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GIG HARBOR, WA – Harbor WildWatch and PenMet Parks are partnering for a wildly fun Spring Break Camp from Tuesday, April 16 to Friday, April 19.

Students ages 7-12 will explore the wild spaces of Sehmel Homestead Park with Harbor WildWatch's Education Director, Rachel Easton, and learn all about the different habitats and histories of this unique place. The week will be spent learning about wildlife, practicing wilderness skills, and experiencing all the forest, wetlands, and meadow have to offer. Campers will complete fun hands-on projects and activities while learning in the outdoors, with an emphasis on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) education.

"This four-day camp is a great way for kids to explore the outdoors while learning about the environment – from the plants and animals, to the unique landscapes of our wetlands and forests," says Rachel.

Camp workshops will include learning about the three different habitats within Sehmel Homestead Park (wetlands, forest, and meadow) and what creatures thrive in this area, what makes the landscapes unique, and how campers can practice stewardship for these areas in their daily lives. Students will also have fun opportunities to think outside the box and be creative with STEM education by applying these skills to the environment. Rachel says one activity students can look forward to is examining the old growth trees in the park and discovering how to use math to determine which is the tallest.

Camp will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day and costs \$150 for the week. Students are asked to please bring a waste-free lunch and a reusable bottle of water each day of camp. Sign-ups for camp are <u>available online through PenMet's website</u>. Space is limited; early enrollment encouraged.

Harbor WildWatch is a 501(c)(3) non-profit environmental education organization based in Gig Harbor, WA. Their mission is to inspire stewardship for Puget Sound, and greater Salish Sea, by providing equitable learning opportunities about the environment to our local community and beyond. Through more than 600 fun and interactive programs each year, Harbor WildWatch hopes to inform residents and visitors about local marine life and elicit their involvement in preserving our natural resources. To make a donation or learn more about Harbor WildWatch, visit www.harborwildwatch.org.