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Calendar...

September 19-21, 2014 - Fall Board & 2015 Planning Meeting, Moscow, ID

October 1, 2014 - Next CHAT CHAT Newsletter Submission Deadline

October 5-10, 2014 - Black Hills Recreation Laboratory, Custer, SD (Sister Laboratory)

June 13-19, 2015 - Chatcolab Northwest Leadership Laboratory, Rathdrum, ID

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NEWS...

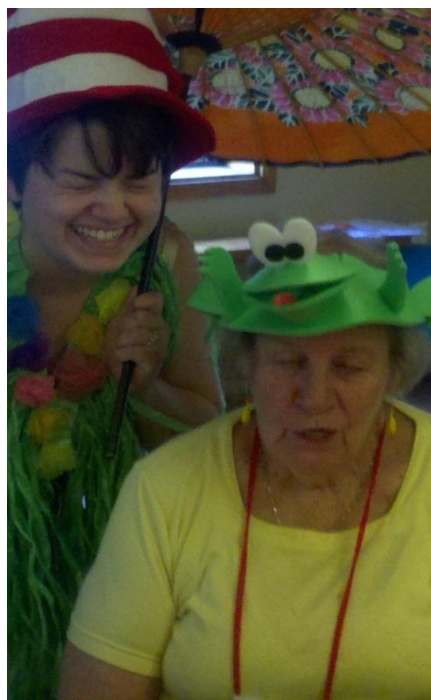
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IDEAS, PHILOSOPHIES, KNOWLEDGE & HUMOR to SHARE!



Cheyenne & Mildred became new labbers and closed their eyes...to find the magic of Chatcolab! The first year experience always leads to new insights for leadership, recreation and surprise. The... can't wait, to 'Oh My God' moments move into ideas, excitement, and friendships that go across the

years! Have a few memories that shine **OUTCOMES** from Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Laboratory experience over the years...this column is your chance to **SHARE:**

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Karen Ward, Montana



Still time to Sign Up for Black Hills!

Have you benefited from attending rec labs? I know I have. Those of us familiar with rec labs know the impact a week of learning and unique comradery one can make in our lives. The feeling of closeness and friendship within the rec lab community is priceless. On a professional level, the skills developed and program ideas gathered during the 27 years I've been fortunate enough to attend labs have been instrumental in my family, work, and volunteer successes. The ripple effect touches many communities.

Experiencing Community Through Recreation is the theme for the 2014 Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory to be held **October 5-10, 2014**. Contact me at kward@mcn.net or visit the website at www.bhrll.org for more details.

Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory is a non-profit educational organization established in 1946 and dedicated to teaching leadership and personal growth through recreation. The Leadership Conference is held annually each fall in a camp type setting and offers hands-on workshops in a variety of areas designed to expand leadership experiences. Lab is for anyone 16 years of age and older including but not limited to: City & Park Recreation Staff, Youth Leaders & Volunteers, Camp Directors and Counselors, Recreation Majors, Personnel Managers, Music & Recreation Therapists, Supervisory Staff, Senior Center Activity Directors, Nursing/Group Home Staff, Educators and Instructors, Extension Staff & 4-H Leaders, Occupational Therapists, and individuals wishing to enrich their lives. The conference is an excellent leadership education opportunity, and can be a unique life experience for many.

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Marianne DuBois Burton, Washington

We are back at home in NW Washington; Erika is headed to college at BYU-Idaho in Rexburg in the fall. I am using FB a bit more than in the past - loved what was posted from Chatcolab - and can look at consciously doing things there. I plan to check out the 4-H program here in Clallam County as well as, the Thomas Jefferson Education home school community [<http://www.tjed.org/>], but most of the people in Sequim are retirees. I won't close my eyes to possibilities though because I know the best of what Chat has to offer.

I am glad to see Kevin back in the groove at Chat, inspiring new thoughts and perspectives. I hope he inspires many of us to revitalize it! Erika went to BHRLI with me last fall, early blizzard and all, and said it was fun, but *OLD*. Yep, it is where many labs have meandered, all cozy in our comfort zones and dwindling in size and number! She and I are both looking forward to being at TwinLow in 2015!

