Local Students Make a Difference

Students from WSU and University of Idaho participated in 2008 Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 18th at four sites in Moscow for PCEI, pictured here at the Moscow Community Garden. Photo: PCEI

A Warm Welcome to PCEI's newest AmeriCorps Members Jacob Dolence and Ali Jo Hart

PCEI is proud to introduce our new AmeriCorps members Jacob Dolence (Environmental Educator) and Ali Jo Hart (Watershed Restoration Technician). Jacob is from Wyoming, where he enjoyed the outdoors, received a B.S. in Conservation Social Sciences from the University of Idaho, completing a graduate residency at the McCall Outdoor Science School in Environmental Education. His goals include trying to save the world, being a positive influence on children, and getting out to rock climb as much as possible.

Ali Jo Hart grew up in a “domestic zoo”. Her family has cared for dogs, cats, bunnies, birds, rats, frogs, snakes and spiders. Consequently, she has always been passionate about animals and felt a deep connection with nature. A Washington native, Ali Jo recently graduated from WSU with a B.S. in Natural Resource Sciences with a Minor in Biology. Ali Jo enjoys camping, cooking and spending time with family and friends.

For information on how your organization or non-profit can also place AmeriCorps Members, contact Erin Rishling, PCEI AmeriCorps Placement Director at <erin@pcei.org> or by calling her at (208) 882-1444.
Thank You So Much for Your Generous Support!

By Aly Lamar, Membership Coordinator

It is so obvious to me that the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute has a tremendous base of support. It is evident in the sea of volunteers installing blue tubes at our numerous restoration sites throughout the region. It is obvious in the large number of students who come to our Watershed Festivals, the families at our Family Day events and hundreds of guests at our Membership gatherings. We could not do any of this without your support! And we are truly grateful.

There are still many projects that need your support. If you have not had a chance to make a gift above and beyond your annual membership dues, I hope you will consider doing so this year. In our Capital Campaign, we still have naming opportunities for all levels of giving such as names on a brick in our welcome pavilion walkway, dedicated benches, and planted trees. We count on your continued support of our valuable work. You can give online now at <www.pcei.org/payment> and designate where you would like to see your money used. You may also call 208-882-1444 and speak to Tom Lamar or Sandi Billings.

In Memoriam of Our Dear Friends

We are saddened to have lost such incredible individuals this year. The following PCEI Members not only supported our valuable work but also contributed greatly to their communities and a variety of organizations they were passionate about. Please keep in your thoughts Marjorie Thielbahr, Sam and Lois Butterfield, Charles Christenson, Shirley Caldwell, Liz Hall and Ron Morton. Memorial funds have been placed in their names at PCEI.

For information please contact Sandi Billings <sandi@pcei.org> or 208-882-1444.
**PCEI Watershed Festival Makes a Big Splash**

*By Caroline Pechuzal, PCEI Environmental Educator*

On October 9th over 230 Moscow 4th grade students participated in the Watersheds Festival at the PCEI Nature Center. Students were from Russell, Lena Whitmore, and McDonald elementary schools, as well as students from the Moscow Charter School and St. Mary’s. Students rotated between stations that focused on the water cycle, aquifers, aquatic macroinvertebrates, native fish and planting trees.

This year marked the debut of the native fish station, put together by Watersheds Technician and AmeriCorps member Christopher Bare. The station featured a 300-gallon fresh water tank containing two live white sturgeons, a discussion with local fish expert Chad Henson about native trout species in Idaho, and a fishing activity in which students “caught” native fish and won prizes for correctly identifying them. Bare developed the idea and recruited 5 members of the American Fisheries Society to help lead the station for his Community Action Project, a capstone of his 1700 hour AmeriCorps position. PCEI wants to thank the City of Moscow for their support of this event. We look forward to carrying on the Watershed Festival tradition next year!

**Students viewing live sturgeons in a 300-gallon fresh water tank, fishing for fun and answers to questions about native trout species in Idaho, and PCEI Membership Coordinator, Aly Lamar shows a student a macroinvertebrate collected by EcoAnalyst's John Pfieffer. All Photos: PCEI**

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**Planning is Critical for You and PCEI**

**CREATE A LASTING LEGACY**  Designate the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute as a beneficiary of a percentage or amount of your 401(k) or IRA. You may also remember Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute in your will or living trust.

