

# SMILE Teacher Newsletter

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## Stay Tuned

A special edition  
**"Challenge Newsletter"**  
will be emailed on  
Thursday, January 12

## Upcoming Events

- Winter Teacher Workshop:  
January 27 and 28, at OSU.



*Last year's Winter Teacher Workshop was virtual. We had a blast but look forward to being in person again!*

[Check out our website:](https://smile.oregonstate.edu)  
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## Winter Teacher Workshop January 27 - 28, at OSU

**Thank you to all who registered for the 2023 Winter Teacher Workshop!** We are gearing up for an exciting, educational, collaborative event and can't wait to see everyone!

The workshop will take place at the Alumni Center and the LaSells Stewart Center at Oregon State University. Sign-in will be from 7:30 am to 8:15 am, on Friday, January 27, in Room 115, at the Alumni Center. Activities will continue through dinner until around 8 pm. Activities on Saturday, January 28, will begin at 8 am and conclude at noon to allow time to travel home.

Be ready to have fun! If this is your first workshop, you can expect to socialize with fellow SMILE teachers from around the state, enjoy high quality STEM professional development, meet OSU research faculty, and you'll be heading home with a set of brand new activity materials to pilot in your clubs and classroom!

*Workshop Questions?* Contact Becca at [rebecca.harver@oregonstate.edu](mailto:rebecca.harver@oregonstate.edu)

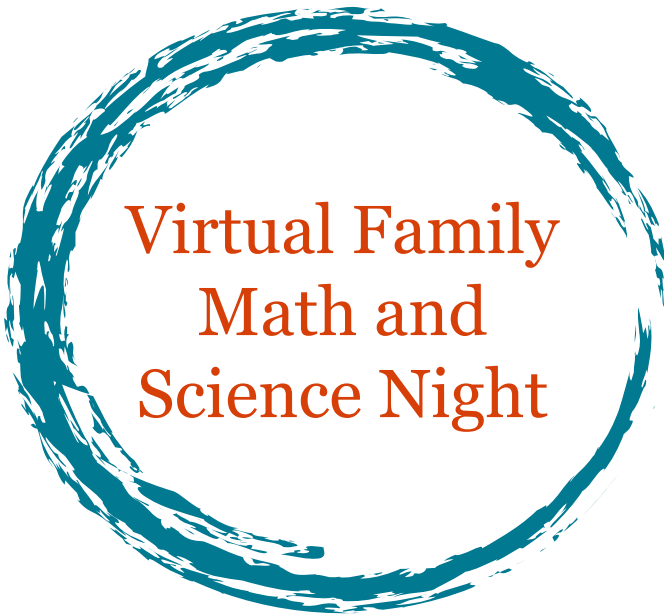
*Happy New Year*

*Welcome to 2023!*

We hope you have an amazing year. We're so grateful you're part of the SMILE program and can't wait to see you at workshops and you *plus* your students at Challenge events.

Thank you for all you do!

# VFMSN and Photo Request



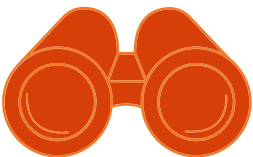
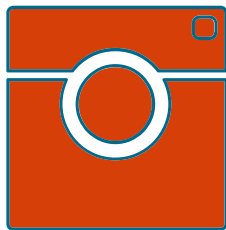
Elementary students who complete a Bingo card by *January 9*, will receive a prize!

*Note:* This activity can be completed as an individual or as a team.

*Click Below and scroll down for the Bingo Card and Submission Form.*



[Click Here for the VMSN Webpage](#)



## Have Camera Trap Photos?

We'd love to see them!  
Other clubs are interested in them, and we'd like to share some during the Winter Teacher Workshop.



[Click Here to Upload Your Wildlife Photos](#)

# Teacher and Student Opportunities

## Grant Opportunity for Teachers

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation invites applications for its Learning and Leadership Grants program. Awards are between \$1,500 and \$5,000 to provide resources for educators. Individuals will also be provided with high quality professional development. Applicants must be current NEA members. *There are several application deadlines: February 1, April 28, or September 15.*



[Click Here for more information and to apply!](#)



\* Our name was initially chosen because we began as an organization seeking to create space for girls and young women to grow in historically male-dominated fields. While we acknowledge our name is imperfect, we want to clarify that Inspiring Girls\* Expeditions welcomes cisgender girls and transgender, agender. Two Spirit, nonbinary, intersex, and genderqueer youth.

## Inspiring Girls\* Expeditions

**WHAT:** A tuition-FREE 12-day wilderness science education program for high school girls.

**WHO:** 16 to 18 year old girls\*  
No experience necessary!

**WHERE:** Mountaineering in Alaska and the Cascades; kayaking in Alaska; rock climbing in Colorado.

**WHEN:** All expeditions run between June and August 2023.

*Applications are due by January 30 at - <https://www.inspiringgirls.org/about-apply>.*



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