Sarah Tudor, Washington

Chip and I feel such a depth of gratitude to Chatcolab for the exciting and wonderful time we had. Chip has been looking for butterflies...he is so excited about this new adventure. Chatcolab was my second year. Chip was the rookie. Since leaving camp on June 20, Chip has purchased a butterfly net, identification book and successfully identified several (thank you Kevin Laughlin); built a water bottle rocket with our grandson on July 4 (thank you Kevin Ryan); and has finished two watercolors (thank you Alana Hastings.) I have completed my scrapbook (thank you Mary Jean Craig; put my dream catcher together (thank you Crystal Norlin); made decoupage soap with my granddaughters (thank you Bevy Larson); and put the finishing touches on my memoirs (thank you for your inspiration, Val Duffy). Our time at Chatcolab has opened our eyes to new ideas and new skills and we consider it an invaluable experience. The people we met were an added bonus. To us it is a gift that just keeps giving!



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Kryn Matlock, Montana



Chatcolab in a 'NUTSHELL'

Celebrated as a multigenerational inclusive group with no distinction between leaders, campers, pupils and teachers. Inclusion is assumed and cooperation in sharing is a way of life. Operated as a fellowship self-perpetuating through democracy rather than by sponsors agendas. Seeking to enrich the human experience through a network of mutual support. We celebrate diversity, embracing new thought processes, ideas and concepts. We welcome individuals, family's and business people who seek stimulating leadership and recreation opportunities. Creative activities expand our knowledge and skill base. Unity flows as we develop through music, work and play! [Kathryn Matlock, July 2014]



Have you begun writing your Ethical Will? If you missed Valerie Duffy's workshop I would encourage you to consider thinking about contemplating how you might link your love, life, values and experience to the next generation. Valerie gave a delightful explanation of how we might tackle this historical document. She suggested that we allow others our personal account, as a gift we leave behind.

Working on Totems with Kevin Laughlin, Ph. D was at first a stretch and then a delight for me. Once I pulled my thoughts together and got excited about the exercise I could see how the Totems and Ethical wills could, for me dovetail into a single project. I became powerfully engaged reflecting on who I am and how I relate to my place in the world. Ever changing and transforming this is what I have so far...

I am transformative river waters, boiling in hot springs, pushing through geysers
Fluid as passion, solid as steel
I am an Aspen shimmering silver, dancing in the breeze
Reaching for heaven, grounded in earth
Interconnected
A shelter belt of protection, leafless vulnerability
I am a Dogwood bursting in delicate color
I am the nurturing monkey enthralled with my tribe
I am a fierce mother bear
I am workhorse pulling my yoke
I am a slow tentative turtle
I am a gun fighter shooting from the hip
I am a green gullible junkie, wanting words to be true
I am a loyal warm hearted golden retriever
I am a lightning bolt, feeling each zap of static in the air
I am the enchanted playful Dolphin
I am the intuitive body worker
I am a love sick romantic
Thirsty for that single embrace
I am the stones of the earth, stubborn and steadfast
I am a poet playing with words



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Laurie Cozzetto, Colorado



I first started attending Chatcolab several years ago after having attended Black Hills Lab. I was requested to present an outdoor cooking class that I had done at Black Hills and I love doing. Nothing tastes as good as outdoor cooking, as long as it isn't cooked too much. I had never been to that part of the country either and I could bring someone with me. I asked my niece, Karly Bustos if she would like to go. Our trip was planned and come time to go, we hopped on the airplane and were there in no time. What beautiful country! Colorado has beautiful mountains but Idaho has beautiful, living, green forests..and lakes everywhere! Where we live in Colorado is high desert, so our green isn't as compact as northern Idaho's is! The camp was rustic and Karly and I soon felt right at home.

To cut this short enough to fit into this little chat, I think my fondest memory of that first trip was the bond that my niece and I formed. This first trip together with just her and I would not be our last together to Chatcolab, but it would be the beginning of a lifelong bond in the sharing of memories. The common friendships with the wonderful people at Chatcolab will last a lifetime and we would look forward to going together again, which we did. I shared the trip just two years ago with my sister and my other niece and nephew. They now understand what Karly and I would come home and share with our family. The special memories and bonding with new friends and the feeling that you have known and will know these people all of your life!



