

Friends For Learning Newsletter

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Welcome

new members, to Friends for Learning. I hope you enjoy every minute you spend with us. This organization can keep you as busy as you like; there is something for everyone. And *welcome back* to all you regulars! You all have this whole thing figured out now so when you see someone looking confused or lost, try to help. You might make a brand new friend and that's what we're all about, isn't it?

We have already enjoyed some wonderful classes this semester and there is so much more to come! Check your calendar every day to make sure you don't miss the opportunity to learn and make new friends. We'll be looking for you.



The final count is in!! FFL now boasts 421 members as compared to last semester's 330. This is the most growth we have had in one semester and the Board should be proud of the work it did to get this number registered. I am looking forward to a great season — especially all the *new* faces.

From the Pen of our President

Reminder

Limited Classes

If you signed up for a Limited Class but cannot attend, you need to contact the Facilitator to let him/her know. These classes usually have a lengthy waiting list and by contacting the Facilitator you give those on the waiting list an opportunity to participate in the class. Since we do have waiting lists, if you do not contact the Facilitator that you are cancelling and do not show the day of the class, your name will be classified as a NO SHOW. Those who are classified as NO SHOW will be restricted from Limited Classes for the following semester. You DO NOT want this to happen to YOU. If you are attending a limited multiple session class, let the Facilitator know if you cannot attend a particular session. THANKS SO VERY MUCH.

MORE REMINDERS

Sign on classroom doors

Do you occasionally arrive on campus and realize you don't know where the class is being held? Or have you popped into a room only to realize you are not in an FFL class? Thanks to the help of facilitators, signs are being placed on the doors of classrooms so you will always know you are in the right place. We hope this will help eliminate some of the confusion.

Class in session

Sometimes you arrive for an FFL class and notice that there is an ISU class in session. They have priority to the classroom so we ask that you wait quietly in hallway until the ISU class is dismissed. Your FFL facilitator should be there and can let you know if there is a change in classroom locations or any other vital information. Please be patient and then ENJOY your class.

Messaging for Limited Classes

For FFL members who do not have e-mail and have registered for limited classes, you will receive a phone call from the facilitator telling you whether or not you were selected for the class. It will be helpful for you to have an answering machine so a message can be left if you are not at home. The person listed next on the waiting list may be called if the facilitator cannot contact you within a short period of time. If you do not have an answering machine, facilitator will attempt to contact you twice and then go on to the next person if they cannot get in touch with you.

Planning a Class

If you are suggesting a class for an upcoming semester be sure to use the CIS (Course Information Sheet) available on the FFL website www.friendsforlearning.com. Remember the deadline for submitting these forms to the Curriculum Committee (Joan Linde) is May 1st for the fall semester and November 20th for the spring semester.

Comments on Registration

I would like to get any comments you might have on registration (good, bad or ugly). Please feel free to email me at cjolson1@q.com to provide comments. We will try to make improvements or adjustments to our procedures based on your comments.

Off Campus Classroom Locations

If you know of a classroom, gym or other facility around Idaho Falls which can be used for some of those classes which will not fit into an ISU classroom (cards, exercise class, tai chi, crafts) please let me know. We need to know a contact person, size of the room, address, layout of the room, and the costs for rental. We will build a data base of locations to fit future classes. Please send this information to me at cj.olson1@q.com.

Volunteering for FFL

If you do any volunteering for FFL you can register with the RSVP (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program) for reimbursement of your travel expenses. Please contact RSVP at 552-5370, ext. 1028 to get the necessary forms.

Thanks so Very Much,

Clarissa J. Olson,
President

Save your Pop Tabs

I collect pop top tabs (soda, beer, veggies) for the Idaho Falls Kidney Foundation. They provide funds for services to kidney patients in the Idaho Falls area.

Save your Education Box Top Coupons

I collect Education Box Top Coupons which are on several different food products (General Mills, Swanson, etc.) and provide them to a school I sponsor. So if you are not collecting them for your favorite school, please consider collecting them and passing them to me for the supplies the schools provide the children.

WHO'S THIS?

Why, it's our own *Ronda Reynolds* ... Ronda recently returned from El Salvador where she was helping to dig a water well.

She was part of a non-denominational, non-profit organization called *Living Waters*. They go into remote areas and help build water wells for villagers who have no clean water.

The picture to the right shows Ronda working the shovel. The drill area needed to be kept clear of the sludge and mud that would be brought up during the drilling process to keep the drill area from flooding out and collapsing into itself.



Yellowstone Ribbon Lake Hike



Yellowstone Bear Trips

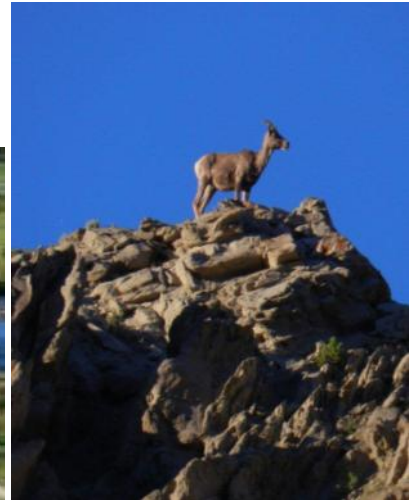


Meet Sidney Hoopes. Her love of Grizzly Bears has kept her watching and researching bears for 25 years or more. She studied with the Grizzly Foundation and is a founding member of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition. For the past few years she volunteered to take a group of FFL'ers to Yellowstone to share her experience and knowledge. Two groups were able to go this past summer. Sidney calls her classes "Summer Camp for Experienced Individuals." If you are interested in grizzly bears, call Sidney at 524-1280.

Bear Group No. 1



Group 1 Watching a Bear



Bear Group No. 2



Scarface, thought to be the oldest Grizzly in the Park



South Dakota Biking Trip



The HWE (Hiking, Walking and Exploring) group explored the Black Hills of South Dakota by bicycle in July.

If you are interested in this type of activity, be sure to watch for Jim Schaffer's List of Events. Call or e-mail him if you don't have one.

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Big Hole Battlefield, Wisdom, Montana

Big Hole National Battlefield preserves a Nez Perce War battlefield located 10 miles west of Wisdom, Montana. It was here on August 9 and 10, 1877 that Chief Joseph led his warriors in the largest battle fought between the Nez Perce and the U.S. government. Carol Mobley led this excursion.



ATV Trip to Mackay Mines

Allen Perkins lead our group to the Mackay Mines for a self-guided tour of mining locations on All Terrain Vehicles. Ore was first discovered in 1879, full production began in 1884 and ore was mined into the 1980s. Gold, silver, copper, lead, and zinc ore all have been removed over the years and mining could be renewed at any time.



FFL Registration, Fall 2013



Banking: Trust & Estate Planning



Hal Peterson and Doug Benson, trust officers at Bank of Idaho, spoke to a very interested audience. Facilitator Allen Perkins is on the right.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan



Facilitator Liz Herman with Carrie Crom who helped us to navigate through the enrollment process for Medicare Prescription Drug Plans.

Fall Colors Drive, September 28, 2013



Eleven cars explored the back country east of Idaho Falls - all part of the Hiking, Walking and Exploring activities.