

CWC Lander and Alpine Science Institute

This fall at CWC Lander/ASI has been one of transitions, as we worked through the process of hiring both a new Education Coordinator and then a Maintenance Supervisor. This meant that we spent the majority of the fall term without a fully staffed outreach center. Despite this challenge, every single member of the Lander/ASI team has stepped up to ensure that our students and community continue to receive the support they need. **Shea Dehnert, Courtney Bishop, Mara Gans, Ethan Page, Jessie Anderson, Darran Wells, Jacki Klancher, Todd Guenther, and HiSET instructor Sara Robinson** went above and beyond by rearranging their schedules to help cover frontline student services and general office needs. They gave campus tours, helped coordinate events, took on additional student advising, assisted with proctored exams and managed laptop checkouts, all on top of their regular responsibilities. Just as importantly, they did all of this with a positive attitude and a strong sense of teamwork, making sure we supported one another, as well as our students.

Their willingness to take on extra responsibilities and work collaboratively during this transition speaks volumes about their dedication to CWC Lander/ASI and our students. Their commitment and support have kept our office running smoothly during this challenging time, and it's clear how much they care about our students, our programs, and each other.

Community Education

Our community education courses transitioned into the school year with a series of climbing classes for students in Fremont County School District #1, made possible with funding from the Lander District Recreation Board. This grant funding allows us to offer classes for students at no cost to the schools.

- **Baldwin Creek Elementary:** Every 5th grader at Baldwin Creek Elementary was given the opportunity to spend a day climbing in Sinks Canyon with CWC Outdoor Education adjunct instructor, Stacy Wells. Instructional support was provided by current CWC Outdoor Education and Leadership students.
- **Lander Middle School Student Council:** CWC Outdoor Education adjunct instructor Stacy Wells, with support from CWC Outdoor Education and Leadership students, led members of the Lander Middle School Student Council through two days of climbing and leadership instruction.

Additionally, we also hosted an introductory mountain bike class for students at **Wyoming Indian Middle School**. They spent the day learning biking fundamentals and safety, before taking off on the trails at the ASI.



Alpine Science Institute

In October, we were excited to coordinate with Rustler Athletics to host the **NJCAA Region IX Cross Country Championship**. A big thank you to Shea Dehnert, Lander/ASI Maintenance Supervisor and Courtney Bishop Lander/ASI Facilities Attendant for helping get the grounds and trails ready for the event!



Lander Center

The **Regenerative Foods Systems Program** saw the completion of their four-season greenhouse, located at CWC Lander, next to the current hydroponic freight farm. This facility uses a Ground to Air Heat Transfer (GAHT®) system, sometimes referred to as a ‘climate battery’, which allows the greenhouse to provide its own heating and cooling using the energy of the sun and the soil underground. By utilizing this system, one is effectively able to create a geothermal greenhouse designed for renewable climate control and year-round growing, with a much lower environmental impact of a traditional HVAC system.

CWC Lander and ASI are very excited to welcome **Adam Klaffky** as the new Education Coordinator! Before coming to CWC, Adam was an instructor for the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS) for 13 years, specializing in backpacking, sea kayaking, and backcountry skiing. He's very excited to become a part of the CWC community, as he's heard so many wonderful things about the people who work here and how student-oriented the school is.

