

CHAT CHAT SPRING NEWS

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Happy Spring!

Chatcolab
NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP LABORATORY



REGISTER TODAY!

CHATCOLAB'S 68th Year is just over a month away. Time to Register and decide to come learn with a wonderful group of friends so you can SHARE your best in humor, philosophy, ideas and knowledge.

Our **Featured Presentation** is presented by **Marriane Burton** from the state of Washington. She is veteran labber, having presented in California, South Dakota and at previously at Chatcolab in the Pacific Northwest. **How We Play** will be an interactive and dynamic learning experience for you!

In-Depth Workshops: **Finding Your Voice, Power Through Poetry** with **Pamela Watson**, WSU Extension faculty from Chehalis, Washington; **Fill Your Master Recreation Leader Bag of Tricks** with **Bill Henderson**, Emeritus Professor of Extension at The Ohio State University; and **Challenges for Youth and Adults** with Twin Low's own Program Director, **Kristin Moon**, will make your choice difficult. But that is what Chat teaches choice, challenge, and how to **Emerge a Leader**.

Calendar...

Join Us at Twinlow, in Rathdrum, Idaho for Chatcolab June 11-17, 2016!

WEB Site: <http://Chatcolab.org>



There are 17 **Mini Workshops** and Concurrent Daily **All Lab Youth Sessions** (Cane Fishing, Rocketry, Healthy Snacks, Drawing & Frisby Golf) **...so REGISTER TODAY** and invite a friend for this amazing week that will **Transform You!**

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In Memorial ...



Gwen Main went peacefully to her heavenly home on January 24, 2016. She was born in Artesia, New Mexico on September 7, 1917 to Henry F. Bliss and Hazelle C. (Feemster) Bliss, the first of their four children. On October 12, 1921, her brother Jack was born. The

family moved to Moran, Texas in 1922 to be near her grandfather's family and it was there her brother Robert was born on May 15, 1927. In 1930, they moved to Center Township and then Oberlin, Kansas, to be near her father's family. She moved to El Centro, California in 1932, her freshman year in high school, and her sister, Mary Ann was born on October, 25, 1932. She graduated from Central Union High School in June, 1933 and attended Central Junior College (now IVC). She then attended San Diego State University and worked at the YWCA in San Diego at 10th and C Street. On June 9, 1939, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree and her elementary teaching credential. On June 10, 1939, she signed her first school district contract to become a full time teacher and taught first grade at Harding Elementary School. During this time she met the new store manager for F. W. Woolworth Co. named Roy Main. After Pearl Harbor, they decided to marry on January 17, 1942, and Roy enlisted in the army. Gwen was a World War II bride and spent time at Ft. Benning, GA, Tyler, Texas and Little Rock, AK, while Roy was in training where he achieved the rank of 1st lieutenant. Gwen was involved with the USO and Officer's wives. After the war, they returned to El Centro and their first child, Susan was born on March 7, 1946. They moved to Martinez, CA with Woolworth's and returned to El Centro in 1948 where Roy worked as manager of the Imperial Hardware. Their daughter, Mary was born on April 28, 1949 and son Robert on December 29, 1953.

Gwen was a homemaker during this time and returned to her career as an educator in 1965 at Heber Elementary School and then at Desert Gardens Elementary School until her retirement in 1980. Gwen loved music and the arts, reading, and nature. She was an accomplished musician, artist, singer and dancer. She and Roy enjoyed many years of dancing together and teaching square dancing, round, folk, clogging and ball room dancing. They loved travel and family vacations. Gwen's last adventure was to travel to Machu Pichu, Peru when she was 90 years old. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, B-LO-C Square Dancers, CRTA, The Desert Palm Chapter of DAR, Chapter GW PEO and First Christian Church, El Centro. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers; her beloved husband, Roy; her son, Robert John (Bobby) and grandson William Dobbs (Billy). She is survived by her daughters, Sue (Tim) Witherow of Merced, CA and Mary (Bobby) Locke of El Centro; sister, Mary Ann Williams of La Verne, CA; sister-in-law, Jessie Bliss of Julian, CA; grandchildren, Josh Dobbs-McAuliff (Betsy) of Middletown, CT, Jonathan Frith (Lindsey) of Manteca, CA, Brent Locke (AnnaDee) of Agoura Hills, CA, Kim Hennesay (Jeff) of Rancho, Cucamonga, CA, Kristen Hollander Ledbetter (Casey) of Seattle, WA, and Melissa Jensen (Chris) of Merced, CA; nieces, Chris (Steve) Sykes, of Temple City, CA, Heidi (Jim) Mealey of Arlington, WA, Christy Fletcher of Carlsbad, CA, Lorie (Gary) Heavener of Brawley, CA; nephew, Bob (Susan) Bliss of Palm Desert, CA and 14 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at First Christian Church, 450 S Waterman, El Centro, at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016 with Hems Brothers Mortuary handling the arrangements and Pastor Ed Sempsrott officiating. Donations may be made in Gwen's name to First Christian Church, The Salvation Army, or the American Bible Society. Gwen lived a wonderful 98 years, as a woman of faith, dignity and grace and will be greatly missed!

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<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ivpressonline/obituary.aspx?pid=177598127>

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NEWS...

And They Dance On...

Sue Witherow, Merced, California



Dearest Chatcolab, What a BIG part of Roy and Gwen Main's lives you have been!!

From the start they came as dance instructors, invited by Mary Ann Burton, to full time participants for 30+ years. Chat always had high priority in their lives.

Yearlong contact with fellow Chatcolabbers was a highlight. Roy & Gwen may have visited on their travels or when labbers were passing through El Centro, California. Names I grew up with were Mama and Papa B, Ruth Moe, 'Doc' Stephens, Hello Dolly Dweyer, Charlotte Norlin, Mike Early and Leila Steckelberg are but a few.

Chat enhanced the talents and encouraged both Roy & Gwen to pursue and venture out. Both of them taught exercise classes for Seniors until their health prevented them from doing so. They reached out to people (especially my dad with his hugs) with their love of art, music, and dance, recreation, the outdoors, and travel. Chat was a major resource for them.

Thanks to each of you! Chat has truly been, and continues to be, a blessing for the Main family! God Bless you and keep going,

Early Retirement...Not Cooped Up!

Mike Early, Mellino, Oregon

Well, the Oregon Early's have some news.

Mike turned 65 years old March 17th and Jenny retired at 62 ½ on March 10th, 2016. For the first time in our lives we do not have a paycheck coming in from any source except Social Security. We believe we will be able to maintain a reasonable facsimile of our former lifestyle, but that remains to be seen. At least the numbers say we will be able to do so...

The biggest change for me (Mike) has been to have "the Boss" around to guide my activities all the time. I had grown used to having three days a week to do as I wish while Jenny was working and that has come to a screeching halt. I tried ignoring the "honey-do" list, but it just kept getting longer, so I had to start addressing it, and it has cut into my favorite activities like riding the motorcycle, working in the shop, riding the motorcycle, drinking coffee with the other old cronies, riding the motorcycle; do you see a pattern here? I have spent a fair amount of time working on a caricature of a Boeing 737 to drive in the local 4th of July parade. It will carry two old fat men like me and my brother and is self-propelled. It is 12 feet long and has a 14 foot wingspan, so it is fairly large. I should have some good pictures of it finished by the time of Chatcolab and will show them around then. I am also the Senior Warden of our local Masonic Lodge and will stay even busier this next two months as I will begin volunteering at a local high school auto-mechanics shop two afternoons a week.

Jenny has spent most of her time the past month (has it only been a month?!) working in her garden, getting it ready for spring and summer. Based on the work she

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has already put into it, it is going to be spectacular. She really enjoys getting her hands in the soil and making plants perform.

Coop is still at Southern Oregon University where he has managed to be on the Honor Roll for his first two trimesters. His major is allegedly Business Administration, but time will tell if that remains the case. He is steadily improving his abilities on the football field; he is currently the second-string center for the offense, even though he is just finishing his freshman "red-shirt" year. He is nursing a broken little finger on his left hand, but it does not keep him off the field, so it must not be too bad. He really loves that game of football. It helps that his team has gone to the National Championship for the NAIA Conference the past two years in a row. They won the title in 2014 and were second in 2015 and are really hoping to continue that tradition.

See you at Chat in 40+ days!

News of the Northern Burtons... Marianne Burton, Sequim, Washington

Chris and I are loving putting in the beginnings of our summer salads. We have a plan for what we want to eat and where we want to grow it; now we'll see how well nature cooperates! We travelled to San Diego in January to see Chris' extended (and extensive) family, attend our corporate annual meeting, see my brother and sister, and of course spend some time with Erika (the Southern Burton). She's loving working at Staples, taking classes online, and living on the coast, and is looking forward to sharing her passion for all things theatre at Lab in June.

She and I had another brief visit in early April when we met up in Salt Lake for a church conference and time with friends. The weather was perfect, the road was kind to us, and the time away from routine was

delightful. I highly recommend all of that. We also had some time to plan our trip to Rathdrum in June; we will be bringing Jackie Baritell along with us - another fun ladies' road trip!

Planning for our all lab sessions has been a creative rollick and great fun. I am looking forward to joining in playing with you, some old familiar games and some great new twists on games from all around the world. Our American culture is made up of so many elements of other times, other lands, and other customs, coupled with a whole lot that is uniquely American. Come, join in the fun! See you at Twin Low in two short months!!



Butterfly Fever

Chip Tudor, Newport, Washington

Kevin Laughlin gave me my first lesson in butterflies three years ago at my first Chatcolab. Since then I have become an avid butterfly student. This year, Ed Bechinski, an expert entomologist, from Idaho, presents two labs on butterflies. I have read Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver, unwrapped my butterfly net, and am ready. Thanks, Kevin, for turning me into a 70-year-old nutcase.

"Emerge a Leader"

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CHIPS FROM YOUR "2016" CHAIR!

**Sarah Tudor,
Newport, WA**

Spring has sprung. The snow is almost all gone. The grass is getting green. The daffodils are up and ready to burst. People are sprucing up their yards after the long winter months. And, the 2016 version of Chatcolab is less than two months away. Hopefully you have registered, received the early bird special and are getting excited about coming. However, if you haven't, there is still time. Late, and even onsite registration is accepted, but at an additional cost.