...On a particularly rough days, when I'm sure I cannot possibly endure, I like to remind myself that my track record for getting through bad days so far is 100%. And that's pretty good!!!!!!

Mildred Tillotson, Idaho

What a great summer I am having! It certainly started with the week at Twin Lakes near Rathdrum, Idaho with a group of new friends. How special you all are! And I can't tell you how many compliments I've received on my chicken earrings!!

As first time labbers, Debbie Bassler and I were especially impressed with the volume of everyone's singing at Chatcolab. A little more time and we would surely have raised the roof! I am telling everyone I know about the Ethical Wills. I hope some follow through...and write thiers! Our children deserve this. It takes time to let all I learned soak in.

I am deep in sewing. I just finished covering a rocking chair and foot stool and putting a new Cover on a bassinet for our grandchild to be born on the 28th of July. I get to go to Sun Valley and help with the baby. When I get back I have 3 brides maid dresses to finish for my grandson' s wedding in September. Oh my, is it over yet?

Anyways, Chatcolabbers, thanks for being you, each of you, I will think of you often and wish you all well. Hope you are as busy as I am. Keeps us young, right?



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CHIPS FROM YOUR CHAIR!

Nel Carver, Idaho

Chatcolab 2014 is now history. We had great fun with our theme, "Bubblin' Over" under the able direction of chairman, John Beasley. I would like to say thank you to all the magnificent workshop presenters that we had on the program. They came from Idaho, Oregon, Montana, Washington, and Michigan to share their time, talent and expertise with us. Everyone no doubt made new friends, reconnected with old friends, and left bubblin' over with new ideas and activities to share.

Looking forward to Chatcolab, Northwest Leadership Laboratory 2015. I know we will have another interesting and worthwhile program. There are some NEW and EXCITING prospects and changes in the works! So let's get out there and invite new participants to join us. Every year someone asks what they can do to promote Chatcolab. My answer to that question is to ask your friends; visit with the youth group leaders in your area (4-H, Scouts, Campfire, City Recreation Depts., Boy's and Girl's Clubs, etc.); talk to different organizations (church groups, service organizations, school teachers, etc.); post flyers or brochures on public bulletin boards; share your newsletter; and point individuals to the website.

Discuss the fact that we are a non-profit, with the purpose of providing leadership training through recreation.

I would also like to remind you that the Chatcolab Board of Directors will be meeting at Carver's, 1668 Appaloosa Rd. Moscow, Idaho, September 19-21, 2014. All are welcome. If you can't attend and have an idea of someone who would be a great presenter, please have them fill out a **Request for Proposal [RFP]** and/or let us know before August 30, 2015 as the program will be finalized at this meeting. See you all at Chatcolab, Northwest Leadership Laboratory June 13-19, 2015!!!!

Nel Chatcolab 2015 Chairperson

2014 Annual Meeting Summary

Jean Baringer, Montana

The annual meeting was held June 18, 2014 at Twinlow Camp & Retreat Center. Board and resource people were introduced. Minutes, & Treasurer's Report were approved; a new board was elected.

Highlights:

- **OLD BUSINESS** - Committee to archive all the Lab notebooks reported visiting with faculty and staff at University of Idaho concerning digitalizing and research possibilities. They will draft a grant framework this year and continue to work with key supporters.
- **NEW BUSINESS** -
 - Registrar will put patron members contact information on the membership list.
 - **Goal Set: We must recruit 45 + labbers to the 2015 lab by all members!**
 - Marketing Committee was formed with members from each partner state identified.
 - Evaluation developed and compiled by Kryn; will be used to plan the 2015 Lab September 19-21, in Moscow.

Complete minutes are available from any board member!

Jean, 2014 Chatcolab Secretary



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LEADERSHIP Moments

Valerie Duffy, Idaho



As I walked up to the front of the room, I began to feel my pulse race and my breathing become shallow. I was the main presenter at the 2014 Chatcolab; my topic Ethical Wills. For the past three years this had become my passion. When I starting writing my

ethical will, I realized that I not only wanted to write it, I wanted to share this concept with others in hopes that they might consider writing their own. But now, my nerves were taking over. "How should I start this session? With a quote? A joke? Survey the group?" I was brought back to the present when I felt someone put their hand on my arm. A woman looked at me and said, "I was so mad when I saw this topic. I told my friend that I didn't want to be here!" WHAT?!?? I had worried about not having enough material, people getting bored, or no one offering discussion, but that someone would have utter disdain for this subject had certainly not been on my radar.

