






**Marion Soil and Water Conservation District (MSWCD)  
Education and Outreach Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, February 14, 2023, 11:00 am to 12:00 pm**

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-  **Link to Video Conference:** [\(Zoom\) Meeting Link](#)
-  **Meeting Call in Number:** 1 (253) 215 - 8782
- Meeting ID:** 897 5467 9447 | **Passcode:** 258889
-  **Staff Contact:** Heath Keirstead, [heath.keirstead@marionswcd.net](mailto:heath.keirstead@marionswcd.net)


**Agenda DRAFT**

**Chair:** Call Meeting to Order, Agenda Changes & Approval

Item #	Topic	Presenter	Purpose	Time
1	Elect Committee Chair, Committee Structure	H. Keirstead	Procedure	10 min
2	Public Comment	Chair	Feedback	5 min
3	Review Minutes from Dec 12, 2022	H. Keirstead	Procedure	5 min
4	Updates	Staff	Discussion	5 min
5	CLEAR Grant Application Review: 4-H Outdoor Explorers	Chair	Discussion, Recommendations	5 min
6	Committee meeting schedule and CLEAR grant deadlines	H. Keirstead	Discussion, Approval	15 min
7	S. Vistica Scholarship Update/Process	H. Keirstead	Discussion	5 min
8	Small Farm School – MSWCD role?	H. Keirstead	Discussion, Recommendations	10 min
	<b>Meeting Adjournment</b>	Chair		

**Agenda Brief**

Item #	Brief	Action
5	<p>More info about the Outdoor Explorers Project submitted by Ryan Thompson:</p> <p>We do not have the locations planned out yet for these events. Our Teen Leaders typically plan the locations and I will plan activities.</p> <p><b>Some typical locations</b> we visit include: Silver Falls State Park, Willamette Mission State Park, Abiqua Falls, Opal Creek Wilderness and Scenic Recreation Area, Detroit Lake, Ankeny and Basket Slough Wildlife Refuges, Mt Jefferson</p>	

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Wilderness, Breitenbush River, Fishermens Bend, Oregon Gardens, Marion Forks Fish Hatchery, and more. Many of these locations are currently closed from fires, so we have been more limited in options for local outdoor events.

**Activities** in the past have included: Bird ID, Plant ID, Mushroom ID, wildlife tracking, Career Exploration with Rangers and site managers, outdoor cooking, navigation/orienteering, hiking safety, invasive species mapping/removal, trail building/maintenance, team building and leadership development, trash pick ups, and more.

As mentioned, these events aren't fully planned, and thus are flexible, so if there are any suggestions/requests for activities and locations, we are more than happy to plan for them.

- 6 To generate more applications for the CLEAR grants and to streamline and reduce the workload and number of meetings associated with the CLEAR grant administrative process, a schedule has been developed for FY 2023-2024. The schedule includes 4 grant deadlines – all during the school year - and 5-6 Education and Outreach meetings per year (with any additional meetings scheduled as needed). [It has been shown that about 50% more](#) applicants submit applications for grants with deadlines. We do not typically use all of the funding available for CLEAR grants; the deadline approach may generate an increase in applications and help us distribute all available funds.

- 7 Heads up! The Scholarship for 2023-24 is open for applications now. The early bird deadline is Feb 15 and the final deadline is March 1. Does E/O committee review these? (It seems like it makes sense for us to do that.) We would need to review in May and submit our final decision to OSAC by the end of May. Is that possible or does our decision have to go through the board?

- 8 Small Farm School is hosted each year by OSU Extension, Clackamas SWCD, and Clackamas Community College. They are seeking more partners for the event both with planning, event management, and with funding; in the past Marion SWCD involvement has been sponsoring a scholarship for attendance by residence of Marion County. It appears that about 10% of past event participants are from Marion County. Can we sponsor Marion Co residents who attend this year? Can MSWCD staff help in other ways (like set up, clean up, signs, etc)?

## Meeting Minutes

### Attendance

Committee Members	Present/ Absent	Staff	Guests
Darin Olson	Present		
Scott Walker	Present		
Mark Fields	Present		
Heath Keirstead	Present		
Kassi Roosth	Present		

Item #	Minutes	Action/ Vote Count
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