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2019 Outlook

2019 has started and we are focusing on a few new projects. Some of these are things we can't put aside and wait for funding, while others will greatly depend on the responses we get from the grant applications we have already submitted.

We are working on getting electrical power to the site. We are working with Pacific Power and Perry Tech Electrical Program. Having electrical power will allow us to have climate control in the classroom, as well as ample power to run lights, computers, projectors, and other technical equipment as needed. Since the majority of our programs are in the summer, it would be nice to have a place where participants and volunteers can get a break from the high temperatures.

We are also planning on finishing up the temporary repository as soon as this weather finally turns to spring. We will be looking for a couple large bookcases and something with several drawers to store small specimens.

The Bison Silhouette is scheduled to be erected in April. Perry Tech Welding Program has been working on that project. They are also working on the "Yarn Mammoth", which will be a 4' metal mammoth 3D skeleton that will be wrapped in a wire mesh. Kids will have pieces of yarn to place on the mesh until the metal mammoth skeleton is transformed into a woolly mammoth.

We are also hoping that the La Salle art students will return and do the 3rd mural.

We are also getting ready for our 2019 Paleontology and Archaeology Summer Day Camps. We are excited to offer a 3-day Youth Camp, a 2-day Family/Adult Camp, and a 2 day Teacher Camp where teachers can earn STEM clock hours.

On top of all this, we will be taking the Mobile Educational Exhibit to schools and community events, and scheduling private tours at the dig site.

If you are interested in any of these projects, we are always looking for volunteers, and/or funding. You can make a difference and bring local earth science to our youth, schools and communities.



Thank You

for supporting our educational program in 2019!

This year we are offering a scholarship program for local low income youth to attend the Paleontology and Archaeology Summer Youth Day Camp. We would like to thank the following for their support and giving a 3rd-8th grade student, with a passion for science, to attend. Your support is greatly appreciated!

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GETTING READY FOR THE 2019 CAMP SEASON!

The Paleontology and Archaeology Camps are only a couple of months away, with the Family/Adult camp scheduled for May 4th and 5th. Once the snow is gone, we will begin getting prepared for the season. We have added new curriculum to the lessons to include the geology of the area, and lessons on paleontologists, archaeologist, and geologists careers. We hope to have local paleontologists, archaeologists, and geologists visit the site and talk to the campers about their career fields.

We are also adding additional archaeological tools and equipment for the campers to use, upgrading the large dig area, and an additional shade area as well.

We are looking for volunteers to help with the preparation of the facilities, and to help during the camps. If you would like to work with some great kids and adults, and open the door to the world of local earth science, contact us today. You can make a difference!







The Wenas Mammoth Foundation are honored to be a member of the Selah Chamber of Commerce.



We believe in transparency! If you want to know where are funding comes from, and how it is spent, that information is on GuideStar.com

Mark Your Calendars!

2019 Paleontology and Archaeology Summer Camps

The WMF will be offering 3 camps in 2019.

FAMILY CAMP is on **May 4th and 5th**, for adults, and families with high school level children.

TEACHER CAMP is on **June 1^{st} - 2^{nd}**, for STEM teachers who would like to see how the WMF's Educational Program can enhance their program. Teachers can earn 12 STEM clock hours.

YOUTH CAMP is on June $18^{th} - 20^{th}$, open to $3^{rd} - 9^{th}$ graders. All campers will learn the methods of Paleontology and Archaeology at the Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site.

All these camps are day camps and will be held at the Wenas Mammoth Dig Site at 1770 S. Wenas Road. **Space is limited to 16 per camp**, and the 2019 season registrations are open. Contact us today for your registration packet.

Bringing the WMF's Educational Program to Your School

Did you know that many schools use "canned programs" when teaching earth science? One popular example is the earth science series that comes from the Smithsonian Institute. However, except for Mt. Saint Helens, local examples for the lessons usually are from the central and eastern United States, or from Canada. Washington State has a remarkable geological history, and a wealth of examples of earth science that would spark the interest in a young person's mind to be excited about local earth science and desire to learn more.

The WMF often hears from teachers, parents, and schools that they wish the Mobile Educational Exhibit would come to their school, but... they don't have the funding, or the time. However, schools and teachers do have options to find the funding. The WMF has worked to keep the costs down so that it is easier for schools to afford the educational program. Many schools have parent teacher associations that look for educational programs to utilize. Several communities also have school community foundations from which teacher's can request funding to cover the costs of a visiting educational program.

When scheduling the WMF's Educational Program, schools can choose between having the Mobile Educational Exhibit (\$100.00 for first 2 hours plus \$35.00 for each additional hour) and/or classroom presentations for \$35.00 per hour, and/or hands-on activity at \$35.00 hour. The school can individualize their schedule on their needs and finances. We not only visit the classroom, but also school's Science and Family Nights.

Would you like to sponsor the WMF's Mobile Educational Exhibit and Program to visit your local school? Contact us today and we can give you some ideas on how you can make that happen.





2019 Arbor Festival At The Yakima Area Arboretum

Join us for a day of FREE fun and learning at the 20th annual Arbor Festival hosted by the Yakima Area Arboretum!





Dig for bones with a mammoth, meet Smokey the Bear, learn about our trees and forests, and take home a tree and goodies!

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2019 Schedule of Upcoming Events				
DATE	EVENT	LOCATION		
April 13th	2019 Arbor Festival (10 am – 2 pm)	Yakima Arboretum		
April 23-24th	Benton County Salmon Summit (10 am – 1:30 pm)	Columbia Park, Kennewick		
May 4 th & 5 th	Paleontology & Archaeology Family Summer Day Camp	Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site Selah, WA		
May 18th	Selah Community Days (noon to 5 pm)	Carlon Park, Selah		
June 1 st & 2 nd	Paleontology & Archaeology Teacher Summer Day Camp	Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site Selah, WA		
June 18 th , 19 th & 20 th	Paleontology & Archaeology Youth Summer Day Camp	Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site Selah, WA		
Sept. 20 th – 29th	Central WA State Fair	Yakima Fairgrounds STEM Building		
Oct. 5th	WMF's Day-at-the-Dig	Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site Selah, WA		



What Would You Like To Schedule?

You have options!

- Schedule the WMF's Mobile Educational Exhibit and Educational Program for a grade level at your school, or at an school event.
- ✓ Schedule the WMF's Mobile Educational Exhibit and Educational Program at a community event.
- Schedule a group tour at the Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site. You can choose between a basic tour to a tour with presentations and hands-on activities.
- ✓ Sign-up for one of the Paleontology & Archaeology Summer Day Camps.

Contact Us Today!

Did you know that the National Science Foundation research indicates that there is a need to improve science, mathematics and critical thinking skills in K-12 students, to better prepare them for secondary education and life.

Did you know that only 46.7% of 8th grade students in the ESD105 region demonstrated proficiency on the 2016 WA State Science Exam?

Did You Know that we do <u>not</u> receive funding from any State, Federal, local governmental organization, or CWU University. We are funded through grants, WMF educational fees, and donations from businesses and individuals. Your donations can help bring local science and history to our schools and communities! We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

Help us inspire students to be excited about science and desire to learn more.



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THANK YOU so much for your donation! You will make a big difference in a child's local earth science education opportunities.

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