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2019 Dig Site Tour Season



2019 is the second year the Wenas Mammoth Dig Site has been open for scheduled tours, and the site has been busy. Those who are interested in a tour are required to contact the WMF for the scheduling form. The form will give you the options of activities you would like to include in your tour, such as a basic tour (history of the site), a presentation (choice of topics to choose from), hands-on activities (dig box, brush box, making fossil models, yarn

mammoth, penny press and more), and if you wish to include the Mobile Educational Exhibit. The fees are for any size of group, whether you have 3 or 50. The form will also reserve the date and time for the tour.

The dig site tours will be available spring through fall but will be closed for the winter months.

Contact us today to reserve your date.





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



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
Yakima Horseless Carriage Club
Thompson Family
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Electrical Power at the Dig Site!

The WMF is very excited to finally have electrical power at the dig site. This was a major project to complete in 2019. Thank you to Yakama Legends Casino Hotel, the Yakima Fresh Hop Group, Perry Tech Electrical Program and Pacific Power for making this a reality. Now we will be able to provide climate control in the classroom/display area, lights, security, ability to use technology in the classroom, refrigeration for camp lunches, coffee for our volunteers and more. It is also a needed step towards our goal of erecting a building in the future that will house our museum, classroom, lab, restrooms and repository.



Repository

Another major project for 2019 was constructing a temporary repository for the 17,500-year-old Columbian Mammoth and Bison Antiquus bones that are coming home to Selah. In 2018, the WMF purchased an 8' x 20' new cargo container, thanks to a donation from Bronwyn and Doug Mayo, and a reduced price from Simple Box. In 2019, utilizing a grant from the Fresh Hop Group, the WMF was able to purchase the materials needed to insulate the cargo box and install shelving. The fragile bones and cast molds of the bones need to be stored in a safe and secure environment, and yet be accessible for education and research. This repository will be utilized until a building can be erected at the dig site.



In the meantime, a CWU Museum student is constructing special boxes for the bones that will be used for storage and protect the bones when they are being transported for educational events. We are excited to have this project moving forward and getting the bones back from CWU.



However, the work isn't completed. We still need to install a unit to provide climate control and add more shelving as needed. We will also need to catalog what we have and include the supporting scientific documents. Having the repository is also an important requirement when the opportunity arises to reopen the actual dig. Because the site is a registered Archaeology Site, there are requirements that must be followed. The repository is one of those requirements.

Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers for helping with this project and bringing local earth science to our youth and communities!



Fall is Full of Fun

WMF's schedule doesn't slow down in the fall. We are getting ready for the Central Washington State Fair on September 20th – 29th. Again, we will be with the STEM program. However, the STEM activities have moved from the Washington building to Pioneer Hall (the building with the pillars). We will have the Mobile Educational Exhibit parked outside and the activities inside. We will have the normal hands-on activities, but will also be bringing the new Yarn Mammoth, as well as the Penny Press. Like past years, we are seeking volunteers to help. If you are interested or know of any students who need to accumulate some community service hours, please contact us. If you volunteer for 4 hours, we will give you a pass into the fair, and may have parking passes available. Volunteers will be helping with the hands-on activities.

October 5th is the annual WMF's Day-at-the-Dig. This event is a family event, and is FREE, but donations are appreciated. There will be displays, presentations and hands-on activities. CWU's Professor Pat Lubinski will be there, as well as the Yakima Arboretum, and the McBones Research Center Foundation. Come and learn about our exciting local earth science, paleontology, archaeology, geology, zoology, and more.

The local schools are also beginning to schedule tours at the dig site this fall. We are excited to have more events at the dig site as our program continues to grow.



2019 Schedule of Upcoming Public Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Sept. 20 th – 29 th	Central WA State Fair	Yakima Fairgrounds STEM Building (New location – Pioneer Hall)
Oct. 5 th	WMF's Day-at-the-Dig	Wenas Creek Mammoth Dig Site 1760 S. Wenas Road, Selah, WA

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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, CWU, and the Yakima Area Arboretum
- ▶ Educational displays and hands-on activities
- ▶ Yarn Mammoth and Penny Press activities

OCTOBER 5, 2019

Saturday 9am–3pm

1760 S WENAS ROAD
SELAH, WA

ADMISSION:

SUGGESTED DONATION \$5/FAMILY

DIRECTIONS:

Go to WenasMammoth.com
and click the **Projects** tab.

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 not 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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