Many hard-working, Chatcolab-loving people have been laboring tirelessly behind the scenes to again assure that this year's lab is an "off-the-charts" experience for all who come. They have been busy making and distributing brochures and postcards, making phone calls, sending emails and letters, making nametags and centerpieces, working on the notebook and making wall-signs, etc., etc.

Putting together an interesting, educational and fun-packed program takes time and energy, both on the part of Chatcolab members and on the part of the presenters. Those who agree to present a lab put forth a great effort to make their presentation the best that it can be. So, come to expect to LEAD and to be LED by skilled teachers and presenters; come to PLAY throughout the week; and come to CONNECT with those who attend. Prepare yourself to "EMERGE A LEADER." **See you in June!**

LEADERSHIP Moments...

How Are You Blind?

Val Duffy, Boise, Idaho

This year at Chatcolab we will have several participant who are legally blind. Here are some helpful hints in how best to help our fellow Labbers!

Ten Basic Rules for Assisting Persons who are Blind

1. Rather than using gestures and hand signals to convey instructions, directions or size describe the information.
2. Don't be misinformed. Eyes cannot be weakened or damaged by normal use. You cannot not "save" sight to use it later.
3. Don't be overprotective. The person who is blind should do as much as possible for and by himself.
4. Its o.k. to use words like "look" or "see" as they are part of normal conversation. People with impaired vision use these words themselves.
5. When you enter a room, identify yourself. When you are ready to leave, tell the person who is blind that you are leaving.
6. When you are guiding a person who is blind, let him take your arm and follow you. Do not push him ahead of you.
7. Always talk directly to a person who is blind, not through his companion. They can talk for themselves.
8. When you are in a blind person's room, leave his things where he has placed them. If you move them, he may not be able to find them by himself.

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9. If you must leave a person who is blind alone for a while, leave him near something he can touch to maintain contact with his environment.

10. When serving or eating with a person who is blind, tell him what he is on the plate. Explain the position of each portion by relating its position on the plate to the numbers on a face of a clock.

Last but not least, treat people who are blind as you would want to be treated!



Ready To Dance!!!!

Janet Zimmerman, Pony, Montana

Hey Everybody! Something new at Chat this year! We'll be getting off to a grand start with a genuine old-fashioned toe-tappin' barn dance on Sunday.... this event is designed for all ages and abilities. Some of old-timers from the last century will remember what fun it was when everyone came together to dance the night away to old time acoustic music featuring fiddle, banjo, guitar and even a wash-tub bass on occasion! The dances are easy; instruction is given prior to each dance and

then the fun begins. This is a perfect way to get acquainted and shake off those travel kinks!

We wish we did have a live band, but will have to settle for recorded tunes. My hope is that in years to come, we can provide our own music using the skill of campers that play instruments! See you on the dance floor!

THE 21 IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP...

Sally Heard, Great Falls, Montana

TO ALL MY FELLOW CHATCOLABER'S

Why do we keep returning to Chatcolab year after year?

Why do we invite new people to join us year after year?

I was asking myself these questions as I registered to come this year.

My first year was 1977, (you do the math). As I contemplate why, I looked back to: what I have accomplished and what have I learned that has made me a better leader. It would take a whole book to relate everything. some of the highlights are: Going back to college and becoming a Montessori Directress and having my own school for 25 years, Joining Toastmasters and honing my speaking skills, traveling and visiting all my new Chat friends, leading many workshops at Chat and National Montessori Conferences, joining the Peace Corps and spending 27 months serving my Country in Botswana, Africa. All that and much more brought me to Chat last year as an All Lab Presenter.

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In our Chat Book Club we are reading and studying,

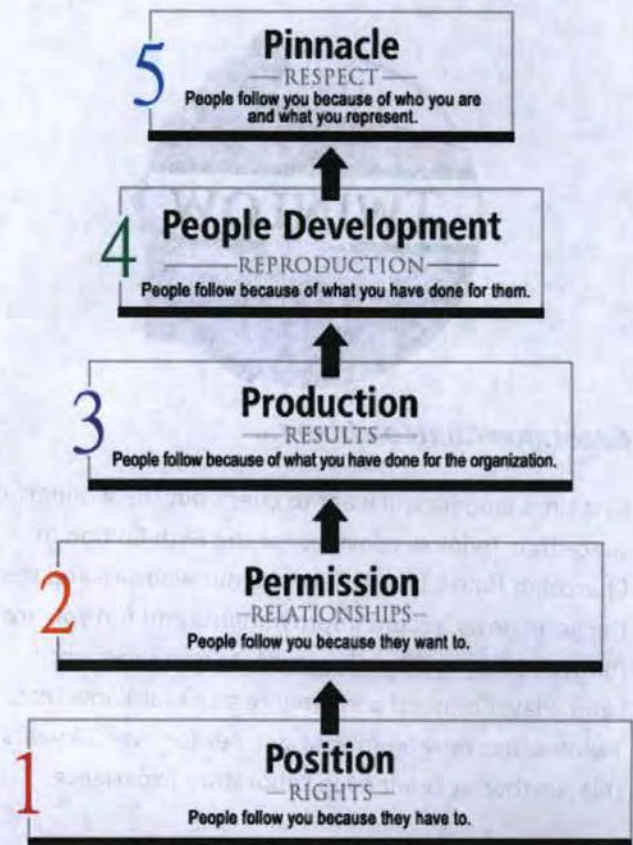
THE 21 IRREFUTABLE LAWS OF LEADERSHIP . Chapter 2, The Law of Influence, started me considering who and what and where I had been an Influence in my last almost 40 years since beginning my Chat Experience.

As you can imagine the numbers people, places and times multiplied rapidly with way too many for me to count.

One point that THE WORD INFLUENCE brought to mind was that the main job we all have as LEADERS, and we are all LEADERS, is to use our Influence with others to become the leaders that they ARE. CHAT provided the perfect atmosphere to do just that. It is structured to let everyone learn to lead by LEADING.

IN SO DOING, THOSE OF US THAT ARE LEADING CHAT THIS YEAR WILL WORK OURSELVES OUT OF A JOB SO THAT NEW PEOPLE WILL TAKE OVER AND LEAD NEXT YEAR.

See you All soon, Love and Hugs, Sally Heard, RPCV, Botswana - 2012-2014.



Accessed April 24, 2016 at: <http://jpnicoles.com/2012/04/05/leadership-is-influence-no-more-no-less/>



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Greetings Chatcolabbers...

First time labbers will want to check out the wonderful space that Twinlow provides for the 68th Edition of Chatcolab June 11-17th. Explore our web site and see the good news, recent improvements and fun you are in for in 2016: <http://twinlow.org/> As you experience Lead, Play, Connect! and Emerge a Leader know that Twinlow has now been your partner for over 10 years in this Northwest Leadership Laboratory Experience.

Twinlow in all seasons but especially in the summer welcomes you to our camp community. Warm days means many hours playing in beautiful Twin Lakes. Cool nights find us gathered around a campfire, seeing God's wonderful creation all around, which compels us to learn about and worship our God! This place set apart in North Idaho draws hundreds of campers, Idaho Mission Project servants, staff, and volunteers from all over the country. It is here, at Twinlow, that we celebrate Christ through community the best way we know how: at camp. More information on Twinlow and other Pacific Northwest Summer Camps can be found at:

<http://pnwcamps.org/twinlow/>

Twinlow is one of the oldest camps in the Northwest Region of the United States. Founded in 1928, we have been in existence continually serving the camping and retreating needs of the United Methodist Church and its predecessors and open to all peoples.

We look forward to welcoming you to North Idaho and the beauty this region can provide.

Thank you and here is to another great year at Twinlow!

Tyler Wagner - Camp Director,
Kristen "Moonie" Moon - Guest Group
Coordinator/Program Coordinator

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GEM of Gems, Past Labs!

Nel & Bob Carver, Moscow, Idaho

In 1958 Chatcolab set forth on a journey with the theme S.S. Friendship on the shore of Lake Chatcolet in North Idaho. There were 83 on board from 9 states and from a variety of walks of life including one or more of these: farmer, student, forester, county agent, professor, youth worker (4-H, Campfire, YMCA, and church), architect, bookkeeper, homemaker, business person, machinist. Together they stopped at many ports of call learning new dances, singing, crafts, hiking, rock hunting and much, much more. All the crew had the opportunity to contribute to the program: to share their ideas and activities with others and make the journey a successful one. In a poem at the beginning of the program planning section, labbers were told to "figure it out for yourself". Unfortunately no author was listed.

Figure it out for yourself,
You've all that the greatest have ever had,
Two arms, two hands, two legs, two eyes,
and a brain to use if you would be so wise,
With this equipment, they all began-
So start from the top and say, "I Can."

There are three more verses which push us to share our talents and time and not to stop ourselves from growing and developing those skills we need to become leaders in our own families and communities. Much the same as our theme this year



LEAD-PLAY-CONNECT **Emerge a Leader**

the crew adopted the philosophy of lab, the humor, the knowledge & ideas gained and shared to emerge leaders and pilot their ship safely through the week and beyond.

OR

In 2004 Chatcolab had participants explore their "**Personal Possibilities**". A couple poems showing us two choices we can make in helping us become better people and leaders were shared in the notebook.

The Positive Approach:

"Life is no straight and easy corridor along which we travel free and un hampered, but a maze of passages., through which we must seek our way lost and confused, now and again checked in a blind alley.

But always, if we have faith, a door will open for us, not perhaps one that we ourselves would ever have thought of, but one that will ultimately prove good for us."

A.J. Cronin

OR **The Negative Approach and then again:**

The Negative Approach
The best laid schemes
o'mice and men
often go astray.

Robert Burns

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The CHAT- CHAT Newsletter Submission Deadline is: August 15, & October 15, 2016; April 15, 2017. Send your contributions of 300 words +/- , pictures, or ideas; or best practices about leadership, recreation, or your Chatcolab experiences past, present or future; interviews with former labbers; ATTACHED as a Word document to Kevin Laughlin, CHAT CHAT Editor: kevinlaughlin@peoplepc.com or mail to: P.O. Box 140324 Garden City, Idaho, 83714

WOW! Rocks...and What They Can Tell Us in Idaho.

Kevin Laughlin, Garden City, Idaho

Wow... the toddler exclaimed with each rock thrown into the creek!

