the buzz about? How are they relevant to our current reality? Come to this hands-on, interactive workshop to explore how integrative thinking and collaborative networks can advance collective impacts in climate, environmental health and environmental justice.

The need to build strong strategic collaborations has never been more imperative. Through small group activities and dialogue with colleagues engaged in systems-based networks, this interactive workshop will increase your understanding of the opportunities, challenges and nuances of collaborative networks and help us collectively imagine what might be possible. Co-facilitating the institute is a remarkable lineup of network leaders including: Ruth Rominger, Director of Information and Systems Design, Collaborative Networks Program, Garfield Foundation; Becky Richeson, Systems and Complexity Project Manager, The Omidyar Group; Jennifer Berman, Program Advisor, Collaborative Networks Program, Garfield Foundation; Lydia Avila, Executive Director, The Power Shift Network; Ann Blake, Founder, Blake Environmental & Public Health Consulting – Market Supply Node Leader, Cancer Free Economy Network; and Gail Francis, Knowledge Manager, RE-AMP Network.

Cost/Person: Free

Capacity: 20

Sponsored by the Garfield Foundation.

*Lunch included in all Sunday trips and institute.*

#### SUNDAY PRE-RETREAT FIELD TRIPS:

September 24, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

*Trips will depart from the Motif Seattle; some trip times may vary*

#### **1. Middle Fork Bus & Hiking Tour - Mountains to Sound Greenway**

What is the value of a wilderness within reach? How can a community join together to conserve and care for public lands in the face of rising usage and waning agency funds? These are the questions a cross-sector coalition of public and private entities is meeting head-on in the Middle Fork Snoqualmie, a publicly owned, undeveloped, Wild and Scenic river valley just minutes outside the booming Seattle metro. In the Middle Fork lies the promise of boundless outdoor recreation for millions, and a crucial opportunity to make wilderness accessible for all. Join Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust to visit key project

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sites in the Valley, hike to a spectacular river overlook, and peer behind the scenes of this groundbreaking effort to build a community-based model for balancing conservation and recreation on precious remaining natural lands.

Cost/Person: \$60

Capacity: 22

Expertise Level: Easy

### 2. Snoqualmie Tunnel Biking Tour

Bike 20 miles through history! You will ride on the John Wayne Pioneer Trail, through the 2.3 mile long Snoqualmie Tunnel under Snoqualmie Pass, and down to Rattlesnake Lake and the Cedar River Watershed Education Center. The entire route is tucked inside the long and narrow 100' wide Iron Horse State Park, that stretches all the way to the Columbia River, more than 100 miles to the east. Historic railroad trestles, great views of the Snoqualmie corridor, and a gentle downsloping grade will make for a wonderful afternoon in the saddle.

*Skill level: Beginner*

Cost/Person: \$145

Capacity: 10

Expertise Level: Easy

### 3. Exit 38 Rock Climbing

Exit 38 is one of the most popular climbing destinations around Seattle. There is great sport climbing at all levels. We will provide all the gear, set up top ropes, and belay. There is great climbing for people of all levels. We will take you to the routes on which we teach our Intro to Outdoor Rock Climbing classes.

Cost/Person: \$135

Capacity: 8

Expertise Level: Intermediate

### 4. Kayaking Golden Gardens

Join REI for a kayaking tour of the Puget Sound, launching from Golden Gardens Park! This paddle is popular for beginning and intermediate paddlers. Situated along the western coast of Discovery Park and Magnolia, it is one of the most rewarding paddles in the area. On this paddling trip, you'll enjoy majestic views of the Olympics and the Puget Sound. After an orientation and safety briefing, we will explore the shoreline catching views of wildlife and inhaling the salty air. Pre-requisite: Learn to Kayak Class or equivalent skills.

Cost/Person: \$140

Capacity: 14

Expertise Level: Easy/Intermediate

*EGA is partnering with REI and REI Coop to offer these unique outdoor activities.*