

Shelton Fieldtrip, February 5, 2010

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Useful Addresses:

1. Taylor Shellfish (Lynch Rd., Shelton): large-scale shellfish farming in the region and beyond; many people work seasonally planting, harvesting and preparing oysters, clams, mussels and geoducks.
2. Choice High School (*Challenging High School Opportunities in Continuing Education*): 807 West Pine Street (corner of N. 8th)
3. Mason County Historical Society Museum: 427 West Railroad Avenue, Shelton
4. Simpson Timber Company, First Street, Shelton (at Railroad Avenue): historically the Simpsons were Shelton's most important timber business—
 - (a) logging--on their own local lands and Forest Service Lands.
 - (b) sawmills—plywood mills, pulp mills, in Shelton, McCleary, Tacoma
 - (c) Simpson was headquartered in Shelton, but has now moved their headquarters to Seattle and changed their name to Simpson Investment Company with operations throughout the U.S. and internationally.
5. Mason County Literacy (133 West Railroad Ave): originally funded by Simpson to provide literacy training to their own English-speaking workers. MCL is now a regional leader in providing ESL (English as Second Language) education with immigrant, mostly Spanish-speaking workers.
6. Taqueria Tecoman (110 South First Street)—simple, good, inexpensive Mexican food—tacos are \$1.55, Burritos and tortas (sandwiches) are \$4.00. Lots of meat options but they will prepare vegetarian burritos or tacos if asked. Beans are made with oil, not animal fat.
7. Taqueria Las Palmas (116 East Cota Street)—simple, good, inexpensive Mexican food—similar menu and prices. Both places are smallish—can handle half of us, but not the whole group.

Bring: notebooks, clothing for cold & wet weather, cameras if desired, lunch or lunch \$.

Itinerary

9:15: Board vans for Shelton
10:0-11:00: Tour of Taylor Shellfish
11:15 Stop at lookout above Simpson mill
11:30 Arrive Choice High School; park vans; meet Miles Nowlin, Evergreen grad and Shelton Schools Outreach Coordinator for homeless students and their families.
11:30-1:00 Walking, observation and lunch. Recommended visit: Mason County Historical Society (#3 on your list). Railroad Avenue is the main downtown street; take note of buildings, businesses and references to local history. You might also want to walk

east through the residential neighborhoods on Pine or Franklin streets. EVERYONE PLEASE GATHER AT CHOICE HIGH SCHOOL BOARDROOM BY 1:00.

1:00-2:00 Discussion with Miles Nowlin and Ricardo del Bosque, outreach coordinator for Spanish-speaking students. Screen Ricardo's DVD, made with bilingual students in Shelton.

2:00-4:00 Panel Presentations and Discussions with;
Jenny Blumenstein, Adult Program Coordinator, Mason County Literacy
Julio Gonzalez, shellfish harvester and member of Imigrantes Unidos
(Immigrants United), a Shelton immigrants rights group
Eunice Santiago, public health professional who is currently working for
the Health Department on maternity support for Shelton residents.
Dr. Steven Warner, Principle of Evergreen Elementary School, Shelton's
bilingual elementary school

4:00 (approximately) Back in vans, head for Evergreen—we'll be back by 4:45 or 5pm.

Directions for Van Drivers and Co-Pilots:

1. To Taylor Shellfish:

Take Evergreen Parkway towards Route 101. Take the ramp on your right to Mud Bay Rd. Right on Mud Bay Road. Follow signs to 101 North.

Rte. 101 splits from Rte. 8. Stay on 101 by keeping to the right, following signs to Shelton/Port Angeles. Drive approximately 9 miles on Rte. 101 to Lynch Rd. You will see a gas station and small restaurant, Taylor Station on the right. Make a right on Lynch Rd. Pass Taylor Shellfish and continue down the road. You will see a sign for Lynch Rd. Forest on your right (owned by Green Diamond Resource Co.). Continue on Lynch Rd. until you see the clearcut on the left. Pull into the access road and stop.

Turn right into Taylor Shellfish. Park in the gravel area just across from the grass.

2. To Shelton Lookout:

From Taylor Shellfish, return to 101 and continue north towards Shelton. Take the first Shelton exit--Rte. 3 (Shelton and Bremerton). Rte. 3 winds around and descends—after a few minutes you will see a lookout to your right with an enormous wheel (part of a sawmill) on your right. Pull into the small parking area.

3. To Choice High School:

From the lookout, make a right back onto the main road (Rte 3). The road descends--as it levels out it becomes First Street. The Simpson Mill is on your right. Make a left at Railroad Ave. Take Railroad Ave to 8th St. Right on 8th, go 3 blocks to Pine. Left on Pine and pull into the parking lot on your left—or one of the parking areas along the street.