Don't you wish you could be as excited as toddlers do about rocks? They collect them, gift them, share them, throw them! Across Idaho find them, chuck them, and explore the geology that makes this space so precious. More importantly these rocks become our soils and we get to grow in them. Rocks are the basis for Idaho's number one industry, agriculture. We grow em here! Rocks are our best record of what happened in the distant past. Weapons of stone show how early man lived. Other rocks have preserved footprints of animals and plants that were around millions of years ago. A great deal of what we know about Idaho has come from the study of rocks. Idaho is a geologists and rock paradise, it is known as the Gem State and has over 57 gems, from Agates to Zoisite (**Fossils**) found across the landscape. The State Department of Lands is responsible for managing rock hounding and minerals exploration, leasing and regulations.

Exploring Idaho Rocks...

- The **City of Rocks National Reserve**, also known as the **Silent City of Rocks**, is a United States National Reserve and [state park](#) lying 2 miles (3.2 km) north of the south central [Idaho](#) border with [Utah](#). It is widely known for its excellent [rock climbing](#) and [rock formations](#). More info at: <http://www.nps.gov/ciro/index.htm>
- **Idaho Museum of Mining and Geology**, where you can learn history of mining and geology through historical photographs and artifacts from early Idaho mining days, and exhibits depicting our state's varied and spectacular geologic features. Extensive collections of gem and mineral specimens, books and more in Boise. More info at: <http://www.idahomuseum.org/>
- **Rockhounding**, Since the origin of the earth, geologic processes combined to make the rocks of Idaho a mineral collector's storehouse. All state endowment trust lands are open to casual exploration for gemstones and mineral specimens, provided the lands are not under a valid exploration location or mineral lease. Rockhounds are welcome to collect rocks and gemstones from most public land administered by the [U.S. Forest Service](#) or the [Bureau of Land Management](#), but there are some exceptions. Contact the agencies directly for more information. More info at <http://www.idl.idaho.gov/mining/rockhounding/>



More information on Idaho rocks can be found in the [Roadside Geology of Idaho](#) by David D. Alt and Donald W. Hydman, (<http://geology.com/store/roadside-geology-idaho.shtml>); [Rocks of Idaho](#) from Idaho State University, <http://imnh.isu.edu/digitalatlas/geo/rocks/rocks.htm>; and the Digital Atlas of Idaho, <http://imnh.isu.edu/digitalatlas/>.

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What is Chatcolab?

Chatcolab is a Pacific Northwest blend of the recreation laboratory ideas born in the early thirties at Waldenwoods, Michigan and an older model for education the "Chautauqua" from New York. 2016 will be the 68th year for this Idaho based leadership laboratory and non-profit corporation. This lab developed out of the College of Forestry [Now College of Natural Resources] at the University of Idaho and a Presbyterian minister's vision in 1949. It is focused on leadership education in a natural resource setting using recreation as a framework. It serves 13 western states. It is slow paced and reflective....families come with adults who wish to learn recreational leadership and continue their lifelong learning in an atmosphere of sharing.

A balanced mix of recreational professionals, academic experts, support staff and youth volunteers always makes for the best lab and stimulating interaction. Over the years Western Cooperative Extension Directors and 4-H have used this leadership lab for the professional development for volunteers, staff and faculty. Girl Scouts, Parks & Recreation, Corrections, Counselors, Social Service providers, Ministers, Camp Directors and Senior Center Program directors also come to this lab from across the west.

Chatcolab is one of the Pacific Northwest's remaining Chautauqua's! It offers a 'Legacy of Leadership'! Chautauqua is an adult education movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America until the Mid-1920s. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day. Former U.S. President Theodore Roosevelt is quoted as saying that Chautauqua is "*The most American thing in America.*"

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Please Send 2017 Scholarship Application!

Chatcolab: Northwest Leadership Laboratory is an ALL Volunteer organization! The annual dues are a pittance - just \$20 per year (less than a single dinner at a restaurant)! So there is no acceptable excuse for not joining us. If you live in the West and have benefitted from Chatcolab, one or more times, please help keep our outfit running! Put us in your will!

We take money \$\$\$\$ all year long! Thanks!

Clip and Mail your Check & Membership TODAY!

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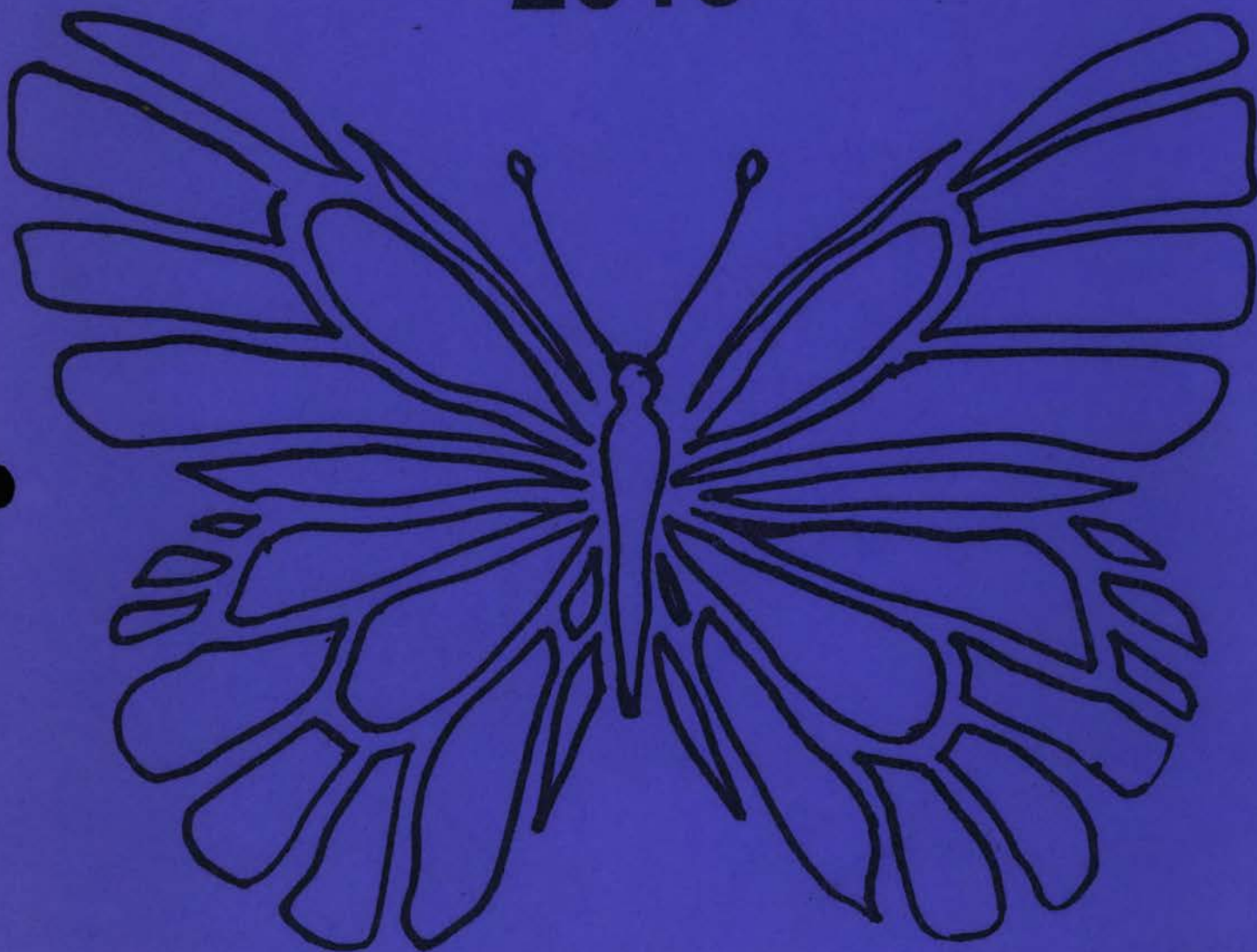
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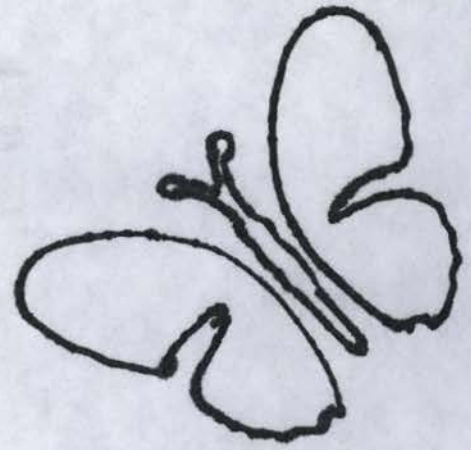
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- Make a Mini Magazine - Jana Kemp
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Emergence a Leader

Chatcolab Northwest Leadership Laboratory

June 11-17, 2016

Planning Your Week

Health and Safety

The physical and emotional well being of Chatcolab participants is our top priority. Please do your part by taking care of yourself. Drink plenty of water, and get plenty of rest. We ask that you be courteous, respectful, and thoughtful of fellow labbers. Please do not disturb classes or activities, and respect camp quiet times.

Twinlow Camp policy mandates that there be no firearms, weapons, alcohol, or illegal substances on the premises. Smoking is allowed only in designated areas. Please drive only on the roads. You may drive vehicles on roads to the cabins and the lodge for unloading and loading purposes. Vehicles must be returned and parked in the parking lots. Roads must remain open at all times for fire lanes and emergency use. Use of the lakefront is allowed only when staff are present.

Workshops/Sessions

- Workshops are a wonderful place to **Lead, Play, Connect**. Take time to go over the schedule to plan your week accordingly. Session locations will be announced on a daily basis.
- Participants may choose from any of the three In-Depth workshops and from the many Mini workshop sessions to expand your leadership and skills. Please check the schedule code to see which classes are appropriate for different age groups.
- Come join in the old time "Barn Dance" for all participants as an All Lab 'get acquainted activity' including a variety of group activities using traditional American music and historic dances appropriate for all ages.
- Some of the workshops have participant limits age requirements and/or fees to cover material costs. You will have the opportunity to meet the presenters and hear a bit more about each class on Saturday evening. Please also review the workshop descriptions included in the notebook.
- We are living in a group situation so it is very important that we observe quiet times, especially in the sleeping areas during this week. Also be cognizant of the difference in sleeping patterns. Larks and the late night crew need to be respectful of each other.