So I decided to begin, as I originally intended, with a quote from Stephen Covey: "**There are four needs in all people: to live, to love, to learn and to leave a legacy.**" I looked out at the people in the room and I was relieved to see attentive faces and poised pens. I remembered to breathe, reminded myself how lucky I was to be sharing my passion and launched into my topic. For five days we met to consider, to discuss, to listen and to write about matters that are of most worth in our lives.

This is what Chatcolab allows you to do. To take your passion, your knowledge, your experience and present to a group of "lovers of learning". In the end, not everyone shared my passion, few will probably write their ethical wills, but all took away the experience being together in community. Talking, playing, laughing, singing, and being present for one another— **this is Chatcolab's Legacy.**



Suggestions for Getting Along Better With People...

- ✓ **Guard your tongue. Say less than you think.**
- ✓ **Make promises sparingly. Keep them faithfully.**
- ✓ **Never let an opportunity pass to say a kind word.**
- ✓ **Be interested in others, their pursuits, family, work, gifts.**
- ✓ **Be cheerful. Don't dwell on minor aches and small disappointments.**
- ✓ **Keep an open mind. Discuss but don't argue. Disagree without being disagreeable.**
- ✓ **Discourage gossip. It's destructive.**
- ✓ **Be careful of others feelings.**
- ✓ **Pay no attention to ill-natured remarks about you. Live so that nobody will believe them.**
- ✓ **Don't be anxious about getting credit. Just do your best and be patient.**



Great LEADERSHIP Resources

Air War College Leadership, Ethics, and Command Central [Over 40 Topics]

More info at: <http://www.au.af.mil/au/awc/awcgate/awc-ldr.htm>

For Example: Critical Thinking

You want to have a mind that's open enough to accept radical new ideas, but not so open that your brains fall out.
— Michael Shermer, editor of *Skeptic Magazine*

Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.
— Richards Heuer

Imagination is more important than knowledge. For knowledge is limited to all we now know and understand, while imagination embraces the entire world, and all there ever will be to know and understand.
— Albert Einstein

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RECREATION Insights!

Quality, Excellence...Outdoor Jobs that Pay Double Dividends!

Interview With Dr. Paul Green, Eastern Washington University, Outdoor Recreation Program



Undergraduate and Graduate students enrolled in EWU's Outdoor Recreation Program are big on experiential learning. Dr. Paul Green notes, "EWU Interns are required to work a 40 hour weeks during the Summer Quarter for 12 credits. They must work at an recreation / leadership internship that pays at least \$8.00 or more that will lead to an excellent 'reference' or 'quality' job." Paul works with students and alumni as mentor, teacher, and advocate career long! He focuses on connecting internships, employment, with the individuals skills that are a great match for the employer. Even 10 years after they graduate. He cultivates a network of sites, employers and alumni that brings a whole new meaning to "Double Dividends".



We asked Dr. Green four questions about leadership and recreation today in the Pacific Northwest. His answers included responses that highlight the "BEST" EWU has to offer.

For example: A winter 'wilderness' camping experience [see picture] between Tiger and Colville, Washington included identifying the 'Eastern' wolf pack, "right outside our tents two years before fish and game confirmed their existence in our state." Paul was not aware of Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Lab, but was happy to share about the EWU undergraduate program he leads.

Q - Tell us something about recreation and leadership internships...where do students get placed?

We have interns currently placed in North Idaho, at Yak, Montana; in Germany with the Warrior Quest Adventure programs and with the National Park Service at the Grand Canyon.

Many students strive to buy into private adventure businesses such as 'Wiley Waters' in Spokane. Graduates can start out at 'hoods in the woods' wilderness treatment centers or as members of the horseback patrol on the south rim of the Grand Canyon. EWU graduates quickly move into leadership roles in these programs.

Q - What is on the horizon for Outdoor Recreation in the Pacific Northwest?

