



Stream of Dreams Murals Society

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Stream of Dreams™ Watershed Education and Community Art Train the Trainers Program

How does the program work?

Who participates in the training program? The ideal trainees are affiliated with an NGO or government agency who want to learn how to raise watershed awareness using the Stream of Dreams™ technique, two trainers from the Stream of Dreams Murals Society (SDMS) and an Elementary School in the trainees community, ideally with between 300 and 500 students.

What background do trainees need? Trainees will include a combination of environmental educators, stream stewards and artists. At least one of the trainees must commit to taking on the responsibility of managing the Stream of Dreams™ program in their region. This person will be the **Licensed Stream of Dreams team coordinator** and must have management ability. The other trainees will be certified to teach one or both portions of the program and will operate under the team coordinators license.

What does the license and certification mean? Stream of Dreams is a Trademarked and copyrighted program, which has set a high standard for quality and professionalism. Only trained and certified people may legally use the copyrighted name, program and materials and they are expected to uphold its goals and standards.



What sort of commitment is involved in teaching the program? Project instructors will need to be able to make themselves available for two to four day stretches at a time. The amount of work depends on the number of projects your group takes on each year and the number of certified instructors to draw upon.

We **strongly advise** anyone planning to be a Stream of Dreams licensed provider be affiliated with a NGO or government agency to help provide capacity funding, as this program is a lot of work. The team coordinator, usually also an instructor, will communicate with clients, arrange schedules, keep track of materials and administer all other aspects of the program, including regular communication with SDMS.



How does the training work? The trainees will learn on the job by shadowing and helping the trainers as they teach the program at the elementary school for two to three days, a total of 12 to 20 classes. After a first day of observation, the trainees will be expected to teach at least a couple classes and receive feedback from the trainers on the following days. SDMS will supply an instructor's manual for reference and guidance. All trainees must be present to help with the mural installation the day following the final workshops, eventually doing the design work themselves under the guidance of the trainers. Each day after the school workshops trainers and trainees will meet to discuss different aspects of the program. By the end of the three to five days the first Stream of Dreams Mural will be beautifying your community, you will have at least one person licensed to coordinate the program, at least two instructors qualified to teach one or both portions of the workshop (stream science or art), and one or more instructors who can design the murals.

What preparation work do the trainees need to do before the training? Establish a budget for the training program with SDMS and raise the necessary funds. Confirm and work with the Elementary School and SDMS to schedule the workshops/training, prepare the wooden fish and get permission to use a fence, usually at the school. Set aside three to five days for the training workshops and related afternoon or evening meetings. Put together the teams gear from the list supplied in the Instructors manual. Stay in contact with SDMS.

What does the training program cost? The budget will depend on travel expenses and the size of the school where the training will take place. Please contact SDMS for an estimate for your region



What is included in the Stream of Dreams Murals Society Training fee?

- One instructor Manual is provided with the training. Extra copies cost \$100 each
- Two SDMS trainers to train trainees to teach workshops, design and install the mural at the school
- Planning and guidance during preparation and after the training
- Unlimited consulting
- Brochures and sign branding graphics
- Web site space for all of your projects. Please note that we are updating our website



For Canadian trainees - SDMS has partnerships with Sherwin-Williams and Master Halco and can explore extending these partnerships with licensees on an individual basis.

How does the licensee maintain his or her license in good standing?

Licensee is required to report back to SDMS with number of participants and school totals. SDMS reserve the right to revoke the license if licensee does not meet these requirements or if there are complaints about poor quality program delivery.

Frequently asked questions:

How soon can we do the project? We recommend that you allow at least 6 months to a year from your decision to learn how to do the program until the workshops to allow plenty of time to arrange for your other trainees, arrange for the participating school, get your gear together, get the wooden fish made, make travel and accommodation arrangements for the trainers. The program is only offered twice a year at this time.

Who makes the fish? Beautiful hand made fish can be purchased from SDMS at a minimal cost. Each fish is primed with wood primer/sealer and has two coats of a white and blue. Our fish are guaranteed to last 10-15 years on a chain link fence. *Please note* that fish are only sold to communities or schools who are participating in the Stream of Dreams program.



Will all trainees be certified? SDMS must be confident that the trainees can present the program to the standards already established. The trainers reserve the right to refuse certification or licensing to any or all of the trainees.



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