Schedule

The schedule at Chatcolab is full of opportunities for you to grow and learn. While participation is not mandatory, we encourage participation while taking care of yourself. All resource people and board members have volunteered their time and resources to ensure a successful lab. We ask that you be respectful and considerate by taking care not to interrupt sessions or activities. Electronic devices can be very distracting during workshops or activities. Please silence cell phones and do not use electronics during classes. Please also do your best to be on time for meals, workshops, and all facets of lab.

Facilities

Proper care of facilities is one way we show gratitude for the gift of a place like Twinlow Camp and a learning opportunity like Chatcolab. Participants are expected to enjoy the facilities, but leave them in the best possible condition. If you need to move furniture for classes, please return to their place by the end of the week. If you see litter, please put it in trash or recycle containers. Please report any damaged facilities or equipment to Twinlow Staff.

Daily Duties

Many hands make light work! Please check the duty wheel. When everyone chooses to do their part, no one has to do more than their share.

Activity/Party Supplies/Costumes

Please feel free to use the items you may need during lab, remembering to take a moment tidy up after going through and using costumes or activity supplies.

Library/Resource Center

The reference library of books is for your use during lab. Please enjoy the material and then return each piece when you're finished so others may use them as well.

It All begins With You

As a participant of Chatcolab you are also a valuable voting member of Chatcolab. The annual meeting on Wednesday will be a short business meeting. At that time we will be voting on new board members. The constitution and by-laws of Chatcolab will be posted. Copies are available upon request.

All members are eligible to run for election to the board of directors. Three volunteer board positions will be filled each year. Please consider the opportunity to serve on the board and help plan future Labs.

Lead, Play, Connect

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2016 Chatcolab Workshops

Featured Presenter- (5 days-90 min. sessions)

“How We Play” - Marianne Burton, business owner, entrepreneur, Sequim, Washington

Working and playing together have been part of our unique American Culture. Over the course of five days, the whole lab community will explore the roots of many of our recreational activities that can be done just about anywhere without the need for electricity or complex equipment. We will connect with each other and our playful inner spirit to foster a stronger sense of community and belonging. Marianne will introduce us to effective leadership skills, develop creative problem solving techniques and promote goal setting while we challenge ourselves in this highly participatory workshop.

In-depth Presenters: (4 days -90 minute sessions)

“Finding Your Voice, Power Through Poetry” Pam Watson, Youth Development Extension Faculty, Chehalis, Washington

What are you passionate about? Is it the arts, a community activity/event, or your life in general? Worried about speaking in a public setting? Here is a confidence building way to “Find Your Voice!” Practice speaking in an entertaining setting regarding your passion; become a voice in your community. We will discuss how Cowboy and other poetry can strengthen your skills as a writer and speaker. Poets like Baxter Black, Badger Clark, Jack Prelutsky, and you, can tell others about your way of life, express different views, explain why these are important, and highlight local events or history. Find your “Power Through Poetry!” (Limited to 20 participants)

“Fill Your MASTER RECREATION LEADER Bag-of-Tricks” Bill Henderson, Ohio State University, Associate Professor (Emeritus)

In this workshop you will experience a very teachable collection of recreation tools, for ages 6 to 96: Openers, Closers, Ice Breakers, Mixers, Songs, Simple Dances, Games that don't break the furniture, Amateur Dramatics, Table-Top Games, Pop Bottle Band, Cooperation and Trust Building activities, and more. Come join the FUN! Model leadership from an experienced master leader/presenter, Bill Henderson.

“Challenges For Youth and Adults” – Kristen Moon, Challenge Course Instructor, Guest Group Coordinator & Program Assistant, Twinlow Camp & Retreat Center, Rathdrum, Idaho

This workshop is designed for youth (10 years old and over) and adults. It is active and interactive focused on building teams and people! Join Kristin Moon and Twinlow Camp staff for an enjoyable sequence of leadership activities that teaches critical thinking and group development. If you think you know how to do a Challenge course, think again. We have some ‘new’ twists to help you grow. This is a hands on, physical activity and you will go home with great ideas to share for leadership, teambuilding, with families and communities that you serve. (Limited to 15 participants)

All – Lab Barn Dance - Janet Zimmerman, Professional musician and teacher, dance instructor and caller, Helena, Montana

Join in an old time “Barn Dance” with all the lab participants for a fun get acquainted activity which will include a variety of group activities using traditional American music and historic dances. Music has been part of the Chatcolab program since its inception in 1948. Joy and personal satisfaction result from participation in activities that involve all ages together in a community setting. You will learn how to foster community cooperation and inclusiveness using simple group dances that are enjoyed by all.

Mini workshops- (One 90 minute session each- unless otherwise stated)

Friz Golf/Disc Golf – Preston Sorensen, Pleasant View, Utah (4 individual sessions plus one youth session)

Learn the basic rules, about the equipment needed, how a course is set up, safety rules, various throws and some history of the game.

Master the Atlatl – Dave Chandler, Great Falls, Montana

Learn the basic use of this pre-historic throwing apparatus and history.

Tin Punch – Bevy Larsen, Adrian, Michigan

Popular in colonial America, tin punch can be used on functional or decorative items. Projects for this introductory class include a candle luminary, a night light shade and an ornament. Learn this historic craft for your own enjoyment or to use with your groups.

Lincoln, What Made Him so Great ? - Dan Shane, Meridian, Idaho
Lincoln is often touted as the “greatest president of the United States”, but some surveys find that 37% of the respondents feel otherwise. Come discuss the pro and cons of the arguments with Dan Shane, who has studied the subject of Lincoln extensively. The presentation will provide insight into Lincoln, from humble beginnings to his White House days. Along the way, we will discuss his integrity, values, morals and leadership. Will he keep the title of “greatest president”? Participants will decide.

Meet the Butterflies & Really Meet the Butterflies– Ed Bechinski, University of Idaho Professor of Entomology, Moscow, Idaho. (One session continued for two time segments) First section – Meet the Butterflies: Classroom –style workshop presentation about BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS, Lepidoptera, the butterflies and moths, particularly insect biology, form and structure, species diversity, and significance to people. We will examine pinned specimens from the University of Idaho Entomological Museum. REALLY MEET THE BUTTERFLIES: A Camp Twinlow walk-around observational and catch-and-release collecting tour for butterflies and their relatives.

Stomp – Bill Henderson, Lima, Ohio
Participants from 4 to 100 will experience learning about making percussive rhythms from ordinary household items. They will also learn about simple musical chords and composition by learning to tune, blow individual notes, and transcribe simple tunes for group play.

Coloring as Stress Relief Jana Kemp, Boise, Idaho
In 2015, Coloring as stress relief for adults was covered in the media. Jana Kemp began her relax-and-create-think-time with coloring in 2014. Come learn about the different types of coloring pages and the color tools that can be used to create works of art or simply stress-reducing time and space. Discover which images can increase energy, which are calming and how coloring can work for you.

Fun Writing Outdoors – Sally Heard, Great Falls, Montana
There is increasing evidence to support the notions that writing/journaling has a positive impact on physical well-being. It serves to reduce stress, clarify thinking, increase focus, and help in goal setting. Join Sally and let nature move you to share ideas about writing, journaling.

Zumba – Randee Sorensen, Pleasant View, Utah

Zumba as an exercise program has gained popularity across the US in the past ten years. A fusion of fitness and Latin dance, Zumba offers a combination of floor aerobics, salsa and body toning. Dance and lose inches while having a great time.

Basic Theater & Acting - Erika, Burton, Rexburg, Idaho

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! Come work as a team to discover the times and plays of the Bard. Introducing the one, the only... William Shakespeare! I would love to teach you how to teach others about Shakespeare's works. We will take a look at his plays and find out what it was like to live in Elizabethan England. Each student will learn some Shakespearian acting, vocabulary and dress. Groups of students will present small portions of plays by William Shakespeare in class. This class is intended only for those who are between ages 5 and 500.

Geo-Caching, the Adventure- Betsy Carver, Boise, Idaho

Geo-caching is a virtual treasure hunt to get participants moving and motivated to solve challenges with technology outdoors. Using a multimillion dollar satellite network to find plastic containers filled with interesting learning activities. Get you students using orienteering, team work and problem solving skills by using geo-caching in your classroom, youth groups and families.

Natural Healing - Marianne Burton, Sequim, Washington

As leaders, whether volunteer, professional, or in our families: being in a state of balanced health lends itself to our overall effectiveness. Recognizing the role that healthy attitudes and food play in managing the groups we lead can help us to be more successful as teachers.

FUNderbirds – Bill Henderson, Lima, Ohio

Participants will build their own FUNderbird: learning to Cut, Sew, Stuff, Stitch, Assemble, Glue, Lace, and Knot. Children will learn how to use the Game Piece for play. Adults will learn how to use their FUNderbird as a Team Building Tool" great for building motor skills, facilitate "Getting Acquainted" and building teamwork among participants

Paper Project Potpourri – Jana Kemp, Idaho and Bevy Larsen, Michigan

Some days, outdoor recreation is not in the cards. Come learn how to stitch a note-card, craft a flashlight globe, and create stained "glass" out of paper. Whether you are 8 or 80, hand-crafts are therapeutic, creative, and fun.

Shakespeare, the Man Behind the Works – Erika Burton, Rexburg, Idaho

In this class we will take an exciting look at the man behind all those great poems and plays. Erika will introduce different points of view and we will have a chance to discuss them. This class will focus on fun interactive ways to learn about Shakespeare's life.

Make a Mini Magazine – Jana Kemp, Boise, Idaho

Have you ever dreamed of making your own magazine? Or wondered what to do to recycle old, but still beautiful magazines? This class introduces a creative relaxing activity for repurposing magazines into works of art and inspiration.

Waterfront Activities (Swimming, Canoeing, Kayaking, Paddle Boarding)

Experience the beautiful setting on Twinlow and enjoy the lovely waterfront.

Youth Program (one session each)

- ❖ **Cane Fishing** – Bevy Larsen, Adrian, Michigan
Cane Fishing is the best way to bring young people to fishing. It is a simple, inexpensive and fun way to begin learning to fish.
- ❖ **Rocketry** – Mary Jean Craig, Moscow, Idaho
Participants will be challenged to apply lessons in science, math and physics to design and build a stomp rocket launcher and rockets that they can launch to accurately hit a specific target.
- ❖ **Healthy Snacks** – Bevy Larsen, Adrian, Michigan
This Mini Workshop is designed for youth and adults interested in making simple, delicious, nutritious snacks.
- ❖ **Drawing** – Janet Zimmerman, Helena, Montana
Expand your drawing skills with a series of unique "seeing exercises. Go home with a completed drawing project - from start to finish within the class time.
- ❖ **Friz Golf**- Listed above

Plus – **Singing every morning** with Bill Henderson and Janet Zimmerman. Come join in Bill's unique circle singing and catch Janet's *Spunkalicious*' enthusiasm!

