



Expedition Dates: July 17, 24; August 1, 8, 15, 22; Sept. 1 and 8

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ORCA PROJECT 2010 INFORMATION PACKET

Orca Project: Dr. Randall Eaton began studying orca whales in Puget Sound in 1976 when he served on the faculties of zoology, psychology, wildlife and fisheries at the University of Washington. In 1978 he founded the Orca Society for the Study and Conservation of Marine Mammals, based at U.W., and soon attracted 15,000 members who received the full color, popular science magazine *Orca: Marine Mammals and Humans*, which was widely acclaimed. In 1979, Eaton funded two field research stations in Puget Sound which trained student interns from Evergreen State College, Western Washington University and Skagit Community College. The students conducted field work in Puget Sound and in the Johnstone Strait of British Columbia. In 1980 Eaton co-organized the International Whaling Commission's international conference at Smithsonian which resulted in a global moratorium of whaling. In 1982, Eaton launched the Orca Project as a volunteer field research program. In 1985, ten volunteers and Dr. Eaton befriended wild orcas in B.C. Students and people of all ages from all walks of life from around the globe have volunteered to assist Dr. Eaton's work, ranging from behavioral observations to documentation of coastal native cultures' knowledge of

orcas and TV production. Volunteers join him in the field to assist the project. The fees they pay support the costs of the project including equipment and supplies. Volunteers receive instruction from Eaton and visiting instructors including natives. They learn about orca behavior and natural history first hand, and there are campfire seminars and exercises conducted on animals as teachers, interspecies communication, indigenous wisdom, environmental ethics and nature connection. There is time for singing, making music and story-telling. Volunteers also fish, kayak, snorkel or scuba dive during their visit. Most return from their wilderness experience refreshed, inspired and transformed, and nearly all become ambassadors for the Orca Nation.

Mission: Orca Project 2010 will document the behavior of orcas and their interaction with whalewatching boats. Started in 2003 in the Johnstone Strait, the special mission in 2010 is to complete a documentary about “Spirit of the Orca,” the orca as seen through the eyes of coastal natives who have lived side by side with orcas for thousands of years. Having spent years studying the history (and prehistory) of human interaction with larger carnivores, Dr. Eaton is convinced that in several important respects the aboriginal peoples of the Pacific northwest coast know the orca better than contemporary science. He believes it is important to honor and share their perspective.

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Expedition Dates: 6-day expeditions starting July 17, 24, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and September 1 and 8. . Each expedition runs from the afternoon of the starting day until noon on the sixth. If you are driving or walking onto the ferry from Seattle or Anacortes, it is important to get yourself to the rendezvous point (Orcas ferry terminal) where we’ll meet you. Or to the Orcas airport. Our camp is located on Bob Connor’s property at Deer Harbor on Orcas Island. Randall Eaton’s phone number after July 8 will be 513-300-4168. He will be monitoring email messages, too.

Costs: \$775/person exclusive of travel to and from Orcas Island. Families are welcome. Cost includes campsite, boats and engines, excursions, fuel, marine safety gear, food, cooking utensils, binocs, spotting scopes and field research gear, field library, instruction and supervision, photography and videography, promotional and operating expense. **NOT** included are: alcoholic beverages, candy, scuba or snorkeling gear, personal cameras, phone, linen or maid service. Vegetarian meals available.

What to Bring: sleeping bag, air mattress or sleeping pad, clothes: jeans, shorts, swim suit, sweater or jacket, wool cap or hood, stowable light rain suit, tennis shoes with non-slip soles, knee-high rubber boots, wool socks. Other: bio-degradable body soap, insect repellent, polarized sun glasses, flashlight with extra batteries, towel, freezer bags to protect cameras while at sea, small back pack to stow lunch and cameras while on board. You are welcome to bring a musical instrument.

Lodging: Our campsite is on the property of Bob and Meg Connor who own two charming cabins next to camp which are available as rentals. Volunteers who may want to rent lodging before or after the project (or even during) should visit www.orcas-island-rentals.com. The Connors are leaders in environmental conservation and also work closely with the native tribes of the region which recently honored Bob. We'll ask Bob to speak to each group of volunteers. To learn more visit: www.helpingtheearth.org. Lodging is also available at the nearby Deer Harbor Inn.

Recommended: A wet or dry suit if you care to snorkel or dive – the water is cold so be sure to have hood, gloves and booties. Bring your own mask and snorkel. Tanks may be rented or filled on the island. Camera with short tele-lens and wide angle (orcas often pass closeby). We have fishing gear but if you want to bring your own: a short fishing pole with 20# test line, 3 ounce weights, large flashers, pink or green squid lures or spoons (tackle available locally); personal journal.

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Prohibited: Firearms, fireworks, illegal drugs, TVs, ghetto blasters. We'll have a radio for weather reports.

Duties: Through their financial contribution and direct participation volunteers are engaged in expeditions that require community consciousness, cooperation and contribution of time and effort. The Orca Project is not a tour, though you will see and experience much of value and have a lot of fun. The research, educational and TV productions of the Orca Project promotes respect for orcas, nature and indigenous peoples. Along with daily duties volunteers have time to enjoy the spectacular environment and creatures in it. Volunteers divide into teams and rotate work: "A" team may have breakfast duty on Day 2, lunch duty on Day 3 and dinner duty on Day 4. From sunrise to sundown a team is always on safety duty, keeping track of individuals who may leave camp for activities ranging from kayaking to fishing and hiking. Except for planned activities and events announced by staff members, the remainder of volunteers' days are free for rest, reading, nature study, kayaking, fishing, photography and so on.

