

# Wenas Mammoth Foundation's Tri-Annual Newsletter

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### Fairwell to 2023 and Hello to 2024!

### Message from the President

2023 was another busy year for the Foundation. During March and April, we visited several STEAM and Science night activities at local schools, we hosted tours of students to the site, and we also attended local community events such as the ArborFest and the Yakima Rock and Mineral Show. We enjoy the exuberance of the students and public as they experience the displays.

During May, we held two STEM teacher camps. One for Paleontology and Archaeology and one for Geology. Both were well attended.

In June, we held our Summer Youth Camps. We had one for Paleontology and Archaeology and one for Geology. Again, both were well attended and well received.

In September, we participated at the Central Washington State Fair with ESD105 STEM Program. We closed the year with a Christmas tree at the Yakima Valley Museum Holiday Lights Extravaganza.

We are looking forward to another busy year. We are already booking events and are getting inquiries about summer camps. We are also looking for volunteers!

Hope to see you all at some of our events this year. Have a wonderful 2024!

Doug Mayo – WMF President

## 2023 Central WA State Fair

The 2023 STEM Building at the Central Washington State Fair is now in the rearview mirror! ESD105's STEM Team want to thank each of the partnering agencies that made this year's STEM Building a tremendous success! The STEM Building was awarded a Commissioner's Award for the second year in a row by the Washington State Fair Commission. This year we had over 650 volunteers during the ten days of the fair! The WMF is proud to be a partnering agency in this event.













# 2023 Day-at-the Dig

The WMF's Annul Day-at-the-Dig was held on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. It was a lot of fun for our volunteers and participants. Thank you, Garrett from the Yakima Arboretum, and to Professor Pat Lubinski from CWU for your participation in our event. We had approximately 200 people attend the event.

The WMF Board is moving the date of this event to May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We are hoping this will be a better time for the public to visit the site, as well as our volunteers.

















Hope to see you in 2024!

## **SCHEDULED EVENTS**

We are looking forward to 2024 and it is already looking like a very busy year. Below is the schedule of the events that are scheduled for so far. Remember, if you want to request us to come to your event, or for a visit to our site, you need to complete the request form, that is on our website at WenasMammoth.org

Dates	2024 Public Events
Feb. 22	Gilbert Elementary / STEM Night (6-8 pm)
April 6	Moses Lake Museum and Art Center (12-2 pm)
April 13	Yakima Arboretum ArborFest (10 am – 3 pm)
April 20	Prosser Science Expo (10 am – 1 pm)
April 26-28	Yakima Gem and Rock Show (Opens at 10 am)
May 4-5	WMF STEM Teacher Paleo Camp (8 am – 4 pm)
May 11 - 12	WMF STEM Teacher Geo Camp (8 am – 4 pm)
May 18th	Annual WMF Day-at-the-Dig (9 am – 3 pm)
June 25-27	WMF STEM Youth Camps (9 am – 3 pm)
Sept. 20 - 29	Central WA State Fair – STEM Building







Thank you, Fresh Hop Group, Legends Casino Hotel, Pingrey Ford, and the Robert & Florence Clark Charitable Fund for your financial support, bringing local earth science to our youths, schools, teachers, and communities.



Did you know that the Wenas Mammoth Foundation is registered with the WA State Community Fund Drive, which is administered by the WA State Secretary of State? You can make a difference in bringing local earth science to our youth throughout the state. If you are a WA State employee, you can easily donate to the WMF every month. Go to htts://give.WA.GOV/MyCFD. Under Charities, search for the Wenas Mammoth Foundation. Just follow the steps. Your donation is really appreciated and makes a difference. Thank You!

Please consider the WMF. Your generous contribution gives youth the opportunity to learn about local Earth Science in a unique hands-on learning environment. You do make a difference!

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