Chatcolab, Northwest Leadership Laboratory 2016 Presenters

Edward Bechinski – Professor of Entomology, Extension IPM Coordinator and Chair, Division of Entomology, Department of Plant, Soil & Entomological Sciences, University of Idaho, Moscow, ID. Dr. Bechinski has 31 years experience at the UI as classroom instructor and Extension Specialist. He currently teaches *General and Applied Entomology* during Fall Semester and *Pesticides in the Environment* during Spring Semester. He was the 2016 recipient of the College of Agriculture Excellence in Teaching Award.

Quick Facts about Ed Bechinski:

1. Needs 3 days to answer question: **What is your favorite insect?**
2. Personal motto: **Think happy thoughts!**
3. Nine undergraduate/graduate courses taught on and off-campus since 1984.
- 4 Extension workshops delivered statewide to 10,000 's Idahoans.

Erika Burton – Theater Major at Brigham Young University Idaho, Shakespeare teacher at elementary/middle schools. Erika had been involved with theater since she was four years old. In California she taught two different Shakespeare classes: One at a commonwealth school, and one (for all ages) at her home. She is now studying for a degree in theater at BYU Idaho. Shakespeare and theatre are two of her passions in life. She also loves family, music, and learning the stories of others.

Marianne Burton – Business Owner, entrepreneur from Sequim, WA. Marianne, a lover of recreation and education by nature and by birth, has had many opportunities to work and play with co-workers and the general population through years of teaching outdoor education, in the public schools and home school, and working for the State Parks. She is active in church activities, and a caregivers support group, plus managing family businesses. Marianne has presented at several recreational leadership laboratories over the years. Marianne is also keenly interested in the link between nutrition and overall health. Having seen a nutrition based link to health in her early adult years, Marianne has studied and practiced habits for good health.

Betsy Carver – 4-H Mom, Commercial/Residential Property Manager, Small Business Entrepreneur living in Boise, ID. Betsy attended her first leadership lab (Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory) while she was still in high school. So inspired by this experience, she returned to her home county in Wyoming and started a 4-H youth camp as her teen leadership project in the 4-H program. She attended Chatcolab once during her college years and then last year she was able to come again introducing her family (husband and two daughters 11&7) to the concept of leadership labs.

Dave Chandler – Carpenter by trade, Dave has taught various workshops including team building, atlatl, archery, and challenge and trust activities. Dave has served as a 4-H leader, organizing youth camps and activities, presenting workshops at various leadership events around the country and serving as a board member for several leadership organizations. Dave and his wife, Annette, have four grown children and live in Great Falls, Montana.

Mary Jean Craig – Retired Extension Associate, 4-H/Youth and Current 4-H Volunteer in Moscow, ID. Mary Jean has been involved with 4-H for 60 years, as a member, leader and Extension staff member for 30 years. She has degrees in Child Development and Education. She retired from the Idaho State 4-H Office 5 years ago and has continued to be a 4-H volunteer. Mary Jean was recently honored as a 2016 inductee into the National 4-H Hall of Fame which was held in Washington DC.

Sally Heard – Sally lives in Great Falls Montana, where she ran a Montessori School for over 30 years. She volunteered as 4-H Leader and as an active Chatcolab board member as well as many other organizations. Sally is a watercolor artist and writer. She writes daily and has published works. Happily retired, she is helping start a Montessori School in Botswana as an ongoing project of her Peace Corps Volunteerism. Sally meets life daily with new eyes as an “I Can”, “We Can” person.

William (Bill) Henderson – Associate Professor (Emeritus), The Ohio State University, OSU Extension Agent, 4-H in Allen County (19 years), Northwest District Specialist, 4-H Youth Development (12 years). Bill is very active in the various Leadership Laboratories for over 31 years, serving as board trustee and presenter. He has also been involved in the development, planning and facilitating various camps and workshops in ways too numerous to mention. You can bet that with Bill in charge of an activity it will be an educational, hands-on, interactive and just plain fun as well teaching you basic leadership skills. Bill resides with his wife, Patricia, in Lima, Ohio.

Jana Kemp – Founder of Meeting & Management Essentials, Facilitator, Speaker, Businesswoman, legislator. Author of 7 books in 7 languages, Former state rep; see www.JanaKemp.com. Jana Kemp is known for her speaking and authorship skills. She is less known for her hands-on creative side. Jana crafts in paper, yarn, and glue. As a previous Chatcolab presenter, Jana brings knowledge of attendee and of multimodal learning activities to each session. Jana lives and works in Garden City, Idaho.

Beverly Larsen – A self-proclaimed “leisure purist”, Beverly has been enthusiastically involved with recreational leadership workshops since 1989. After 28 years as a recreation instructor at a state institution for juvenile delinquents, Bevy is enjoying retirement in a decidedly old fashioned 1856 farmhouse and doing a quirky variety of crafts in a converted granary, “Beverly’s Reverie” located in Adian, Michigan. Bevy also demonstrates and teaches at various festivals and lost arts/living history events throughout the United States. Bevy is the proud recipient of two prestigious awards from Great Lakes Recreation Leaders Lab: The Worthington Award for Significant Service and the Rice Award for Excellence in Resource Leadership.

Kristen Moon “Moonie” – Challenge Course Instructor, Guest Group Coordinator and Program Assistant Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center Kristen “Moonie” Moon is the Head Challenge Course Facilitator at Twinlow Camp and Retreat Center in Northern Idaho. Before moving to Idaho, she worked at Lazy F Camp and Retreat Center in Ellensburg, WA for three and a half years where she received her High and Low Ropes Challenge Certification. While working at Lazy F she also worked for Northwest Teambuilding in Bellevue, WA. Moonie has facilitated at five different challenge courses while working for Northwest Teambuilding. She has 43 official hours of training in both High and Low ropes, is belay certified, and has over 200 hours of facilitation experience. Moonie’s favorite low course element is the “Horizontal Spider’s Web” because it is a very adaptive element and great for most groups.

Dan Shane – Born and raised in Ontario, Oregon, Dan now lives in Meridian, Idaho. As a kid, Dan collected coins. After going through thousands of Lincoln pennies, he gained a desire to know about the man, he was looking at so much! This fascination for Lincoln has never stopped. Dan went from Ontario to Portland for schooling followed by a four year stint in the Air Force. Dan had a diverse career path with a total of twelve years in consumer finance, five years in retail, three years in office management and twelve years at HP in Quality Support for large format printers. Vision loss forced early retirement in 2006 and now he enjoys being around people and reading. No doubt some of that reading is further research about Lincoln!

Preston Sorensen – An experienced Teacher, Preston has been playing Frisbee Golf for over 7 years. Preston shares his interest in Friz Golf with his wife, Randee, and their four children. They live in Pleasant View, Utah.

Randee Sorensen – A busy mother of four, Randee has been involved in learning Zumba for the last three years and assisting in teaching for one and a half years. Randee credits that involvement with increased self-confidence and willingness to step out of her comfort zone. She lives with her family in Pleasant View, Utah.

Pam Watson – Assistant Professor, WSU, Lewis County Extension Faculty, 4-H Youth Development from Chehalis, WA. Pam grew up in the Washington State 4-H program taking a multitude of projects. She was also active in FFA and served on several boards as the youth representative. Pam attended Washington State University and received her BS in Animal Science-Dairy Industry. She went on to complete her Master's Degree in Education through Lesley University in Teaching and Integrating the Arts Program in 2009. Pam has always had interest in and participated in the arts. She continues to write poetry and short stories.

Janet Zimmerman – Janet is a native of Montana residing in the historic capital city of Helena. She has made music a lifetime endeavor. Janet is an accomplished dance instructor and caller. She is an artist and teacher, professional musician, dance instructor and caller. Janet plays multiple instruments, has been a member of community bands, orchestras and choirs across southwest Montana. She is the founding member of Tune Tangles and the Ricketty Chix, playing guitar and singing professionally for public and private events. She is a long time member of the Montana Women's Chorus and a veteran barbershop singer with the Bridger Mountain Harmony Chorus and Spunkalicious Quartet. Her passion for creating community music has been fueled by over twenty years of presentations and workshops for school groups, civic organizations, leadership laboratories and as a 4-H leader.

CHATCOLAB, NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP LABORATORY--2016

