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Upcoming Events

- Alternate incentives for teachers who started clubs Nov. or later, will be received by Feb. 20.
- Challenge Events Throughout April. *See page 2 for schedule.*
- Spring Teacher Workshop: May 11 - 13, at HJ Andrews Experimental Research Forest.
- Summer Teacher Workshop: August 7 - 9, at OSU

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2023 Winter Teacher Workshop

Thank you, SMILE teachers, for attending the 2023 Winter Teacher Workshop, January 27 - 28, at OSU! We had a great turnout and everyone came ready to try new activities and engage with each other and OSU faculty and students. It was wonderful to connect as a group and we hope you return to your SMILE clubs and classrooms feeling energized and inspired!

For those who would like to review materials or weren't able to attend, please check out the *2023 Winter Teacher Workshop* folder for all presentations, lesson plans, and more: [Click Here!](#)

Every SMILE club received a box with activity materials and swag. If you weren't at the workshop, your materials will be shipped to your school. Contact [Becca](#) with any questions. We can't wait to see you all again at the *Spring Teacher Workshop, May 11 - 13, at HJ Andrews Experimental Forest!*



From team building to STEM activities galore, we had a blast last week!

Challenge Updates

All Challenge paperwork and resources will be available in this Google Drive folder:
[Click Here.](#)

Reminder - Challenge registration will be available mid-February. All paperwork must be completed by **Friday, March 24.**

SMILE teachers, thank you for discussing the Challenge during the admin session at the Winter Teacher Workshop! A main "challenge" surrounding the events this year is transportation. If you have issues with bus access, please contact Becca, and SMILE can assist with finding a solution. For those with bus access, a reminder to book them now (as well as substitutes). SMILE will reimburse your district for the cost.

At the Winter Teacher Workshop, teachers requested a half page description of the Challenge to give to parents and guardians. SMILE staff is currently working on this and will let you know when it's available.

Note for MS and HS Teachers:

On Monday, January 30, SMILE staff met with WOU staff to discuss event logistics and receive a tour. Students will be staying in the Barnum and Landers dorms. You can view pictures of the interior of each of the dorms -

Barnum Dorm: [Click Here](#)

Landers Dorm: [Click Here](#)



Updated Challenge Schedule

- **HS – April 18, at WOU, April 19, at OSU*** - Cave Junction, Four Rivers, Forest Grove, Medford, Nyssa, Ontario, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn
- **MS – April 4, at WOU, April 5, at OSU** - Dayton, Lebanon, Monroe, Siletz, Woodburn
- **MS – April 11, at WOU, April 12, at OSU*** - Cave Junction, Grants Pass, Nyssa, Ontario
- **ES – April 7, at BSU** - Four Rivers and Nyssa
- **ES – April 15, at OSU** - Chiloquin, Dayton, Forest Grove, Siletz, Willamina, Woodburn
- **ES – April 22, at SOU** - Grants Pass and Cave Junction's 5th graders

** Distance clubs have the option of staying a second night in the dorms at WOU. Becca will be in contact to confirm who would like to stay.*

Note: Some SMILE clubs have requested to attend a specific Challenge to give their students the best experience possible. The schedule has been slightly modified as a result. These changes are also reflected on the last page of the student and adult liability waivers in Google Drive.

LaCuKnoS Corner



SMILE Winter Teacher Workshop Follow Up

Thanks for your enthusiastic engagement in the LaCuKnoS sessions at the Winter Teacher Workshop! We really enjoyed sharing our new model lessons and thinking together about the tools and practices that can support an asset-oriented approach to working with our students.



Here are a couple pictures of our sessions and a few reminders and updates:

All lessons and materials from the workshop can be found by either using the QR code or the direct link: [Click Here](#).

Here's what we hope to collect from your clubs from the new model lessons:

Changing Climate in Our Community

- Venn diagram from climate lesson, (pictured right).



Learning with Data

- Plates for how I spend my time, (pictured left).
- Favorite pizza topping data table.



Senses and Sensors

- All teachers received the lesson (pictured right), but only MS and HS teachers received materials for the activity in their boxes. ES teachers received these materials for the Virtual Family Math and Science Night.

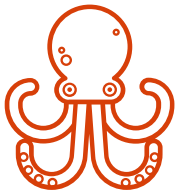
Incentives (for items from at least half of your club):

- \$50 for you and pizza for your club members.
- How to submit: [upload pictures here](#). Or bring to the Challenge.

LaCuKnoS Teacher Logs - *When is your SMILE log a LaCuKnoS log?* As discussed at the workshop, we want to broaden our thinking about when to complete a LaCuKnoS log to include times when you try to apply LaCuKnoS tools and practices to any activity you do in your SMILE club - not just for specific LaCuKnoS activities. For example, if you build a family home learning component, or make your own concept card, or make explicit connections to STEM in the community, etc., please complete a LaCuKnoS log to tell us about it. We will incentivize all LaCuKnoS logs in this way, not just the ones based on our model lessons.

Opportunity for High School Students

DIVE4Ocean Literacy is recruiting HS students for their Youth Creator Team!



Students will learn new leadership skills, help keep coastal communities safe, and create a Virtual Reality App! Oregon State University and Oregon Sea Grant are recruiting 9th - 12th graders of all backgrounds to be members of the DIVE4Ocean Literacy (DIVE4OL) Youth Creator team. No prior knowledge is necessary! Teens will learn about hazards coastal communities face and help develop a Coastal Hazard Preparedness App.

See past project examples here:

<https://dive4ag.oregonstate.edu/virtual-reality-field-experiences>



Teens will meet weekly via Zoom on Mondays, 5 pm to 6:30 pm, from February 6th - April 10th, meeting together on the coast for a filming retreat the weekend of April 14th - 16th, (meals and lodging covered by OSU). Teens can earn up to \$250 for their work with the project.



Applications close Friday, February 3, 2023, and can be found here:

<https://beav.es/5Rj>

Questions are welcome:

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Student Opportunities



Upcoming MISS opportunities for middle and high school students



SPRING BREAK CAMP

MARCH 13-17
SARASOTA, FL



APPLY TODAY!



For middle schoolers coming from historically excluded groups in STEM



FREE CAMP

MINORITIES IN SHARK SCIENCES

The MISS Summer Camp is a marine science program intended to provide an accessible science experience for teens 13-17 from historically excluded groups in STEM: including gender minorities, racial/ethnic minorities, members of the LGBTQ+ community, and people from low income or underserved communities.



Sleep Away Summer Camp

Eckerd College St. Petersburg, FL

June 5th-June 10th 2023

- Swimming is not required
- Transportation provided for participants in the Tampa Bay area
- Travel award available for those outside of the Tampa Bay area

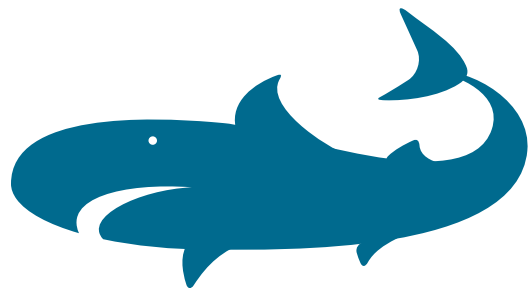
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Do you know a middle or high school student interested in marine biology or a bit of adventure?

Applications just opened for Summer Camp with Minorities in Shark Science, (MISS)!

For More Information, [Click Here.](#)



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