

OUTDOOR WILDERNESS LAB

Mesa County Valley School District 51

January 2021

HEY OWL SUPPORTERS!

In case you're new to the Outdoor Wilderness Lab, we are Mesa County Valley School District 51's very own outdoor science school! Located in Gateway, Colorado, at the Gateway School, we provide an experiential learning environment for 6th grade students that focuses on learning about the natural world around them. Students gain survival and teamwork skills, confidence within the outdoors, and build life-long memories and friendships!

SUMMARY OF OUR FALL SEMESTER!

- ❖ The Christi Reece Circle Fund awarded OWL \$12,000 to advance our mission of providing OWL for every D51 6th grade student!
- ❖ The D51 Foundation awarded \$2,400 for professional development to improve our website.
- ❖ OWL Staff developed new curriculum for school site visits and remote learning!
- ❖ We made a LinkedIn Page - connect with us!
- ❖ Facilities Improvements:
 - 6th tent-cabin with ADA compliant entry
 - Awnings over 3 outdoor classrooms
 - Upper Trail and Challenge Course systems
- ❖ New staff!
 - 2 AmeriCorps members, Delaney and Erin
 - 1 new administration specialist, Matt

SPRING 2021 - WELCOME STUDENTS!

OWL is ecstatic to welcome back students for Spring of 2021! We are offering two main options this semester;

- ❖ Day Trips: students will arrive at OWL for a fun-filled day of water lessons, low ropes courses, exploring OWL's campus, and more!
- ❖ On-site Visits: OWL visits your middle school to teach a range of lessons from survival skills to conservation and many more options!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW WEBSITE!

www.outdoorwildernesslab.org

For the past 5 months, OWL staff have been hard at work brainstorming, researching, developing, and creating our new website to provide the best experience for teachers, students, and parents! We call it "OWL For Life". Included on the site:

- ❖ Virtual Lessons
- ❖ Geology, Flora, and Fauna of Gateway and Unaweep Canyon
- ❖ List of outdoor activities and resources for the Grand Valley
- ❖ ...and much more!

Click the icons to check out our website,
Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn!