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1949	Don Clayton – Moscow, Idaho	Announcing the First Lab – It Finally Happened
1950	Don Clayton – Moscow, Idaho	Corridor of Nations
1951	Dan Warren – Moscow, Idaho	Being a Real Person
1952	Dan Warren – Moscow, Idaho	Our Heritage
1953	Larry Thie – Cooperville, Washington	To Know is to Care – To Care is to Share
1954	Hattie Mae Rhonemus – Eugene, Oregon	Peace through Participation
1955	Sally Schroeder – Coquille, Oregon	Menu for Fun (meal ticket)
1956	Mary McKenzie – Ephrata, Washington	Family Fun Fest
1957	Ken Branch – Bremerton, Washington	B.U. Roundup (leather)
1958	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	S.S. Friendship (ship lifesaver)
1959	Ed Cushman – Yakima, Washington	Logger's Jamboree (wood trees)
1960	John Moore – Moses Lake, Washington	Discovery Days
1961	Glen Dildine – Washington, D.C.	Within Us One World
1962	Don Ingle – Bonners Ferry, Idaho	Bridges to _____
1963	Angelo Rovetto – Yakima, Washington	Expanding Orbits (wood slices)
1964	Doc LaRale Stephens – Moscow, Idaho	From These Seeds
1965	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	The Music of Friendship (notes)
1966	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Leadership, Key to the Future (keys)
1967	Doc LaRale Stephens – Moscow, Idaho	Carving a New Image
1968	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Countdown for Tomorrow (rockets)
1969	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Beginnings (masonite shapes)
1970	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	New Horizons
1971	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	The Unfolding Process
1972	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	Leadership is a Process (wood slices)
1973	Alice Berner – Wolf Point, Montana	Because We Care (25 th Chat)
1974	Brad Bradley – Seattle, Washington	Kollege of Knowledge (wood slices)
1975	Vern Burlison – Moscow, Idaho	Finding Life's Treasures (puzzle pieces)
1976	Leila Steckelberg – Arlington, Washington	An American Panorama (puzzle pieces)
1977	Dick Schwartz - Milwaukie, Oregon	Prospecting An Adventure in Discovery
1978	Jackie Baritell – Walnut Creek, California	Take Time to Reach Out (hands)
	Marianne DuBois – Julian, California	(Shared Chairs)
1979	Roy Main – El Centro, California	A Rainbow – Color it You (rainbow)
1980	Sally Heard – Great Falls, Montana	Bloom and Grow (flowers)
1981	Mark Patterson – San Jose, California	Take Time (clocks)
1982	Mark Patterson – San Jose, California	Spread Your Wings (birds & butterflies)
1983	Doc Stephens - Spokane, Washington	Focus on Leadership
1984	Dick Schwartz - Milwaukie, Oregon	Board the "LEADERSHIP" (ships)
1985	Dick Schwartz - Milwaukie, Oregon	Come Out of Hibernation - Come Alive in '85
1986	Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Energize at Chat – Let's Glow Together
1987	Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Follow the Rainbow
1988	Miriam Beasley - Oregon City, Oregon	Ruby Jubilee (40 th Chat)
1989	Miriam Beasley – Oregon City, Oregon	A Kaleidoscope of Leadership
1990	Jim Schuld – Milwaukie, Oregon	Laughter In Leadership
1991	Miriam Lowrie – Salem, Oregon	Create Harmony in Leadership

1992	Mike Early – Overton, Texas	We Can Make a Difference
1993	Toni Gwin - Corvallis, Oregon	A Journey Into Leadership
1994	Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Recipe for Leadership
1995	Dwight Palmer – Spokane, Washington	Stepping Stones to Leadership
1996	Dwight Palmer - Spokane, Washington	Blast Off to New Horizons
1997	Bob (Beaz) Beasley – Seattle, Washington	Blaze Your Trail to Leadership
1998	Jane Higuera – Spokane, Washington	Golden Gates to Leadership 50 th
1999	Marie Madison – Corvallis, Oregon	Get the Scoop on Leadership
2000	Marie Madison – Corvallis, Oregon	Catch Ideas & Release Knowledge
2001	Toni Gwin – South Bend, Washington	Together We Build for Tomorrow
2002	Jean Baringer – Conrad, Montana	Exercise Your Intellect
2003	Bonnie Faucett – Roosevelt, Utah	Learn, Lead, Live
2004	Cheryl Ovard – Henefer, Utah	Personal Personalities
2005	Mike Early – Mulino, Oregon	Generations Generating Leaders
2006	Mike Early – Mulino, Oregon	Leadership Outside the Box
2007	John Beasley – Oregon City, Oregon	Board the Chat Family Express
2008	Janel Novak – Great Falls, Montana	“Diamonds in the Rough” 60 th
2009	Susan Sacco – Utah and Arizona	Yes You Can!
2010	Susan Sacco – Utah and Arizona	Conceive, Believe, Achieve
2011	Jennie Rylee - Boise, Idaho	Solving Leadership Puzzle
2012	Kim Maes – Cheyenne, Wyoming	Kaleidoscope of Leadership
2013	Kim Maes – Cheyenne, Wyoming	Gem of Gems: 65 Yrs. of Excellence
2014	John Beasley – Oregon City, Oregon	Bubblin’ Over
2015	Nel Carver – Moscow, Idaho	LEAD – PLAY – CONNECT Make a Splash, Create a Ripple
2016	Sarah Tudor – Newport, Washington	LEAD-PLAY-CONNECT Emerge a Leader

What is a Rec Lab?

What is Chatcolab Rec Lab?

A Rec Lab (or Recreation Workshop) is a place and time for learning recreation leadership in the field of social recreation. There are 24 of them in the United States and one in Canada. This Recreation Workshop (Rec Lab) is known as the Northwest Leadership Laboratory and is called "Chatcolab".

Rec Labs are:

- For those interested in learning how to lead recreation – youth leaders, church leaders, senior center staff, hospital staff, teachers, therapists, camp counselors, Extension personnel, community recreation staff – anyone interested in learning new recreation skills.
- Almost always held in a camp situation.
- For 3 to 5 days in length.
- Almost always for adult groups (about 16 years of age and over).
- Educational, non-profit organizations.

Rec Lab Philosophy includes:

- * Sharing – knowledge and ideas
- * Leadership techniques
- * Communication skills
- * Learning the group process
- * Learning and teaching with humor
- * Opportunities for leading
- * Skilled resource staff
- * Learning skills
- * Learning how to "teach" those skills
- * Creative use of leisure time
- * Professional improvement
- * Developing self-esteem
- * Developing a sense of togetherness

Rec Lab Program includes leadership and skill development training in:

- * Games – indoor and outdoor
- * Dance – square, folk, mixers; calling
- * Environmental activities
- * Drama, of all varieties
- * Crafts
- * Music / singing
- * Party planning
- * Ceremony planning
- * Discussion – leadership, communications, etc.
- * Therapeutic activities
- * Senior activities
- * Personal growth

Atmosphere is important for learning

1. **Informal.** Rec Lab creates an environment that frees group members so they feel free to ask questions and to get involved in learning experiences. This helps create an informal, comfortable learning situation.
2. **Hands-on.** Statistics show that true learning takes place only if your "students" actually do something instead of just watching or listening. Rec Lab is most certainly a workshop of nothing but "hands-on" activities.
3. **Location.** The best learning takes place if you can get away from the "rest of the world." So Rec Labs take their groups to a "camp."

Philosophy Of Chatcolab

CHATCOLAB LEADERSHIP LABORATORY is designed
as a stimulating experience for people
who are interested in recreation.

THE LAB IS A GROUP LIVING
in which there is an exchange of ideas and
techniques in the field of recreation.

THE LAB IS A RETREAT FROM DAILY ROUTINE.
Group unity flows as individuals develop
together in work and play.

MAJOR EMPHASIS IS PLACED IN JOY AND FELLOWSHIP.

NEW KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES
gained through the sharing of creative activities
lead to mental, emotional and spiritual growth.

AS A RESULT OF LAB EXPERIENCE
individuals recognize opportunities
for good living...

BY SHARING ONE'S SELF FREELY.

THE SPIRIT OF CHATCOLAB NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP LABORATORY

These Western Leaders agree that:

This should be a sharing camp, with no distinctions of leaders from campers, pupils from teachers.

This should be a fellowship separated from any sponsoring institution and self-perpetuating by some process of Democracy.

Goals must be for the enrichment of all life and not merely to add skills and information to already busy folk.

Recreation Laboratory would invite attendance from diverse vocations and never seek uniformity for its campers.

Those who gather here assume cooperation in complete sharing as a way of life.

Now you are a part of Chatcolab.

This notebook is the outcome of one week of sharing experiences. The material was gathered and/or completed during camp.

It is a record of a precious week together. With true appreciation, it is dedicated to all those who have here enriched our lives.

History of Chatcolab

The recreation laboratory idea was born in the early thirties at Waldenwoods, Michigan. A meeting had been scheduled for recreation leaders, and all arrived except the people who were to conduct the meeting. A snowstorm prevented their arrival. The group decided to carry on that meeting by exchanging their own ideas and experiences, and developing recreation methods and ideas for their own groups.

They spent several days together before the roads were cleared for them. At the end, in analyzing what had been accomplished, they decided that their method of sharing information, ideas, and techniques had been useful in their. They decided to hold another meeting. The enthusiasm for the "laboratory" method was so great and contagious that others heard about it. Applications came from many people who wished to share this experience with them.

In several years time, the group had grown so large the originators felt that it was necessary to reduce its size. They felt that its maximum usefulness and effectiveness could be obtained only in small groups that could be quickly integrated into sharing situations in a laboratory format. Consequently, they agreed to break up and form other laboratories entirely separate, except in inspiration, from the parent group. Some of these labs made great progress while others were less successful.

One of these labs was Camp Idhuhapi at Loetta, Minnesota, which later became the Northland Recreation Leaders Lab. This in turn was the inspiration for others, one of which was formed by a group principally from Nebraska, North and South Dakota and Montana. Twenty-seven interested people donated a dollar, and with this \$27 a committee planned the first Black Hills Lab to be held in October 1946 at Box Elder Camp in the Black Hills near Nemo, South Dakota. They decided on a fall lab, usually at the end of September, since Northland was held in the spring.

The first Recreation Leaders Laboratory established five principles, which have served as guidelines for nearly all subsequent groups:

1. This should be a sharing camp, with no distinctions between campers or pupils from teachers.
2. This should be a fellowship separated from any sponsoring institution and be self-perpetuating by democratic process.
3. Goals must be for the enrichment of all life not merely to add skills and information.
4. Recreation Leaders Laboratory would invite attendance from diverse vocations and never seek uniformity for its campers.
5. Those who come assume cooperation in complete sharing as a way of life.

Born in the midst of a depression when time was more plentiful than money, through the years when time and money were diverted to other purposes, on to times of economic growth when money was more plentiful than time, and now a period when we have neither time nor money – recreation laboratories have continued to survive.

The Black Hills Lab drew its registrants from an ever-widening circle in the west, Midwest and southwest. It generated such enthusiasm that many of its members returned home determined to bring a similar experience to greater numbers of people in their area by establishing other labs. Such was the foundation of Chatcolab in northern Idaho in 1949, established for the Northwest, held in May at Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet.

The Longhorn Recreation Lab was also organized soon after in Texas. From the same Black Hills Lab came the inspiration for the Southwest Lab in New Mexico, and the Great Plains Lab in Nebraska. The Black Hills also inspired the nucleus from the east who set up another lab in Michigan called the Great Lakes Lab and indirectly influenced the establishment of a lab in Maine, the Downeast Rec Lab, and even carried the idea to Ireland in 1963.

