

**Flathead CORE,
9-24-2014**

Sallie Hash, Board of Central School Museum; Kathy Martin, Hockaday; Teresa Wenum, Flathead NF; Heidi Sedivy, MEEA; Mary Jo Gardener, retired teacher; Laura Law, Glacier NP; Kari sent word she is not able to make it tonight (Resource Asst. for Flathead Conservation District).

Raptor Day

- Another successful year, over 200 people
- Wilderness theme and was at Lone Pine State Park again
- Wild Wings brought 11 birds
- Very happy with turnout

Wilderness 50 – Flathead NF, Glacier NP, Bob Marshall Wilderness Foundation, Hungry Horse News, MT Wilderness Association, Swan Rangers

- Big “Go Wild” Event, over 400 people – 475 could tell by tickets.
- Keynote, Stuart Brandburg, who actually helped craft the Wilderness Act.
- Vernon Finley, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes did the “Welcome”.
- GNPC, GNP, Glacier Institute, and many others had booths there, about 19 booths.
- The National Leave No Trace trainers were there.
- Horse packing demonstration from Backcountry Horseman.
- Mark Ruby did a “bear aware” presentation.
- Mule train demonstration.

Trunk Workshop (Megan Chaisson, Glacier NP helping Kathy Martin coordinate)

- It’ on for Thursday, October 16, 2014 with all the presenters from last year.
- Kathy has already talked to Eliza about putting it on PIRnet.
- We need the flyer sent around to everyone and put on Flathead CORE website.
- Also need to get prizes from sponsoring organizations.
- Megan will finalize the scavenger hunt.
- Mary Jo can come that day and answer questions or show good trunk activities.
- Teresa will update the trunk handout and get it out. Megan will make sure everyone sends the scavenger hunt questions and the contact info. and description of their trunks.

Winter Trails, January 10, 2015

- Teresa can organize it again.
- She will get it on the website and she will contact us to get our information.

MEEA Conference, March 19-20, 2015

- No Richard Louv, so Heidi is working on the next candidate.

- Kwa-tuk-nuq, Polson is set as the location.
- Save the date business cards have been ordered and we will have them at the trunk workshop.
- Theme is “Discovering Hidden Treasures” . The conference threads are: Strength in Collaboration; Tools and Techniques for Resource Immersion; Watershed Threats and Educator Solutions.
- We’ll have 3 rooms (a room for each thread); there will be 5 breakout sessions throughout the day – total of 15 sessions.
- There will also be a “call for displays.”
- There will be an on-line reservation system, that can handle up to 150.
- Thursday is field trip day: 1) GIS- Hans Bodenhammer; 2) Kerr Dam tour in a.m. and bull trout trunk in p.m; 3) MT Watercourse – to do water quality monitoring (if grant comes through); 4) Snowshoe trip to Owl Institute is back-up.
- Silent auction items will be needed.
- It will be on PIRnet once the online reservation gets set up.
- CORE needs to do one of the 1-hour breakouts. Laura (and Melissa S.) can do climate change presentation of Glacier’s resource guide.

Sourcebook Curriculum

- Watershed committee – Flathead Watershed Sourcebook- developing middle school curriculum, using the sourcebook.
- MSU- Michael Brody, Dept. of Education likes working on community connections.
- Last meeting, Rose Vallor is the Grad student who is working on it. They are using the information from the Delphi Survey that was done. Results will be used to develop the activities and lessons to be tested next summer.
- Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) funded \$3,000 (if federal funding continues) and FNF \$500, and \$2,000 from the MT Water and Soil Conservation District Incorporated. Flathead Lakers wrote the watershed restoration plan (WRP) to enable this possible funding source. Sustainability fund put in \$3,000 and there are others, too many to mention that have come together to cover the \$20,000 bare bones to get the curriculum written and out. Final draft slated to be ready by next spring 2015.

Other, Round Robin

- Hockaday calendar is out.
- Tomorrow is opening for new exhibit.
- Central School Museum just got done with “Taste of Kalispell.”
- The John White Series of presentations will be coming up.
- Maybe put together a Heritage Days activity for kids to be involved in down the road. Would like to get more of the teachers and kids involved with the Central School Museum. They do the classroom tours for third grade. The high school’s use the museum for oral histories.

- Glacier National Park : Former Apgar VC is being used for education and training; VISTA volunteer selected to work with Blackfeet schools; Wilderness 50 Event already talked about; Fall field trips in full swing; Climate change workshop was successful, 18 teachers attended; USGS repeat photo display is up at Flathead H.S. and will be sent around the country.
- Flathead Lakers- Hosting a painting party - vinyl map with storybook, hand carved pieces and need to handpaint 56 figurines. Money is from Flathead Conservation District.
- Flathead Basin Commission- Boat Launch Trivia video is on You Tube – link will be off the main website soon. It has information the aquatic invasive species in the Flathead, Flathead Basin Commission.org .

Next Meetings:

Wed. Nov. 19, 4 p.m- location TBA

Wed., Jan. 21, 2015

Wed., March 4, 2015

Wed., May 13, 2015

FYI – for next time, get any updated info. to Teresa as we need to update the brochure and the Flathead CORE Display.