



KITTITAS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK (KEEN)

Event Participant Waiver

Event & Year _____

For and in consideration of my volunteer participation in KEEN, I assume all risks of involvement with and release, acquit, and forever discharge the partners and sponsors of Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN), their officers, agents, employees, and volunteers ("the released parties") from any and all claims, demands, costs, action, or liability, on account of, or in any way growing out of, any and all known and unknown, foreseen and unforeseen bodily injuries or death, or damage to property resulting from or by reason of my participation in, or transportation to or from any activity, work, or work site in any way related to KEEN.

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Release of Photographs/Video/Quoted Information for Publication or Distribution: To help spread the word about KEEN, a number of publicly distributed promotional materials may be produced. I hereby authorize the released parties to publish, photograph, video, record or conduct media interviews, including but not limited to, written or spoken quotes or photographs. I understand and agree that the photographs, video, likenesses, or images, recording and/or publication may reveal my name and employer. I further agree to allow such, as stated above, to be accomplished without any compensation at any time to me. I hereby release all rights of ownership of the materials as may be created and release the released parties of any and all liabilities connected with the use of the materials. If person signing is under 18 years of age, consent should be granted by parent or legal guardian.

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Participant Information

Full Name _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number _____

Home Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Participant Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature, if participant is under 18 _____

Date _____

The Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) was established as an all-volunteer 501(c)3 in 2000. Our mission is to cultivate an active awareness and understanding of the endangered shrub-steppe, provide nature-based education for all ages, and strengthen commitment to environmental stewardship.

KEEN believes in lifelong-learning and provides informal environmental educational opportunities for kids, adults and seniors. KEEN hosts annual events including Winter Fair, Get Intimate with the Shrub-Steppe, and the Urban Stream Walk. We collaborate with subject-area experts for field trip leaders, speakers, and provide learning opportunities and connections to affinity groups at all our events. Our goal is to share and build the strong sense of place that KEEN recognizes in Kittitas County, particularly the endangered shrub-steppe habitat.

KEEN's Nature School programs include Pond to Pines Summer Camp that runs and 4th grade camp for all schools in Ellensburg. We also operate an afterschool program called Earth Explorers and a free environmental education program in Ellensburg City Parks called the Windy City Park Rangers.

Our Habitat Team takes care of Helen McCabe Memorial State Park - the future home of the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center. Since 2004, KEEN has worked to re-establish native plant communities, manage invasive weeds, build trails, run all our nature school programs, and expand the use and stewardship of the park. This park space is also a hub for much of our outreach in the greater Kittitas County area. Our all-volunteer organization has spent millions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours improving fishing access, trails, and picnic facilities at the park.

KEEN consists of a Board of Directors of highly committed individuals that reflects our community, and several active committees including education and stewardship. We have 2 full time outdoor educators, and 4 part time outdoor educators, and we hire an additional 16 staff in the summer for our camp programs.

Our primary goal is to establish (design, construct and operate) the [Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center](#) near Ellensburg, WA. The Interpretive Center will serve as the gathering place for our community, for visitors to our community, and for engaging and connecting to nature in Central Washington. As the gateway to the [Yakima River Canyon Scenic Byway](#), the Interpretive Center will invite lifelong learners to become active informed citizens, and provide a sense of place to this land we love.

You can find us in downtown Ellensburg in the historic Elmira Hotel - 115 East 4th Avenue, Suite 215, Ellensburg WA 98926.