



WYOMING AGRICULTURE IN THE CLASSROOM

WINTER 2018



Wyoming Educators Finalize the Wyoming Stewardship Project

Elementary educators from across Wyoming gathered in Cheyenne for a week in July, to complete a final set of revisions to the Wyoming Stewardship Project. These individuals worked tirelessly to sift through feedback provided by industry members and pilot teachers. The final result? **Twelve revised and polished units ready for state-wide publication.**

In addition to incorporating feedback, educators looked at units through several lenses to ensure the finished units tell a complete story, meet Wyoming Content and Performance Standards, and highlight Higher Order Thinking Skills to engage students. Educators participating in the writing

process left the week excited to share the units with their classrooms and colleagues.

Thank you to all of the educators who have been involved in writing, piloting, and critiquing the Wyoming Stewardship Project. This project would not have been possible without any of you!

The Wyoming Stewardship Project units are now available online as a FREE resource. Thank you to all who made this a reality. I'm so appreciative of the time and resources invested by all involved; truly a team effort.

So grateful,

Jessie Jago
Executive Director



5th Grade students at Mountain View Elementary experience all three grade level units from the Wyoming Stewardship Project.



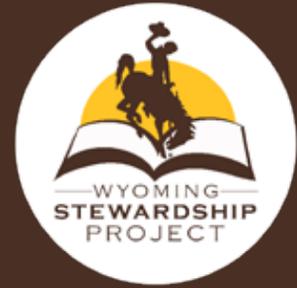
This lesson includes a mine reclamation simulation.

Highlights from the Wyoming Stewardship Project

Check out the units today at:

<https://wyaitc.org/our-work/wyoming-stewardship-project/>

Students at Fort Washakie Elementary learn about stewardship and agriculture.



"Okay friends, today we are going to be 'energy detectives.' We want to learn about natural resources, and more specifically, how each of them is important to Wyoming."

~ Cathy Foster's 4th Grade classroom, Cheyenne WY



"The Wyoming Stewardship Project is so important because it helps spread awareness and the importance of being a passionate and committed steward in the state of Wyoming."

~ Anna Deru, Mountain View Elementary

Now Accepting Submissions

BOOKMARKS



Students in grades 2-5 are invited to submit their artwork illustrating Stewardship of Wyoming's Resources to our annual bookmark contest. We can't wait to see this year's artwork! Templates and instructions are available at: <https://wyaitc.org/our-work/bookmark/>

**Bookmarks are due:
February 1, 2019**

CLASS PROJECTS



Fifth Grade classrooms are invited to explore opportunities using GIS mapping software. By developing a class project using AgTerra software, then telling us about their project in a written report, and a videoed class presentation, students learn skills for future careers. For more information visit: <https://wyaitc.org/our-work/bookmark/class-project/>

**Class projects are due:
March 1, 2019**

EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR



We are recognizing an outstanding elementary educator who goes above and beyond to bring agriculture and natural resource education to their classroom. Apply online at: <https://wyaitc.org/our-work/educator-of-the-year/>

**Applications are due:
March 1, 2019**



Ask an Expert

Robert G. Berger, Partner
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QUESTION:

What are some ways I can give to support the work of Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom?

ANSWER:

Why give to a non-profit? First, because you want to help with the mission of the organization that is meeting goals important to you and making lives better for others. Also, there are typically tax advantages that come as an added bonus.

We have excellent charitable organizations in Wyoming, like Ag in the Classroom. They do make our communities and our state more livable. Let it be your primary objective to help others.

How do you make a charitable gift? Cash donations are certainly the most common, especially near year-end. But consider giving appreciated assets, like stocks, real estate or other investments.

Charitable donations to recognized non-profits allow you to claim tax deductions if you itemize. There are also potential estate tax benefits with deductible contributions.

A gift of appreciated property allows you to make a larger gift (of the entire value of the property) at less cost to you as the net value you would receive on a sale, after capital gains tax, is less than the full sale amount that a tax-exempt charity would receive and use.

A gift from an IRA can provide exceptional tax benefits, if you are taking required minimum distributions, as the untaxed dollars in the IRA can pass to a charitable organization without incurring the tax you would pay when you take the dollars out for yourself.

Remember, while large gifts are always welcome, the majority of support for many organizations, like Ag in the Classroom, comes from smaller donations from many people. Consider being one of the many who make their work possible.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated in 2018! We are thankful for your support!



Jessie Jaffe
Executive Director

Megan Barton: Off to a New Adventure!

Over the past four years I have had the privilege of working and learning new things with Wyoming Agriculture in the Classroom (WAIC) staff, donors, stakeholders, community members, and teachers from across the state. I am beyond blessed to have had this opportunity to serve as WAIC Project Coordinator and will forever be grateful. While I will miss WAIC and all it has to offer, I am gearing up to finish my bachelors degree in Agriculture Education at the University of Wyoming. Before graduating in May I will be student teaching in Cheyenne at East High School under agriculture educator, Joe Allen. I am eager to kick-start my career as an agriculture educator and will ultimately be seeking my own agriculture program to take over next fall. I am excited to encounter future generations of students who have utilized the Wyoming Stewardship Project lessons in their primary education as well as those who have yet to experience our great state and all it has to offer! ~ Megan Barton



Good luck Megan, we wish you the best!



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As 2018 draws to a close, we want to say

Thank You

for your continued support.
We couldn't do any of this without you.

Wishing you a

*Merry Christmas
& Happy New Year*

from all of us at
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