We are seeing two big windows of growth: wildlife viewing and/or watching experiences and adventure /challenge engagements. Wildlife has exploded as the 3rd highest employer in Washington State after Boeing and Microsoft. Watching and viewing whales, wolves and non-game species is big. Water based activities like stand up paddle boarding (SUP) on lakes, rivers and the Puget Sound is exploding. The corporate sector has renewed interest in 'Challenge' programs. We have a 35' High ropes course at Eastern that challenges our athletes, adventure seekers, as well as, corporations. Outdoor challenge courses build teams through action and reflection in the real and present moment. There is also emerging interest in primitive survival skills and self sufficiency. Survival related programs at Eastern fill up quickly and are fed by the entertainment media and YouTube. People are anxious to get out of the technology and into the real outdoors.

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Q - What Recreation and Leadership topics are you researching and why?

My main research effort is to identify trends in outdoor recreation and natural resources. I'm always looking for the new and best ways to train leaders on safety, equipment use, rules of the road. I find that the better you are as a teacher, the better you are as a leader!

Q - What would surprise us about Outdoor Recreation at Eastern Washington University?

Our classes meet from 1-5 p.m. We load at EWU, load in, and learn [whitewater rafting] on Class 3 & 4 rapids on the Spokane River. We are back to campus by 5:00 p.m. for dinner! How many other places can you do that? Students learn on the Wenatchee, Spokane and other Northwest rivers. We have a travel budget and great equipment to climb, camp, and experience wilderness. We started in 1978 and have been here a long time. EWU Classes for Wilderness First Responders and Challenge Course Certification fill quickly.



Eastern Washington University Students on the Trail of the Hiawatha in North Idaho!

Consider studies or a Degree in Outdoor Recreation! The outdoor recreation degree at EWU is one of the most exciting and adventuresome professional degree programs at any public university in America. This program is fully accredited by the National Recreation and Parks Association.

Contact Dr. Green at pgreen@ewu.edu or for more information check out:

<http://www.ewu.edu/cale/programs/pehr/pehr-degrees/outdoor-recreation>

What Recreation Workers Do!

Recreation workers design and lead leisure activities for groups in volunteer agencies or recreation facilities, such as playgrounds, parks, camps, aquatic centers, and senior centers. They may lead activities such as arts and crafts, sports, adventure programs, music, and camping. More info at: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Personal-Care-and-Service/Recreation-workers.htm>

National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) is the leading non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of public parks, recreation and conservation. Our work draws national focus to the far-reaching impact of successes generated at the local level. Leveraging their role in [conservation](#), [health and wellness](#), and [social equity](#) to improve their communities NRPA's members of park and recreation professionals and citizen advocates are more than 40,000 strong and represent public spaces in urban communities, rural settings and everything in between.

NRPA brings strength to our message by partnering with like-minded organizations including those in the federal government, nonprofits, and commercial enterprises. Funded through dues, grants, registrations, and charitable contributions, NRPA produces research, education and policy initiatives for our members that ultimately enrich the communities they serve. NRPA is a strong supporter of state side Land and Water Conservation Fund. (LWCF) and introduced legislation to fund urban parks. To learn more about NRPA, explore the website, <http://www.nrpa.org> or call 1.800.626.NRPA (6772).



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Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education (AORE)

The mission of the Association is to provide opportunities for professionals and students in the field of outdoor recreation and education to exchange information, promote the preservation and conservation of the natural environment, and address issues common to college, university, community, military, and other not-for-profit outdoor recreation and education programs.

<http://www.aore.org/>

Outdoor Recreation:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outdoor_recreation

Great Lakes Outdoor Recreational Leadership Laboratory:

<http://www.greatlakesreclab.com/AboutUs.html>

Recreational Leadership Lab (History):

<http://vincecorsaro.blogspot.com.es/p/about-recreation-laboratory.html>



Beverly Larsen... "Bubbling Over" at Chatcolab 2014

GEM of Gems From Past Labs!

My Favorite Children's Books and Why

Miriam Beasley, Oregon, Chatcolab 1997, A Mini Workshop...

Children's books are here to stay!

Which are our favorites??

How can we say??

Does there HAVE to be a reason?

Come join our workshop as we explore --

And check out OUR MEMORY STORE!

SOME in my family were OFTEN read --

Generally when 'twas time for bed.

SOME WERE REPEATS -- TRUE TESTS of TIME --

Many were in prose -- others were in rhyme.

