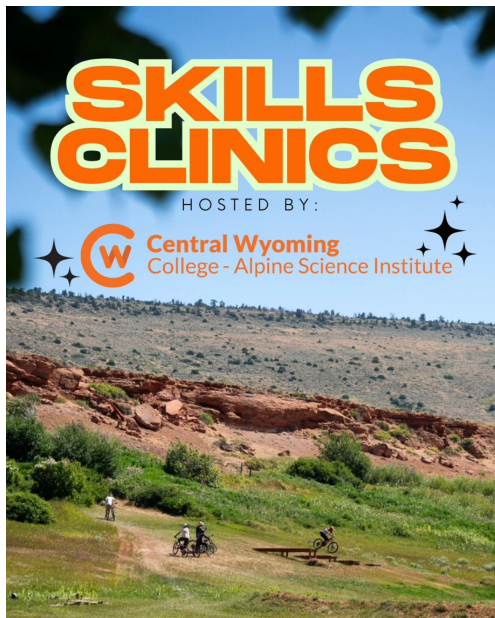


CWC Lander and Alpine Science Institute



Community Education

July and August were jam-packed with more outdoor recreation summer programs and the Alpine Science Institute! These camps are led by Outdoor Education and Leadership adjunct instructor Stacy Wells with the assistance of a cadre of counselors and instructors. We employ high school students as counselors, some of whom participated in these camps when they were younger. Our instructors range from Outdoor Education students to community experts and certified teachers.

- **Little Monkeys Climbing** – Saturday morning climbing class for 4 – 7 year olds. Seven Little Monkeys climbed with an adult who accompanied them to class, so everyone, no matter their age, got to get outside and have fun!
- **Wacky Fish Camp** – A weeklong day camp for preschool through 1st grade students. We ran two sessions, one in July and one in August. This camp sells out the quickest every summer, with 16 students at each

session. Students spend the week exploring the ASI, with a day devoted to a hiking adventure to the Blue Ridge lookout tower. The week wraps up with an overnight family campout.

- **Next Level Mountain Bike Camp** – A camp for 7th – 12th grade mountain bikers. Students spend a half-day at ASI reviewing biking and camping basics before embarking on a three-day, two-night camping and biking adventure in Curt Gowdy State Park the next day.
- **LEAF Bike Camp** – 3 day camp for 2nd – 8th graders, with 4th – 8th graders having the option to stay overnight. We had 30 students who learned riding, trail, and mechanic basics while also participating in arts and crafts, water activities, and hiking. They rode the trails at ASI, as well as in Sinks Canyon.
- **LEAF Art Camp** - 3 day camp for 2nd – 8th graders, with 4th – 8th graders having the option to stay overnight. We had 30 students learning different art techniques and projects in addition to participating in water activities, rock climbing, and hiking.

We also continued our partnership with Fremont County School District #1, offering instruction and classes for both the Lights On in Lander Summer Program and LVHS Freshman Orientation.

- **Lights On Adventure Days** – Students attending the Lights On in Lander summer program spent their Fridays throughout the summer participating in activities such as hiking, biking, rock climbing, and archery with our summer program staff. This was our fifth summer partnering with them to provide these outdoor opportunities for their students.
- **LVHS Freshman Orientation** – This marks our 5th year of partnering with Lander Valley High School to provide outdoor activities during their freshman orientation week. Led by community education and adjunct instructor Stacy Wells with assistance from Outdoor Education and Leadership students, LVHS students hiked and biked at ASI and rock climbed in Sinks Canyon.

We celebrated the end of summer and the beginning of fall (and harvest season) with A Pushroot Valley Harvest: Farm Tours and Farm-to-Table Dinner. The event was made possible through a partnership with **Slow Food Wind River, the CWC**

Regenerative Food Systems, and Culinary Programs. 30

people attended farm tours around the Lander valley in the afternoon, and 100 people gathered at the ASI in the evening for a farm-to-table dinner featuring all local foods, live music, and storytelling courtesy of the Houlihan Narratives. You can check out a great video of the farm tours and the dinner on the Meadowlark Market & Kitchen Facebook and Instagram pages.

Alpine Science Institute

In addition to our summer expeditions and summer camps, the ASI also hosted a variety of events and guests through the summer and fall.

When space allows, we can accommodate individuals or groups over the summer in either the Lodge or the Cabins. This summer, we hosted:



- Graduate students from the **University of New Hampshire** were conducting research on vegetation mapping in the Lander area.
- **Fremont County Weed and Pest** Intern (and CWC alumni!) stayed in the Lodge for the duration of their internship, working with GIST applications.
- For the second summer, we hosted **ABLE (Achievable Beyond Limited Expectations)** for one of their Summer Workshops. Their students spent time at ASI and in the Lander area learning essential life skills, including planning menus, grocery shopping, cooking, budgeting, cleaning, all while practicing teamwork, conflict resolution, effective communication, time management, and many other independent living skills.
- We also hosted a group of students participating in activities with **Trout Unlimited**.

This was an exceptional year for our chokecherry bushes, and we were happy to host events for **Wind River Food Sovereignty, Wyoming Indian Elementary, Middle, and High Schools**, as well as the **Northern Arapaho 477 Program** related to harvesting and the history and cultural significance of chokecherries.

ASI was proud to once again sponsor the **Jurassic Classic Mountain Bike Festival**. The first day of the event took place at the ASI, featuring vendors, food trucks, clinics, and group rides. The second day of the festival featured additional clinics at ASI, which were taught in part by Outdoor Education faculty members Darran and Stacy Wells.

A number of private events also took place at ASI, including 6 weddings, a concert, a memorial service, and a BBQ for Wyoming Congressional staffers, hosted by the **Wyoming County Commissioners Association**.

Lander Center

In addition to hosting various meetings for community organizations and businesses, we also finalized the repurposing of our study/testing room into a new library and student lounge space! With help from Becca Chavez and Sam Keeney, students can now check out both reference and fiction books on-site at CWC Lander. We've also added cozy seating and tables, providing students with a quiet, comfortable space to gather, study, and decompress.



