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We Are Back!



2021 STEM Youth Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Camp

The WMF was so excited to offer our first youth camp since 2019, due to the Covid pandemic. We had to follow CDC Guidelines, and limit our enrollment numbers to 50%, but campers, parents, and volunteers were very acceptable of these requirements. There were two groups of campers, the newcomers and the returnees. The newcomers learned the methods of paleontology, archaeology, and geology and practiced these skills in the mock dig box. The returnees reviewed the methods and continued fieldwork on an excavation unit. Campers also learned about the geology of the area and how ancient volcanic lahars formed the mountain on which the mammoth was discovered. It is so rewarding to see how excited these kids get when they discover something.



2021 STEM Teacher Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Camp



Teachers from East Valley School District earned their required 15 STEM clock hours learning about the Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site, methods of paleontology, archaeology, local geology, STEM earth science careers, and how to take these topics and resources back to their in-person or virtual classrooms.



Teachers were very excited about the knowledge they gained as one commented that "I got more out of this class than any other clock hour class I have taken." Teachers also discussed bringing their students for field trips to the dig site next school year, having the WMF visit their school, and possibly starting an Archaeology Geology club at their school. We also have interest from additional teachers from East Valley to attend the next camp this fall.



Thank you, East Valley High School teachers and district for attending this camp and supporting our educational program. We are looking forward to working with you and your students in the future.

If you are a teacher looking for a class to take and earn your 15 STEM clock hours, please consider the WMF's STEM Teacher Paleontology, Archaeology, and Geology Camp. We hope to offer the in-person camp this fall, as well as the virtual camp. If you are interested, contact us for more information.

Working Behind the Scene

New Classroom



The WMF's Executive Board has been continuously working on developing the dig site to meet the mission of the foundation, and educational needs of our community. Until a structure can be constructed on the site that would house a museum, classroom, lab, repository, and restroom, the board continues to search for other ways of providing a learning facility that will meet today's growing needs. As the class sizes grow, the cargo box, which is also utilized as a classroom and display area, is very limited on space. We also need to take into consideration weather extremes, as it may be cold, windy, wet, or extremely hot. As we know, this could happen in the same day! The board decided to purchase a 16' x 24' wall tent to not only help with these concerns, but also add a little ambiance to the experience. After researching our options, and considering product reviews, we contacted White Duck Outdoors. They were very helpful and gave us a discount on the price. We are excited to utilize this wall tent for camps and other scheduled educational events at the dig site.

New Signage



The WMF has updated the plaques on each side of the Wenas Mammoth Mountain sign, which is located on the foot of the driveway going up the dig site. Before the left side was either an open or closed sign. Now it reads "Wenas Mammoth Foundation" with logo, and "Local Earth Science Education". On the right the old sign had the outdated web address, and the Facebook logo. Today's sign reads: "Open by appointment only", "Camps", "Tours", "Events", and "Community Outreach", "Schedule Today!" We hope this brings more clarity to the Wenas Mammoth Foundation, what we offer, and when we are open.



The Wenas Mammoth Foundation is pleased to share the great news that the Department of Commerce has allocated \$4.8 million in additional funding to support investments in youth development across Washington State. The Wenas Mammoth Foundation has been awarded a second Relief Fund Grant of \$10,000.

SOWA (Schools Out Washington) and the Department of Commerce had several objectives in making second-time awards available to eligible youth development organizations:

- ✓ Focus on high-scoring awardees.
- ✓ Only organizations with reviewer scores of 3.8 and above were eligible for spring Relief Fund awards.
- ✓ Prioritize additional Relief Fund investments outside of King County, due to statewide disparity in funding access.
- ✓ All second-time awardees serve regions outside of King County.
- ✓ Decisions on award amounts were based on geographic distribution funding targets.
- ✓ Regional funding targets were established for all Relief Fund awards, including fall 2020 and spring 2021.
- ✓ The funding targets are anchored by two key data points specific to each region: youth 18 and younger living in poverty; and BIPOC youth, 18 and younger.

The Wenas Mammoth Foundation is extremely grateful for this financial support to bring local STEM and earth science education to our local 18 and younger BIPOC youth and youth that are living in poverty.

Discover Nature Past & Present!



WENAS MAMMOTH **DAY** **AT THE DIG** OPEN "HOUSE"

OCTOBER IS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH:

Learn about STEM educational opportunities that teach about local archaeology, paleontology & geology.

– With activities for children and adults –

- ▶ Presentations by the Wenas Mammoth Foundation and others
- ▶ Educational displays and hands-on activities
- ▶ Yarn Mammoth and Penny Press activities

OCTOBER 9, 2021

Saturday 9am–3pm

1760 S WENAS ROAD • SELAH, WA

ADMISSION:

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5/FAMILY

DIRECTIONS:

Go to WenasMammoth.org



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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 <https://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!

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

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