

EGA'S 2017 FALL RETREAT

LEARNING TOURS AND EXCURSIONS

TUESDAY RETREAT LEARNING TOURS:

September 26, 2:30 PM—6:00 PM

Institutes will be held at the Motif Seattle, with outdoor component; times may vary

1. 2017 Southern and Eastern Africa Distance Learning Program (12:45 – 7:00pm; incl. dinner):

To continue building on the learnings of the [global program](#), the group will travel to the Gates Foundation headquarters for a conversation with Mark Suzman, Chief Strategy Officer & President, to learn about key strategies and lessons learned in the foundation's work in Southern and Eastern Africa. This will be followed by a group tour of the Pike Place Market, to pick out ingredients for a South African cooking class led by Kumi Naidoo and offsite early dinner. During dinner, the group will hear from Emira Woods, Trustee of the Global Wallace Fund, who will share her expertise on African political and economic history and key environmental issues on the continent. The offsite dinner will wrap up at 7pm.

Cost/Person: There is \$75 fee for dinner. All other costs are covered by registration for the Global Distance Learning Program.

Capacity: Reserved to Global Distance Learning Program participants. Please email mhenderson@ega.org with any questions.

2. From Principles to Practice: Putting the Why and How of DEI to Work

The aftermath of the 2017 election proves we have a long way to go toward a truly equitable society, and the environmental sector is no exception. EGA funders have been working together to ensure our field is at the forefront of change, becoming more diverse, inclusive, and reflective of the communities we serve. This field trip is designed to provide an experiential learning session to help funders at all levels of experience prioritize and create inclusive, diverse, courageous spaces while enhancing their environmental program goals.

Join us for a trip to [Seattle's Discovery Park Environmental Learning Center](#) for a session that will demonstrate why DEI is critical to a powerful conservation movement on both a personal and professional level. Learn lifelong practices every environmental funder can benefit from. Together we will develop a common language while building concrete, personalized tools to advance culture change and capacity building within your organizations. Participants will leave with concrete actions and a deeper understanding of themselves and fellow EGA members.

Cost/Person: \$50

Capacity: 35

3. Not the Love Boat: Understanding Shipping Impacts from the Local to the Global

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Join the Gordon and Betty Moore, Oak and Pisces Foundations for this active tour of the shipping sector. Locally, cruise ships have major human health effects in many ports, which can raise a whole set of environmental justice issues. In pristine areas like the Arctic, untreated wastewater, oily bilge water, and ballast water threatens our oceans and the communities that depend upon a clean marine environment, especially indigenous communities. Globally, shipping is one of the only sectors exempted from the Paris Climate Agreement yet estimated to amount to 17% of global greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 if left unchecked. We will tour the Port of Seattle by water to learn about these issues first hand.

Cost/Person: \$30

Capacity: 30

4. Let Nature Be Your Guide – Hike Camp Long and Visit Tiny Trees Forest Pre-School

Put on your sunglasses and hiking boots, and get ready to explore Seattle's urban forests through the lens of a four-year old. Participants will hike the trails of West Seattle's Camp Long 68-acre park and visit Tiny Trees – Seattle's first affordable outdoor preschool. Tiny Trees offers preschool children the opportunity explore, play, and learn from nature every weekday during their most formative years creating the essential building blocks for future scientists and conservationist. Outdoor classrooms are greener than the greenest buildings and cost significantly less to start-up and operate than traditional indoor preschools. After a hike in the woods and observing kids in a forest laboratory setting, participants will enjoy views of Seattle's skyline on a water taxi ride back to downtown Seattle. Snacks provided.

