

Flathead CORE, November 7, 2018

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- Welcome and Introductions
- Glacier Children's Museum
 - Corrie Halloway is working with the Glacier Children's Museum to develop their first exhibit. They do not currently have a permanent location but are seeking a good spot. Right now, they are at the Whitefish Central School. They hope to open their first exhibit by the first of the year. It will be a wildland fire-themed exhibit. They have a play structure, donated by the Missoula Children's Theater, that will be made into a fire lookout. Their hope is to have more fire-related information and displays, particularly interactive items. The exhibit will include question and answer games, a light table/magnetic white board, and a stuffed fire display.
 - The Glacier Children's Museum is currently seeking additional display items for the exhibit. Corrie asked the group if we have any items to donate or if we can ask our associated organizations if they have anything that could be donated. The group came up with several suggestions for folks to talk with and agreed to look around for possible donation items. Corrie expressed that they would like the museum to be a community effort and hope lots of folks can contribute.
 - For donations of fire-related items, contact Corrie at 250-9483 or glaciercm@gmail.com
- Project WET
 - Several CORE members recently helped with or attended a Project WET workshop. The workshop turned out really well. Hosted by Steven Thompson and Monica Elser at the Flathead Lake Biological Station. About 10 people attended. NBC news did a story on it
 - Originally purchased 30 books so we have approximately 15 left over for hosting another workshop.
- Educational Trunk Workshop
 - Flathead CORE recently hosted their annual Education Trunk Workshop. This workshop went really well with 11 teachers plus several AmeriCorps and other resource educators attending. Feedback from the workshop evaluations is generally positive.
 - For next year, we should get it on PIR net earlier. Potential to just do it now. Set a date for Oct 17th, 2019. We should also make sure to have a meeting in late July or early August to start planning a little earlier.
- Website
 - Need to find a way to store documents that everyone can access (such as pictures and the notes from the Trunk Workshop). If there is a plugin for the website that can help organize the media library, it might be an option to store files on the WordPress site.
 - The PHP script for the website is out of date but after a conversation with GoDaddy, Laura has figured out how to update. GoDaddy could also sell us a new subscription that will automatically update, but our current subscription has another 18 months on it so we don't think it's a good deal.
 - Next website committee meeting will be December 5th at Oddfellows coffee shop in Columbia Falls

- Winter Trails
 - The upcoming winter trails day will be on January 19th.
 - For the last few years we have partnered with initiative to get people out for health over the winter, but the website seems to have changed and isn't what it used to be. We will still go forward with our planning but won't link it to the national winter trails day.
 - Brian discussed that Lone Pine could possibly host a night-time snowshoeing event. The full moon is January 20th so there could be good light. Brian also discussed using Event Brite to have people sign up.
 - We should also look to see if Whitefish Trails is planning an event.
 - Teresa will contact the different groups to find out who is doing what across the Valley then CORE will send out a media release and information on website.
- Flathead Watershed through the Seasons
 - This workshop will be designed as a professional development program for K-12 teachers – modeled after the Forest for Every Classroom program. The Steering Committee met recently to discuss planning. They are looking for 12 teachers who can commit for the entire year (June 2019 through April 2020). Opportunity for teachers to learn about their watershed and their place. Some curriculum will be shown but teachers will be encouraged to use the workshop to develop their own curriculum that can be incorporated into their classrooms.
 - Workshop will kick off in June after school gets out at the Glacier Institute Big Creek Outdoor Education Center. September will be at the Bio Station, Jan 2020 will be a winter-themed workshop with the location TBD, then the last day will be in April 2020 at Lone Pine.
 - The planning committee welcomes interested CORE and community members to help with workshop sessions as guest speakers/instructors, help with session logistics, and promoting program. Contact Laura or Teresa.
- District 5 field trip follow up
 - School administrators decided what grades would be going on what field trips when. However, there are conflicts with the resource groups because dates are already taken by other schools or the groups are too large for the space available at all of the locations. Laura sent out a message requesting more information but has not heard back yet. There are still lots of questions that haven't been answered. Laura and Teresa will follow up. Laura will call Cherie Stobie, NWM Coop Director.
- Watershed Curriculum
 - Casey Lewis and Randy Hohf are working to develop a Flathead Watershed curriculum modeled after a Project Wet curriculum in Bozeman. Teresa provided them with information about the draft curriculum accompaniment to the Source Book so they can avoid reinventing the wheel.
- Round Robin
 - Kathy Martin - will be taking the traveling medicine show to Rudder. Tomorrow night at the Hockaday Museum is the membership salon. Next Tuesday, Lucy Smith is going to come and talk about the Waterton-Glacier Peace Park. The Museum will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. 50th exhibit will open on December 5th.
 - Brian – Lone Pine is going to try and host a First Day Hike on Jan 1st. It will be tied to a luminary art project with local classes.