



GROUP TOURS AND LESSONS

The Boise WaterShed Environmental Education Center introduces pre-K – 12th grade students to water and its many roles. Tours and lessons are designed to engage students in hands-on activities, demonstrations, science experiments, and outdoor education at the Boise River. Outreach programs for the cities of Boise, Garden City, and Eagle are also offered in your classroom at no charge. To schedule a FREE lesson or tour, groups of 10 or more people should call (208) 608-7300 at least two weeks in advance. For descriptions of our lessons and tours, visit: www.BoiseEnvironmentalEducation.org



About the Boise WaterShed

The Boise WaterShed Environmental Education Center promotes water stewardship through high-tech, hands-on exhibits using humor to entertain, science to amaze, and visuals that are sure to make a splash! Located at the West Boise Wastewater Treatment Facility, the LEED-certified building also features a library, a theater, and amazing artwork. Inquire about our art podcast tours!

LOCATION

West Boise Wastewater Treatment Plant
11818 W. Joplin Rd. • Boise, ID 83714
(Near the intersection of Cloverdale & Chinden)

HOURS

Monday-Friday 9:30am-4:30pm and
Every 3rd Saturday 10-2pm

FREE Admission (Closed holidays)

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WEB SITE

www.BoiseEnvironmentalEducation.org

WATERSHED WEEKEND PROGRAMS

Go with the flow to the Boise WaterShed every third Saturday of each month for fun and activities the whole family can enjoy! Activities and crafts take place from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., followed by a wastewater treatment plant tour from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Closed-toe shoes required for tour. Note: For the safety of our guests, wastewater tours will be canceled if snow or ice is on the ground. **FREE admission!** No pre-registration required unless indicated.

JANUARY 21 FAMILY SNOW DAY

Everyone loves a snow day! Join us for a flurry of activities from 10:00 to noon at the Boise WaterShed, followed by a trip to Bogus Basin for an afternoon of snowshoeing courtesy of Bogus Basin SnowSchool. The morning will include fun snow-related activities, crafts, and even ice cream! At 10:30, BSU snow scientist Dr. H.P. Marshall will present and demonstrate cutting-edge snow science research. At noon, participants will be driven to the Bogus Basin Nordic Lodge (courtesy of Caldwell Transportation Company), where snowshoes will be provided. Small groups will be led by SnowSchool leaders on family-friendly trails. Beginners welcome! All may participate in the morning activities at the Boise WaterShed, but space is limited on the snowshoe trip. Pre-registration and a \$2 per person donation is required by January 17 to reserve your place in the program. Call 608-7300 or email boisewatershed@cityofboise.org.

FEBRUARY 18 OUR HOME, OUR HISTORY

The history of our watershed is rich with stories of early settlers. Travel back in time with the Idaho Humanities Council for a historic look at our watershed with a costumed character who shares entertaining tales! At 10:30, Janet Worthington will perform a fun-for-all-ages dramatization of life in the late 1800s in Treasure Valley as noted author and illustrator Mary Hallock Foote, wife of mining engineer Arthur Foote, who worked on the Boise River irrigation project. The presentation will be followed by live Idaho folk songs performed by John Thompsen. In the exhibit hall, kids can pan for gold and practice their hand at siphoning water with the Boise Project.

MARCH 17 WORLD WATER DAY CELEBRATION

Celebrate clean water at this festive event to raise awareness of World Water Day. Water is a basic requirement for all life, yet water resources are facing increasing demands from and competition among users. Learn what the Treasure Valley Engineers Without Borders is doing to help improve water access around the world with a presentation at 10:30. Then celebrate water with Failla Drums as they invite kids of all ages to join in their musical performance at 11:30. Inside the exhibit hall, make global crafts and rain sticks and learn about local and worldwide water challenges.



APRIL 21 EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

For Earth Day weekend, combat "Nature Deficit Disorder" with fun outdoor activities! At 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., take a 1-mile birding walk to encounter wildlife near the ponds at the West Boise Wastewater Treatment Plant. From 10 a.m.-1 p.m., practice your fly-casting and fly-tying skills with Trout Unlimited! In the exhibit hall, bring your own spray bottle to make and take a "green" household cleaner, interact with NOAA's flood model, learn about the city's environmental programs, and create nature crafts for kids.

THEY'RE FREE! SCHOOL BREAK PROGRAMS

Drop in to these fun all-ages programs offered on school break days! In addition to the exhibit hall, special activities and crafts will take place from 10:00 a.m. to noon. **FREE admission!** Day care groups, home schools and Mom's clubs welcome! No pre-registration required.

JANUARY 20 SNOW SCIENCE

Explore snow and ice in this fun hands-on program! From 10:00 a.m. to noon, make and take your own 'snow' crystal, perform ice experiments, and simulate an avalanche. At 10:30, BSU hydrology student Dave Eiriksson will discuss snow science and avalanches. Note: No school today for Meridian K-8 Schools.



MARCH 26-30 SPRING BREAK

From 10:00 a.m. to noon, create beautiful spring eco-crafts for all ages. Make paper from recycled materials at our papermaking station. Explore your watershed with a large-scale tabletop model and learn how you can become part of the pollution solution. Participate in hands-on science activities led by BSU scientists at 10:30 each day. Then take a wastewater treatment plant tour at 11:00. Tour limited to 40 people, closed-toe shoes required, no strollers.

APRIL 18 EARTH DAY EVERYDAY

Celebrate Earth Day with earth-friendly crafts and science activities from 10:00 to noon. Create a collage from natural objects, use household recyclables to make works of art, and explore pollution with a tabletop model. At 10:30, join BSU hydrology student Danny Tappa for hands-on activities about Treasure Valley's weather and climate. Note: No school today for Meridian Schools.