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Union Gap Kindergartners Visit Site



The Union Gap School District's 71 kindergarten students visited the Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site in October. For two weeks prior to the visit, the kindergarten teachers utilized lessons that were developed by the WMF to prepare students for the visit. The teachers were introduced to the curriculum when they had attended the 2019 Teacher STEM Archaeology, Paleontology, and Geology Summer Camp at the dig site. Students were split into

small groups and worked their way through 8 hands-on learning stations. These stations included: brush boxes, dig boxes, yarn mammoth, leaf imprinting, clay fossil excavating, penny press, mobile exhibit, and coloring mammoths. They also got a photo taken by the life-size mammoth silhouette. After the activities they had lunch, loaded back onto the bus and headed back to Union Gap. It was a very fun and exciting day!



HOLIDAY LIGHTS EXTRAVAGANZA at the Yakima Valley Museum

- ✓ Tuesday December 3rd – Saturday December 14th
- ✓ 10:00 AM until 6:30 PM
- ✓ Normal Admission: \$12.00 Adults, \$10.00 Seniors and \$5.00 Children.
- ✓ Each adult or senior will get back 5 x \$1.00 tickets to give to your favorite Charities or the trees you like most. Charities will redeem these tickets for cash!

Come and see the
Wenas Mammoth Foundation's Christmas Tree!

What a Productive Year at the Dig Site!

At the end of every year, the WMF Executive Board sets goals for the next year. The two major goals for 2019 were to find the funding to get electrical power into the dig site, install electrical power into the classroom, and complete the repository. The electrical power was critical to improve learning opportunities at the dig site by being able to provide climate control in the classroom, as well as having a way to utilize technology. The repository was necessary to protect and store the fragile 17,500-year-old Columbian Mammoth and Bison Antiquus bones that were excavated from the dig site between 2005 – 2010. We are so grateful to our sponsors; the Yakima Fresh Hop Group, Yakama Casino and Hotel, and Pacific Power Foundation for their support and helping us achieve these important 2019 goals. *(continued page 3)*



What a Productive Year at the Dig Site! (Continued from page 2)

2019 saw also of activity at the Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site as well. This was the second year that we have offered the opportunity to schedule tours. WMF had small family groups, large club organizations, and school groups visit the site.

The site was also busy during the 2nd year that it offered the 2019 Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Youth Summer Day Camp. This year WMF broke the youth into two groups, the new campers and the return campers.

This year WMF expanded the camp by adding the 2019 Teacher STEM Archaeology, Paleontology, and Geology Summer Day Camp where teachers would learn how to take dig site methods and activities into their classroom. The teachers also earned 12 STEM clock hours upon completion.

The annual 2019 Day-at-the-Dig Event was also a busy time at the dig site. What a great opportunity for our community to learn about local earth science and the Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site. There were around 300 visitors in a 6-hour period.

This year the WMF got the life-size Bison Antiquus Silhouette fabricated and erected by the Perry Technical Welding Program and their instructor Leonard Thompson. What a great addition!

The WMF's Educational Program at the site is growing! If you would like additional information, contact us today!



Thank You

for supporting our educational program in 2019!

2019 Grants & Donations

Yakima Fresh Hop Group
Pacific Power Foundation
Yakama Legends Casino Hotel
The Plaid Door
Apple Valley Kiwanis
Yakima County School Retirees
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Selah Family Dentistry
Maple Way Vet Clinic
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Mayo Family
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Thank You everyone
who has given us cash
donations throughout
the year!



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




Giving our youth the opportunity to develop a curiosity about local Earth Science and a desire to learn more!





Registrations are open for 2020 Camp Season!

Registrations are now open for the 2020 Youth Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Day Camp, as well as the 2020 STEM Teacher Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Day Camp. Spots fill up quickly, so contact us for information or the registration packet today!

We are also working on Boy and Girl Scout Camps where they can work toward earning their Archaeology and Geology Merit Badges. Contact us today for more information.



Wenas Mammoth Foundation's Educational Program



WMF'S 2020 PALEONTOLOGY & ARCHAEOLOGY SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Campers will be introduced to the methods of paleontology, archaeology and local geology at the Wenas Mammoth dig site!

- Dig Site Hands-on Lessons & Activities
- Curriculum & Activities adjusted for age group
- Space is limited, register today!

DATES & GROUP ASSIGNMENTS

May 2nd & 3rd, 2020 (2 days)
TEACHER STEM CAMP (Fee \$60.00)
12 STEM clock hrs. available through ESD105 – additional fee

June 23rd-25th, 2020 (3 days)
YOUTH CAMP (Fee \$90.00)
Group A – New Campers
Group B - Return Campers
3rd – 12TH graders

*Use Grade level from 2018-19 school year

Would you like to sponsor this event, or a camper, or be a volunteer?
Contact us today!

Contact us today for the enrollment packet.

509-945-4921 | WenasMammothFoundation@gmail.com | WenasMammoth.com | Facebook.com/WenasMammoth
2741 South Wenas Road, Selah, WA 98942

YAKIMA VALLEY MUSEUM

Holiday Lights Extravaganza!

December 3 — 14 | 10:00 A.M. — 7:00 P.M.

Come and support your local charities and enjoy the spirit of the Holiday Season! Over 30 beautifully lit trees and other symbols each decorated by a local Charity.

\$12 adults | \$10 senior | \$5 children

Each adult or senior will get back 5 x \$1 tickets to give to your favorite Charities or the trees you like most. Charities will redeem these tickets for cash.



Meet Santa and have your picture taken in a real sleigh.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 | 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 | 5:30 - 7:00 P.M.



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

You Can Make A Difference!

The Wenas Mammoth Foundation is a volunteer based 501 (c)3 non-profit Charity organization. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities for all ages. Volunteer hours vary depending on your availability and commitment. Here are examples that you may be interested in:

- Curriculum Development** for schools and dig site programs focusing on Local Earth Science, following the Next Generation Science Standards, STEM, and CTE guidelines
- School Programs and Events:** staff classroom presentations, hands-on activities and the mobile educational exhibit
- Community Programs and Events:** Present educational presentations, assist with hands-on activities and the mobile educational exhibit
- Dig Site Programs and Events:** staff tours, presentations, hands-on activities, and the mobile educational exhibit, assist with youth and adults during educational events including the Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Summer Camps and the annual Day-At-The-Dig events.
- Field Work** at dig site
- Lab Work** at dig site
- Finances and Budgeting**
- Fundraising**
- Grant Writing**
- Website, Facebook and other social media**
- Public Relations**
- Volunteer Coordinator**

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, contact us today and we will send you our Volunteer Application. WMF also has Executive Board and Advisory Board opportunities.



As we go into the "Giving Season", 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!

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



Would you be interested in "Planned Giving" opportunities? Contact us today!

YES! I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE WENAS MAMMOTH FOUNDATION'S EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND BRINGING LOCAL EARTH SCIENCE TO OUR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES

ENCLOSED IS MY GIFT OF:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1000 Other \$ _____

This gift may be tax deductible

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Mail to 2741 S. Wenas Road, Selah, WA 98942

PayPal or credit card: Please donate securely at
<http://www.wenasmammoth.com/donations.html> or
<https://www.facebook.com/WenasMammoth>



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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.