Have you discovered any way

To tell which will be the choice today??

COME WALK WITH ME DOWN MEMORY LANE--

AS WE DUST COBWEBS FROM OUR BRAINS!

A BIBLIOGRAPHY of some of my favorites:

Aesop's Fables: BELLING THE CAT, THE GRASSHOPPER AND THE ANT

Anderson, Han's Christian: THUMBALINA

Baylor, Byrd: I'M IN CHARGE OF CELEBRATIONS, THE OTHER WAY TO LISTEN

Blackfeet Heritage Foundation: NAPI STORIES

Brett, Jan: TROUBLE WITH TROLLS

Brown, Margaret Wise: PUSSY WILLOW

Brown, Richard: A PERFECT DAY FOR TAJAR, TAJAR TALES

Ciardi, John: JOHN J. PLENTY AND FIDDLER DAN.

Freeman, Don: CORDUROY

Horwitz, Elinor: THE STRANGE STORY FO THE FROG WHO BECAME A PRINCE; WHEN THE SKY WAS LIKE LACE

Kantor, Mackinlay: ANGELWORMS ON TOAST

Kellogg, Steven: CAN I KEEP HIM?

Lund, Doris: ATTIC OF THE WIND

McGinn, Maureen: I USED TO BE AN ARTICHOKE

Interesting FACTOID about the 1997 Lab: Theme -

Blaze Your Trail to Leadership; Demographics -

By State: Oregon 20; Montana, 6; Washington, 19;

Wyoming, 2; Idaho, 7; California, 2; Ohio, 2; Texas, 2,

Utah, 4; England, 2. [65 Total]

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A toast from Leith Matlock, Montana [left] and Kandyce Allers, Idaho to THANK those who attended 'Bubbling Over' in 2014! Mark your calendars to join them at next year's Northwest Leadership Laboratory! We return to Twinlow Camp & Retreat Center for our 67th Year June 13-19, 2015! Hope to see you there!

The CHAT- CHAT Newsletter Submission Deadline is: October 1, 2014; February 1, & August 1, 2015. Send your contributions of 300 words or less, pictures, or ideas; or best practices about Leadership, Recreation, or your Chatcolab experiences past, present, or future; interviews with former labbers; ATTACHED as a Word document to Kevin Laughlin, CHAT CHAT Editor: kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com or mail to: P.O. Box 140324 Garden City, Idaho, 83714



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Dear Chatcolabers,

We welcome you back to Twinlow in 2015 and we see you as partners in our work here as a camp and retreat ministry owned and operated by the United Methodist Congregations of Washington and Idaho. Twinlow has been here on Lower Twin Lake since 1928 and to my knowledge, Chatcolab is our longest running relationship with any group here.

*Some of the things that make us fit together beautifully is our matched philosophies of bringing together families and individuals who have an interest in the outdoors, learning new skills, and developing our leadership abilities. Coming in 2015 will be some new opportunities to do our **Challenge Course** as we train our staff and hopefully some other chances to work together with our young people who will have just arrived for a summer of service. We are honored to be your host site and partner and thank you for our continued relationship together!*

Tyler Wagner - Camp Director

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Chatcolab is a Pacific Northwest Leadership Development Laboratory. It is a blend of the recreation laboratory ideas born in the early thirties at Waldenwoods, Michigan and an older model for education the "Chautauqua" from New York. 2015 will be the 67th year for this Idaho based leadership laboratory and non-profit corporation. This lab developed out of the College of Forestry [Now College of Natural Resources] at the University of Idaho and a Methodist minister's vision in 1949. It is focused on leadership education in a natural resource setting using recreation as a framework. It serves 13 western states. It is slow paced and reflective....families come with adults who wish to learn recreational leadership and continue their lifelong learning in an atmosphere of sharing.

A balanced mix of recreational professionals, academic experts, support staff and youth volunteers always makes for the best lab and stimulating interaction. Over the years Western Cooperative Extension Directors and 4-H have used this leadership lab for the professional development for volunteers, staff and faculty. Girl Scouts, Parks & Recreation, Corrections, Counselors, Social Service providers, Ministers, Camp Directors and Senior Center Program directors also come to this lab from across the west.

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