Free time: No one may leave camp without reporting to the team on duty so we shall always know the whereabouts of volunteers and when they expect to return. In the event that volunteers do not return when expected, a rescue party will be launched to locate them. People going fishing or kayaking must wear life jackets at all times and must adhere to camp and State regulations, e.g., obtaining a fishing license. Violation of camp rules or local or other laws may result in termination without refund. The Orca

Project reserves the right to expel anyone at any time for conduct deemed deleterious to the Project, camp, environment, staff or volunteers.

Diet: Some of our camp food will be organic, but some produce acquired locally may not be (though we'll do our best to procure organic produce). We will fish and gather natural foods in accordance with State regulations as an enjoyable exercise in subsistence living. Alternatives to seafood will be available along with vegetarian meals.

Travel: The Orca Project is not a travel agency, but there is basic information provided here that may be helpful in planning your trip. Orcas Island is northwest of Seattle in Puget Sound, largest inland sea on earth. You can get there either by ferry or small airplane (also by Kenmore Air float plane from Seattle's Elliot Bay to Deer Harbor – Kenmore provides a shuttle from Seatac). Check ferry schedules (Washington State Ferry System) for travel to Orcas from Anacortes, which is west of I-5 about an hour north of Seattle (well marked on the freeway). Ferry reservations may be required for vehicles; you also can leave your car at the Anacortes ferry terminal and walk onto the ferry, which is much cheaper though keep

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in mind that you may want to tour Orcas Island which has many attractions. If you fly into Seatac airport, you may rent a car or take a shuttle to Anacortes: Bellair runs every two hours and is the cheapest service. Call for reservations. Previous volunteers also have rented a limo from Seatac to the Anacortes ferry terminal. Note: You may expect considerable delays on WA State ferries in summer. If you are late: Please call our main phone number 513-300-4168. Or email reaton@eoni.com.

Emergency messages: Call our permanent phone numbers (513-244-2826 or 513-574-2171) or the Orca Project cell phone at 513-300-4168. Only if absolutely necessary phone Bob Connor on whose property we'll be camping at 360-378-7830. Or email reaton@eoni.com.

Camp Safety: We have never had a serious accident or mishap on the Orca Project. The only near mishap occurred when a young man failed to report to the team on duty that he was taking a kayak out by himself (which we normally discourage – two or more kayaks traveling together make it safer for everyone). Whitecaps in Johnstone Strait rolled the kayak over (sea kayaks are remarkably stable), and had it not been for Albert Zeman looking in the spotting scope, which miraculously happened to be pointed at the young man miles away, he surely would have died in the 45-degree water. Orcas is a much safer environment than the Johnstone Strait area, especially when camp rules are

followed.

Weather: The San Juan Islands in summer and early fall normally have a comfortable climate with dry, long sunny days and cool nights. But be prepared for wind and rain and for spray when moving in open boats or kayaks. Remember to stow a lightweight rain suit in a heavy duty garbage bag to keep it dry on board while at sea.

Recommended Reading/Viewing

Erich Hoyt. *A Whale Called Killer*.

Robin Baird. *Killer Whales of the World*.

John Ford et al. *Killer Whales*.

Randall L. Eaton. *The Orca Project: A Meeting of Nations* (used copies at Amazon or Abebooks.com

“Orca” at Wikipedia (for overview of recent scientific work and conservation)

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Randall L. Eaton, “Orca: The Sacred Whale” (award-winning TV broadcast available on dvd at www.randalleaton.com)

“The Cove” dvd

Prechtel’s *Secrets of the Talking Jaguar*

John Keeney’s *Bushman Shaman*

Jon Young’s *Coyote’s Guide to Connecting with Nature*

Rupert Sheldrake. *Dogs that Know When Their Masters Are Coming Home*. The first serious scientific investigation of telepathy between animals and humans by an internationally respected British scientist.

These and other books including nature guides will be available at camp.

NOTE: The video clip on You Tube of an orca leaping on top of a kayak

is a fake! Nothing to fear.

Application and Release

Full name(s) _____

Number in party ____ Date _____ Expedition date _____. Second choice _____.

\$ _____ deposit (50%) sent (balance due 21 days before expedition date or reservation cancelled without refund unless approved by Randall Eaton)

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone(s) _____ Email _____

Date of birth _____ Sex: _____ Age _____

State of health _____

Disabilities _____

Medications _____

In case of emergency contact _____
at phone _____ email _____

Physician's name and phone number _____

Are you a vegetarian? _____ Other food preferences _____

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Will you be driving? _____ Flying? _____ Expected time of arrival on Orcas
Island _____

I/We _____ have read the Orca Project Information Packet and understand that if I/we do not notify the Orca Project of my/our cancellation within 21 days of my/our expedition date that I/we forfeit my/our deposit. I/we hereby release and hold harmless the Orca Project, its staff, agents, associates and representatives from any and all liability or claims resulting from loss of life, limb or property during my/our participation in the Orca Project. I /we also agree that the Orca Project may use freely any photos, video or quotations of or from me/us in its promotions or communications. I/we agree not to use, publish or sell any photos or video collected on the Orca Project without permission from the Orca Project.

Signature(s) and date:

_____ date _____

_____ date _____

_____ date _____

Legal guardian's signature required if under 18 years of age.

Return to: Randall Eaton, Orca Project, 5128 Ralph Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45238
Or email signed release to: reaton@eoni.com and mail deposit to address above.

Get ready for adventure, discovery and connection!