At the Black Hills Rec Leaders' Laboratory in 1948, some of the "out westerns" got to saying "Wouldn't it be great to have a camp like this further west?" It was at this time that Don Clayton was moving to Moscow, Idaho from Havre, Montana. There were a few from southern Idaho who had attended Black Hills Lab and Don's move was the incentive to try to start a new lab here in the northwest. Black Hills Labbers contributed \$58.00 toward organizational expenses and a committee of six people was formed. A sub-committee made up of people from Oregon, Washington, and Idaho who were interested in people and recreation were drafted to complete the new organizational committee. The winter meeting was held during the Christmas vacation (over really icy and snow packed roads) with Al and Louise Richardson at Corvallis, Montana. They blew the \$58.00, but enthusiasm was even greater to get this lab off the ground. Resource people from the area were secured and an old C.C.C. camp was chosen as the site. On good authority by an old-timer, the best weather in May was always the second week, so the target date was May 11-18, 1949. This meeting was followed by lots of letters, phone calls and news releases inviting and urging recreation leaders to participate.

This camp was built as a C.C.C. camp in the 1930's. During WWII it was used as a convalescent R & R camp for pilots stationed at Spokane. The camp was in a sad state of disrepair. Don Clayton brought students from Moscow and other individuals in the area who contributed much time, materials and money to repair the camp so it could be used. A wall was built between the kitchen and the dining area, and many pictures were painted on the walls to enhance the building. Trays, carts, and many other things were brought from Farragut Naval Training Station on Lake Pend O'Reille.

The first lab, May 11-18, 1949, was a great success with 88 people attending in full spirit and form. Financially it was solvent, morally it was clean, and physically it was capable of growth and sustained life. Chatcolab was held in the same location, Heyburn State Park on Lake Chatcolet, from 1949 through 1975. The name Chatcolab was derived from the name of the lake and the fact this is a laboratory situation.

In 1955, a group of three California people came to Chatcolab in Idaho and became so enthused with the idea that they were determined to set up a similar organization in

California. More than a three-year period finally culminated the start of the Redwood Lab.

In May 1956, the top-most section of the Chatcolab Candle, which represents sharing, was presented to Mary, Kay and Carl for the beginning of the new Redwood Lab. A committee was formed in 1955 and the members met at Camp Sylvester (Stanislaus Co. 4-H Camp) November 12-13, 1955 to set the plans and dates for the first Redwood Recreation Laboratory to be held at Camp O-ONGA in Southern California. The lab was canceled one week before it was scheduled to start due to inadequate registration.

Mary Regan and Emily Ronsee returned to Chatcolab in May 1957, bringing their section of the candle with them. It was placed back on the Chatcolab candle and again presented to Mary and Emily at the closing ceremony of Lab. They went back to California more determined than ever for Redwood to become a reality. And so it did! Jones Gulch, south of San Francisco was the location of the first Redwood Lab in April 1958. The sharing section of the Chatcolab candle became the base of the Redwood Candle with a real redwood trunk. Chatcolabbers Walt and Sally Schroeder, and Leila Steckelberg (who made the Redwood Candle at the first lab) went down to help the new lab off to a flying start. There were 43 labbers including staff and resource people that year.

In April 1959, the second lab was held at Mendocino City, with 50 people attending. Not even an Asian flu epidemic, a "fast" trip down a very narrow, rough and crooked mountain road late at night, or a broken collarbone, could dampen the enthusiasm of those attending.

The first two labs were held in the redwoods, but in 1960 the decision was made to hold the lab at Old Oak Youth Camp. It was also there in 1961 where a free will offering was taken to purchase a beautiful piece of gold bearing quartz which Ken Hoach presented to the Chatcolab board in May (to be placed in the new recreation hall fireplace) in appreciation for all the moral and financial help and support that they had given this lab.

Since the center section of our original candle became the base of the Redwood Candle, in 1958 the remaining part was melted down and molded into a new large candle and four small ones to represent "Spirit" of Chatcolab - knowledge, philosophy, ideas, humor and sharing. These, fused together again, are the candles we still use in our ceremonies.

The possibilities of becoming an incorporated group were discussed at the October 1968 board meeting in Moscow, Idaho, with the board accepting the proposal. Vern Burlison was instrumental in getting the corporate matters completed so that on May 15, 1968 during Chatcolab, the articles of incorporation were notarized at St. Maries, Idaho. In 1980 the non-profit status was received from the IRS through the efforts of Betty Schuld.

As can happen in any organization, the plans and expectations were becoming too caught up in the past and "getting into a rut." The "family groups" were getting too strong and activities were based on duties, rather than people. Don Clayton, one of the original planners of Chatcolab, now in Wisconsin, attended the October 1969 planning meeting in

Moscow, Idaho to help re-evaluate the goals of Chatcolab. He reminded us that we learn through sharing, not merely in getting, and labbers need to feel the warmth and love of the group to be ready to learn and experience leadership. Plans were made to create an atmosphere where labbers are more willing to try things on their own. During the May 1970 Lab, when Chat became of age (21) the lab program was people-centered and activities were filled in to suit the needs, rather than an activity program first, filled in by people. This presented a challenge for labbers to use their ideas in self-discovery. Chatcolab 1972 saw the introduction of C.H.A.T. (College of Hidden Art and Talents) classes allowing every labber an opportunity to give more of himself by sharing some ability.

The celebration of the 25th anniversary in 1974 brought 91 labbers to Chat. Mary Fran Bunning Anderson, who, along with her husband, Bill, was instrumental in forming the earlier years lab's leadership growth, attended her 19th lab and shared memories of past labs. Marge Leinum Grier (24), Leila Steckelberg (21), Don Clayton (23) and Vernon Burlison (20) all of whom had attended the last 20 labs, also added their memories. Labbers celebrated by enjoying birthday cake, the anniversary waltz, reminisced, and enjoyed other activities.

All good things have to come to an end sometimes. Our use of Heyburn Youth Camp ended (last lab there was in 1975) by the Idaho State Health Department declaring the facility was unfit and would be closed unless it could be brought up to regulated health standards. Updating was almost impossible for the aging facility.

Vern Burlison and Leila Steckelberg were instrumental in finding a new location, deciding on the Easter Seal Camp (now called Camp Roger Larson) at Worley, Idaho, not far from Heyburn. There was much nostalgia carry-over and yearning for Indian Cliffs, the colorful dining hall, the glorious trees, the daily train, the many memories there, but we found a new home, because Chatcolab is not just a place. More importantly, it is people! The wishing well at Heyburn was purchased at the dispersal auction with the hope that it would some day be rebuilt as a remembrance of our "youthful years." Easter Seal Camp (Camp WSU-Camp Roger Larson) has satisfied our needs since 1976 and has been home ever since, except in 1994 when Chatcolab was held at Camp Gifford, north of Spokane, Washington.

In 1988 the 40th lab was celebrated with a "Ruby Jubilee" with 70 labbers attending. It was a busy week that started with some "Remember when's..." celebrating with good evening programs, each one being better than the night before, ending with a cake-cutting celebration.

Recreation Laboratories offer a unique opportunity for those involved in recreation of all types, whether on an amateur or professional basis. Its uniqueness stems from the extent of complete involvement of the individual in the imaginative planning and sharing of all aspects of the recreational program. An atmosphere is created for discovering within

oneself the latent abilities that ones' everyday environment never uncovers. In this discovery anyone can become a better man or woman, a more efficient leader. The wide opportunity to gain manual skills and training experiences, though of lasting value, shall be considered secondary to the foregoing.

The basic objectives were formulated more than 50 years ago and still hold today. "Participants in Chatcolab Recreation Laboratory have the opportunity to uncover, utilize, and share these talents themselves which are perhaps laying dormant by:

1. Getting to know people with similar interests by working together.
2. Encouraging participation in "trying-out" situations.
3. Sharing recreational experiences and skills with both amateurs and professionals.

The basic idea which brought so much enthusiasm out of so many people can be expressed in one word - SHARING. The learning at Lab has never been by or for specialists. It has been an effort to stimulate and enthuse by exposure to methods and ideas. The focus has been on learning by participation and encouragement. The sharing of duties and problems made the practical application of chore sharing a necessity. Leaders have been chosen very often, not as true experts in their fields, but rather as guides to help other leaders on the way.

At Great Lakes Recreation Leaders Laboratory held May 5-10, 1978, at Camp Pinewood on Echo Lake (15 miles east of Muskegon, Michigan) the "true" story of the birth of recreation labs was made known. This story follows:

The many fine Rec Labs now going, held all over the United States, received their inspiration and beginning years ago in Chicago.

Lyn Rohrbaugh, Owen Gree, Chester Dower, and Chester Graham (all ministerial students) decided that the National Recreational Association was not meeting the needs of the churches and other non-professional groups. So they organized the first Educational Recreation Institute held in Chicago in June 1926-27. It was moved to Wheeling, West Virginia in 1928-29. Next it went to Lake Geneva, Wisconsin and then to Waldenwoods (near Howell, Michigan) from 1931 through 1934.

As the group grew larger and people became eager to share inspiration, training and fellowship with people in their own localities, it was decided to discontinue the meeting in Waldenwoods and give people an opportunity to start new labs.

The Michigan group met for two years at the Folk School in Grant, Michigan. After that the Michigan area did not have a Lab until Arden Peterson, Marian Hermance, Bernice LaFreniers, Gould Pinney, Ray Lamb and Jim Halm went to the Black Hills Recreation Lab in 1951 and came back with such great enthusiasm that a Great Lakes Recreation Leaders Lab was started at Twin Lakes in 1951.

The "myth" of the snowstorm is still preferred by labbers because it is symbolic of the philosophy of Chatcolab. When put in such situations (a "leader" does not arrive) we should be prepared to take over and not be dependent on someone else. Through Chatcolab experiences, we strive to be able to become dependent upon ourselves.

