

## CORE Meeting, 5/22/2019

1. Forestry Expo – 800 people on public day. There was a new station, “forest practices” that worked well this year for 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. There is always room for more people to help every year if anyone is interested. The booklet will be updated in this next year. There are parents that came as 5<sup>th</sup> graders who now bring their own students or own children. Thanks to everyone!
2. Earth Day – at Whitefish Middle School. It got moved inside because of weather so it was loud and a bit crowded.
3. Alison from Citizens is looking for people to be on the planning group for Earth Day next year. Please let her know if you are interested.
4. MEEA Conference – there were a lot of people from Yellowstone Forever doing Citizen Science presentations. The organizers seemed to think they would be getting teachers participating but it is really mostly environmental educators. Next year the conference will be another hot springs location.
5. There are mussel walks going on at Flathead Lake (West Shore and Bio Station, Wayfarers), Whitefish Lake (2 locations). CSKT, Flathead Lakers, and Bio Station are coordinating. This year, representatives spent a week in the classroom (testing materials). Next year, they won't have that time for presenters unless there are volunteers to help.
6. Expanding Your Horizons – middle school young ladies – to get engaged in science and engineering careers held every year at Flathead Valley Community College. This will now be under the combined STEAM and STEM group. These are local community members trying to provide things for teachers related to local STEAM/STEM.
7. Glacier Children's Museum – don't have to pay the Central School Museum admission for just going to the Children's Museum section. They have playground that is like forest service lookout. Need to add to our local providers list.
8. Website committee needs to meet in the next month. Send events to Hailey to post on the website.
9. August 12-13 would be good time to get more information out about the traveling trunks. Contact Cherie Stobie for participating and leading sessions. She needs the info. by June 1. Kathy suggested putting CORE brochures at Gateway Community Center brochure rack. Laura will contact Melissa to get it to Kathy and Hallie to add to our website.
10. Trunk Workshop – need to start earlier and Hailey can help with it but cannot be there the day of. She needs someone to help with planning. Laura can ask Sarah Bailey if she can help so teachers can pick PIR days at beginning of school year. Date is October 17, 2019 at Lone Pine State Park.

### Round Robin:

- Smokey Bear – 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in August this year.
- Wildfest – MT Wilderness Association, Cedar Creek Lodge, CFalls, Sept 6-8, 2019. There will be guided hikes, speakers, and other events, wildmt.org . Last year it was in Bozeman as it moves around the state every year.
- National Geographic COC Maps are free and available from Sheena. A link to it needs to be put on the Flathead CORE website.

- Hockaday, the Plein Air Painters of America, National group of artists that travel together. They went to Glacier last October and their [artwork will be up until August](#). Next Thursday is reception at 5 p.m.
- “Hear the Whistle Blow,” exhibit of RR Fine Art, Sept. 27 – Dec. 7, 2019 at Hockaday.
- Glacier’s Artist-in-Residence will be presenting a workshop at the Hockaday Museum in June for free.
- Summer art classes for kids with Hockaday will be working with Kalispell Parks and Rec. so that is how people will sign up.
- Flathead Conservation District is starting to work on their “Outdoor Education Center and Demonstration Garden – grand opening hopefully in July 2019. They plan to have a space to do workshops and other classes. There will be a pollinator design class with MT Native Plant Society. There will be something on Flathead rain garden initiative.
- FCD grants will start taking applications again in July for next school year. The Cost share program for natural resource issues on private property will be opening in June. They cover up to 75% of the costs up to \$5,000 for the issue that needs to be fixed.
- State Parks – doing “park after dark” programs (owls, stars). “Can I eat this?” program is very popular.
- There were over 1,000 participants in K-5 state park education programs at Lone Pine this spring.
- Last Science on Tap – from Tribal Dept. of Natural Resources- first Tuesday in June. Brewery will have new room downstairs so the talks will start in that room in September. Open House this year will be on August 9 with recreational submarine operators. There will be an Artist-in-Residence at Bio Station for the summer who will exhibit on August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The watershed curriculum to meet with Kacey Lewis, grades 3-5 team and 6-8<sup>th</sup> team are in progress. Randy is working on things for school district so every student will go through a multi-day program at the CSE (2-5 days long). PLT has a “Carbon and Climate” program that will work with Flathead NF to do next year.
- September 18, 2019 3:30 – 5 p.m. at FCD – Hailey will need to reserve for everyone.