Cost/Person: \$25

Capacity: 22

Expertise Level: Easy

5. Achieving Environmental Objectives Through Food Waste Reduction

Join the Fink Family Foundation, The 11th Hour Project and GRACE Communications on this exciting tour of food waste. This half-day tour will start with a quick overview of the problem of food waste by ReFED, a national non-profit focused on solving food waste, and the City of Seattle. We will then head to a local retailer to hear about the reasons food is wasted in their stores, what they are doing to address the waste, and how they are partnering with local compost and food recovery organizations to create closed loop systems. From there, we will visit with a multi-national fishing company to learn about wasted bycatch – one form of food waste that isn't as well studied – and the work the fishing company is doing in partnership with local food recovery organizations to process the bycatch into a highly nutritious protein meal. We will end the day by using our taste buds to understand the culinary trend of upcycled food -- tasting products ranging from cookies, to granola bars, to beer and vodka!

Cost/Person: \$25

Capacity: 23

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1. Behind the Scenes at the World's Greenest Building

The Bullitt Center was developed with a single goal in mind: to show people what's possible today, to influence the development and operation of other buildings around the world. In short, the Bullitt Center loves visitors. As the largest urban office building certified to the standards of the Living Building Challenge, tours of the Bullitt Center offer a chance to see the various operational systems, including geothermal heating and cooling, rainwater filtration, constructed wetland, six-story composting toilet system and solar. During the tour, visitors will explore the building from the basement to the soaring "irresistible stairway," and see how one floor has been finished into a comfortable open office plan. Come see for yourself during this "behind the scenes" tour led by Denis Hayes, CEO of the Bullitt Foundation. www.bullittcenter.org

Cost/Person: Free

Capacity: 23

Expertise Level: Easy (15 minute walk)

2. Climb the REI Pinnacle and Happy Hour on the Terrace

Spend a couple hours climbing the tallest free-standing climbing Pinnacle in the West! At 65' it looms over the surrounding urban landscape. We provide shoes, harnesses, and an expert climbing instructor to help you get to the top. Beginners to expert climbers will find something to challenge them on one of nine different routes to the top of this iconic Seattle landmark. Finish your climbing with a happy hour on the terrace.

Cost/Person: \$30

Capacity: 34

Expertise Level: Easy

3. Stand Up Paddle or Kayak Magnuson Park – NE Seattle

Join REI for a tour at one of our favorite kayaking and SUP destinations! After some basic instruction, we'll take a short paddle tour of the area. A Sound Garden art sculpture, historic naval base, urban playfields, wetland restoration, and water access all make up an iconic Seattle park. We provide kayaks and SUPs, all the gear, and basic paddle instruction. No experience is required, but taking a Learn to Kayak Class is recommended, or equivalent skills.

Cost/Person: \$83

Capacity: 28

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Expertise Level: Easy/Intermediate

4. Burke Museum Tour – Northwest Native Art

Venture to the University of Washington campus to visit the Burke Museum, which has the 5th largest Northwest Coast ethnological collection in the United States, with nearly 11,000 items. We will enjoy a special tour of Northwest Coast Art that will include seeing things such as prints, masks, totem poles, canoes, baskets, sculpture and jewelry from Coast Salish, Kwakwaka'wakw and other Pacific NW tribes. Our tour guides are Dr. Kathryn Bunn-Marcuse, Director of the Bill Holm Center for the Study of Northwest Native Art and Curator of Northwest Native Art at the museum, and Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, an award-winning contemporary Haida artist. The museum is responsible for the Washington state collections of natural and cultural heritage and sharing the knowledge that makes them meaningful.

Cost/Person: \$20

Capacity: 13

5. Urban Bicycle Tour – Seattle Waterfront and Salmon Locks

Ride the Seattle Waterfront and explore where the shore meets the sound. We will head north along the waterfront, past the SAM sculpture garden, through the Interbay train yards, past the Fisherman's Terminal, and over the Nation's busiest locks – the 100-year old Corps of Engineers Ballard Locks and salmon fish ladder. Views of the Olympic mountains, tourism, working docks and train yards, and a unique tour of the dynamic changes in our growing city.

Cost/Person: \$50

Capacity: 22

Expertise Level: Easy

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