

The Flathead Community of Resource Educators (C.O.R.E.)

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The Flathead Community of Resource Educators (C.O.R.E.) is a network of individuals and organizations working together to increase awareness and understanding about the natural, historical and cultural resources of the Flathead Region.

The group seeks to:

- Serve as a communication network between resource educators and the community.
- Provide practical tools, training and materials for educators in the Flathead Region.
- Be open to all resource educators and professionals to promote the diversity of ideas and cooperation.
- Promote knowing more about the place we live.

The group strives to link the community quickly and easily to the numerous resource educators available in the Flathead Watershed. CORE promotes resource educators and programs that focus on the place we live, allowing our community members to gain a richer, fuller meaning of this incredible place we call home.

Flathead CORE is involved with several different projects and events throughout the year. The group hosts an annual trunk workshop that showcases the many natural and cultural history education trunks available in our area. The group sponsors trainings for educators and participates in Earth Day and other community events, providing a further understanding of the uniqueness of the place we live in. Teachers and others can visit the Flathead CORE web site to

check out upcoming events, find classroom and field trip resources and get the latest news and feature articles.

To help link the many water related education activities taking place in the area, a CORE Watershed Education committee was formed.

Committee goals are to:

- Improve networking and coordination with the many different groups that provide water education.
- Reach out to K-12 educators and adults to offer quality water education materials and activities.

The Flathead Watershed Sourcebook is a comprehensive piece that ties many resources together and provides a foundation for the development of future educational materials.

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Flathead Girl Scouts learn about water and wetlands during the Water Drop Patch event

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Educators explore the Flathead Watershed using the Rolling Rivers stream table