**MAKE A GIFT THIS YEAR**  Exclusively for supporters 70 or older, request a tax-free transfer from your IRA. Through December 31, 2008, direct distributions up to $100,000 to charities like the Palouse-Clearwater Environmental Institute are non-taxable. This type of gift would also count towards your minimum required withdrawal.

*For more information about these types of gifts, please contact Tom Lamar at 208-882-1444, <lamar@pcei.org>. We would be happy to send you information to share with your lawyer or financial planner.*

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**Gifts That Continue to Grow**

**Buy a Plant** and we’ll plant it for you at the PCEI Nature Center. Our Nature Center will provide outdoor learning experiences for both young and old. The trees and shrubs purchased will help us establish native Palouse landscapes for environmental education, to help clean the air and water and to help provide valuable habitat. Gift Trees planted on PCEI’s campus are $35 a piece. We will plant the tree and send you or your gift recipient a personalized certificate.

**Give a Gift Certificate.** We have beautifully designed certificates for any amount that may be used in our Learning Nursery, to purchase memberships or designated donations, for PCEI merchandise (reusable travel mugs and canvas totes) or for any upcoming event, concert or family day fees.

**Use GoodShop to support PCEI when you shop online.** It’s so easy! Just visit GoodShop at [www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx](http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx), choose your cause (PCEI, of course!) and then select your online store. A percentage of your purchase will then be donated to PCEI.

**Grant a Wish.** PCEI’s Wish List continues to grow with the organization. Please consider donating Apple laptops, LCD monitors, digital cameras, locking filing cabinets, outdoor storage shed, first aid kits, or adjustable wrench set.

Call 208-882-1444 to order your unique and sustainable gifts now or visit us on the web at [www.pcei.org](http://www.pcei.org).

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**A Christian Environmentalist?!**

What is your compelling reason for caring for the environment? For PCEI’s Volunteer Coordinator, Courtney Rush, it is her “faith and love for God and His gorgeous creation” that compel her. She believes that “God calls us to Love God and love people”, and she can’t see a better way to do so than caring for the very place we live. Rush has been thrilled this year watching local churches get more involved with PCEI’s events.

Her speaking career has blossomed, addressing people of all faiths and beliefs at conferences, radio shows, church workshops, and the Idaho Environmental Summit this November in Boise. If you are interested in hearing how her faith propelled her to become an environmentalist, please contact Courtney Rush at [Courtney3Rush@gmail.com](mailto:Courtney3Rush@gmail.com), or listen to her radio interview “Get Out” on the Yin Radio archives [www.yinradio.org](http://www.yinradio.org).
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Member:
Janet Lecompte

Janet Lecompte has been a longtime supporter of PCEI. Many PCEI Members will remember attending Holiday parties at Janet’s house in Moscow as she so graciously offered her space, her energy and her smiles. Janet now lives in Boston near two of her sons. Her legacy of supporting PCEI and her community is everlasting by having started the PCEI endowment. For us, Janet is forever a member and friend.

Volunteer:
Clinton Ubhoff

“Hey! Hey! Hey!” People usually hear Clinton before they see him. Clinton is one of our most treasured volunteers. He has been coming to PCEI for the past 3 years to help with raking leaves, creating signs, adding member prospects to our database (his favorite), watering plants, you name it! Clinton has hopes to travel to Europe someday. Clinton likes to wear black, can recite lines from movies, and talk about his favorite type of music, Heavy Metal. He’s the highlight of Wednesdays at PCEI, along with his friends Mike and Justin. Thank very much Clinton, for all you do at PCEI!

Conservationist:
Andrea Adler and Family

Andrea Adler and her family have owned a farm for 4 years near Potlatch, ID, once known as Meadowbrook Farm. The land previously had a horse race track on it where the land itself was lost in a bet. The Adlers are interested in riparian restoration for the section of Deep Creek that bisects their property. They are excited about the native plants included in the restoration project, especially Blue Elderberry. Andrea is self-professed “horse crazy” and currently works to gentle Mustangs for adoption. The family currently owns five horses.

PCEI is a member organization of:
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• Choices in Community Giving
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• United Vision for Idaho
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