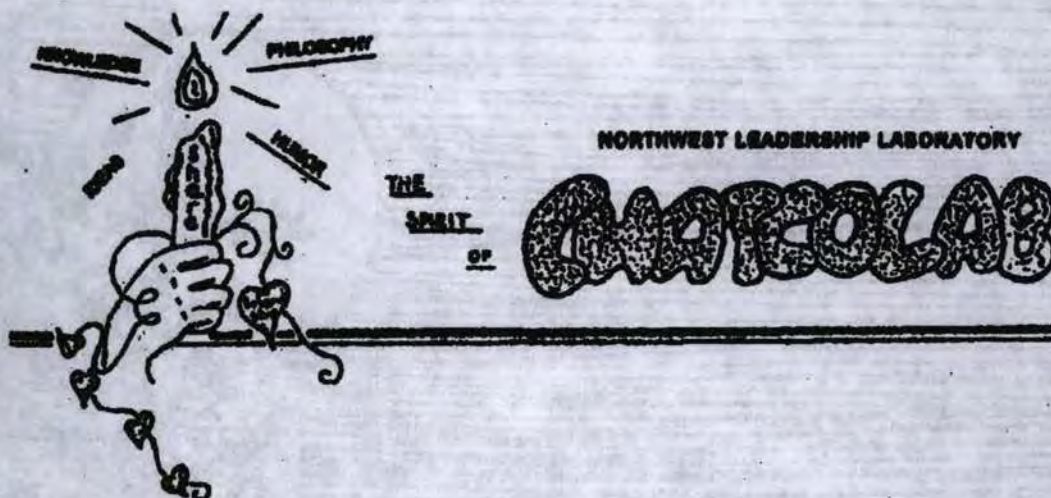
The original committee and board are as follows:

**NORTHWEST RECREATION LABORATORY
CAMP HEYBURN -- PLUMMER, IDAHO -- May 11-18, 1949**

<u>1948-49 Committee</u>	<u>Original Board Elected 1949</u>	<u>Term Exp.</u>
Don Clayton, Moscow, ID—Chairman	Don Clayton, Chairman	1952
Emil K. Eliason, Havre, MT—Treasurer	Dan Warren, Vice-Chairman	1952
Louise Richardson, Corvallis MT—Secretary	George Gustafson, Treasurer	1951
Ruth Radir, Pullman, WA	Louise Richardson, Secretary	1951
A.L. Richardson, Corvallis, MT	Jim Huntley, Olympia, WA	1952
Dan Warren, Moscow, ID	Evelyn Sainsbury, Salen, OR	1951
George Gustafson, Bozeman, MT	Lillian Timmer, Moccasin, MT	1950
Evelyn Sainsbury, Great Falls, MT	John Stottsberg, NezPerce, ID	1950
Esther Teskerud, Corvallis, OR	Elizabeth Bush, Okanogan, WA	1950

Logos and Notebook Cover

The old logo of the single hand with the flowing ivy, shown below, was designed and used as stationary in the early years, at least prior to 1955. The candles have always been a central part of the opening and closing ceremonies and represents sharing, with the rays of light representing ideas, knowledge, philosophy, and humor. All of these entwined, given and received, by friendship.



The former notebook cover picture, following page, was from a photograph of the campfire by Lake Chatcolet at Camp Heyburn. After the picture was drawn it was transferred to metal plates and used to print the cover page from 1953 to and including 1989. Leila Steckelberg still has these plates in her possession. This cover was retired in 1989 when we went with the silk-screened three ring binder and has now become part of Chat history.

The new and official logo and lettering, as used on the front of this notebook and on official Chat stationary, was designed by Jaki Svaren, calligrapher, teacher, lecturer, and author. Jaki taught calligraphy at Portland Community College, Portland State University, and Reed College. She is the author of several books on calligraphy and her book "Written Letters" is a much used college textbook. She is past president of the Portland Calligraphy society and of Penultima, a calligraphy production company. We are appreciative of the work Mrs. Svaren has done for Chatcolab.

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NORTHWEST LEADERSHIP LABORATORY



CHATCOLAB



**LEADERSHIP
CAMP**

It Wasn't Fun Alone
That Drew Scores
to This Outing

CAMP at CHATCOLET

By Archie R. Hamey

When 89 men and women gathered recently on the shore of Lake Chatcolet at the lower end of Lake Coeur d'Alene for the first Northwest Recreation camp, the license plates on their automobiles told a peculiar story. Many had come from far places in Montana, Washington and Oregon. One car was from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Just why people would come that far to learn to whittle a figurine out of a pine stick, or learn a new square dance or outdoor game, or learn to lead group singing was something that I couldn't quite see. Eight days of fun are fun even for a hardened old editor. But Twin Falls!! Colorado Springs!!

Even if you throw in silversmithing, leather carving, aluminum shaping and etching and top it off with Chatcolet bass fishing—well, it's still a long way to some of those points, and a great many of the folks who had come were busy people at home. Some taught school, some were from farms, businesses, institutional posts. One woman from Twin Falls is a radio station operator. Three men were from pulpits, and two of those had to be home on Sunday to preach their regular sermons.

It didn't take long to find out what it was that brought these busy people long

distances. The folks who had come to the Northwest Recreation camp wanted something more than vacation for themselves. There was more of work than play during the entire eight days. Fun doesn't include working on a square dance until midnight. It doesn't in my vocabulary. Dancing like that is work all written all in capitals. You may like the music and the rhythm, and it may be fun from the standpoint of the good fellows you are dancing with, but there is still the matter of feet and legs that yell loudly for rest.

Outdoor games are work, too. Try some of them. And it's real work to put out a 75-page mimeographed camp report with illustrations and have it all ready to go when the camp breaks up. It's work to concentrate on a wood-carving, a carved leather belt, an aluminum tray, or a bit of silver jewelry when it's all unfamiliar to you and you'd like to give up and quit.

There was something more than personal fun that the campers at Chatcolet had come for. They had come determined to get something to take home with them and pass on to someone else—some little thing that would make life and living better for the people of their communities.

Service was the key-word throughout

the camp. From the fellow who got up early in the morning to stoke the hot-water heater for the rest of us, right on up to the men and women who had worked long, long hours in committees to make the whole venture possible, service to others was the word. Take a look at the membership of the committee and you'll get an idea of how much work had to be done, how many letters had to be written, and how much thought had to go into the entire plan.

The Rev. Don Clayton of Moscow, Idaho, was chairman of the group. Emil Eliason, Havre, Mont., was treasurer, and Louise Richardson of Corvallis, Mont., was secretary. Ruth Radir, assistant state 4-H club leader at Washington State college, was the committee member from her state, and Oregon had one, Esther Teskerud of Corvallis.

Dan Warren, Idaho state 4-H club leader from the University of Idaho, was the other member from the Gem state, but Montana had enough to make up for the rest of us. There was Al Richardson, the other half of the Corvallis Richardson family. Al ran the "spit and whittle club" and had a fine collection of carved figurines on display just to make the rest of us more anxious to cut our thumbs. Then there was George Gustafson, Bozeman, and Evelyn Sainsbury from Great Falls. I met all of them and was glad that I didn't have to try keeping up with them for more than the three days that I was there. Whoever it was that picked them for the committee work knew what he was doing. I have a hunch that it was Don Clayton, as he comes from over in the Grizzly state.

Service and cooperation. Those were the two thoughts of the camp. Service to other people brought all 89 of the campers there. Cooperation with each other spread what each had to offer like quicksilver through the camp. Al Richardson whittled and carved, and soon others were whittling and carving so that they could show people in their communities the rudiments of carving for fun and beauty. Bill Bunning and his wife Mary Frances did silver work and made grand things from leather, and the beauty of their art spread from hand to hand.

Don Clayton, John Stotsenbery and Ed Dover, all ministers, taught us how simple it is to lead group singing. You'd be surprised at how much fun it is to stand or sit on the shore of a moonlit

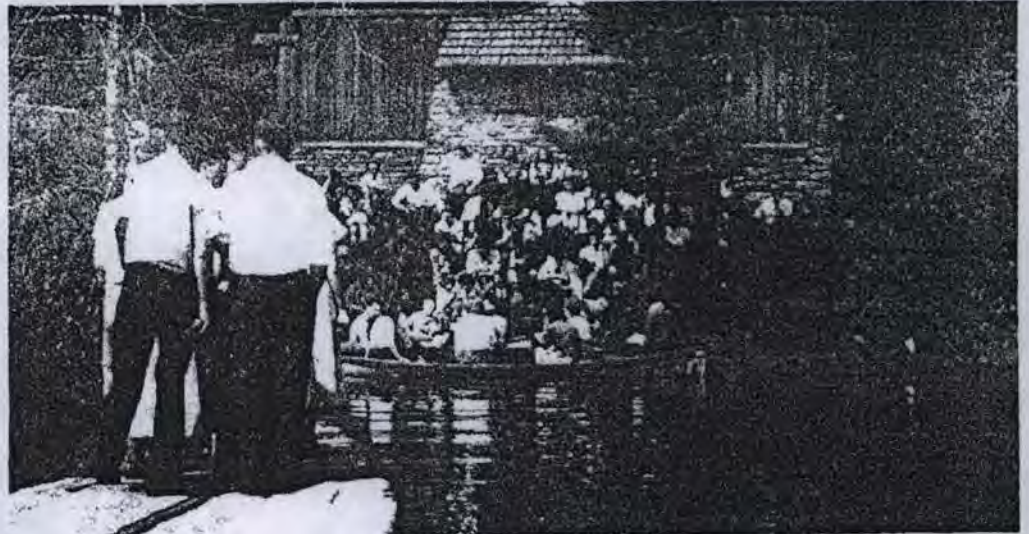
lake and sing to the stars in the water. Elaine Harder, Moscow, Idaho, showed the campers how to shape and etch aluminum. Vic Dauer from Washington State college was in charge of outdoor games, and Vince Cooney from Spokane called square dances long after I was in my sleeping bag.

People came to give at the Lake Chatcolet camp just as they came to take something away with them. Some gave in fine arts, in skills, in personality that added to the camp. Everyone gave something in cooperation when he served his turn in the kitchen helping the hired cooks or washing dishes or scrubbing the floors. Some gave in suggestions, in trying to help the other fellow, and by their very kindness. It was a place to give and take with everyone figuring that he was giving too little and taking too much. There really are people like that.

There was time set aside to discuss phases of recreation as well as to demonstrate them. A group discussion on recreation in the home brought suggestions for solving many of the problems that face parents and children in most homes. The discussion began with a group seated before a general assembly, but everybody got in. They were looking for homely ways of making a child happy and helping him to grow in his home. They weren't out for producing the world's great children; they just wanted to talk over some good ideas to make life fuller and better for everyone concerned.

Already they're planning to hold a second meeting at Chatcolet next spring. They debated for some time about the best name for the camp and finally settled on "Chatcolab." Your guess is as good as mine as to what it means, but the whole camp is a laboratory of recreation and humanity. The committee will work out an even better program for next year although it's hard from where I stand to figure just what could improve it. The food was good, there are long dormitories for comfortable sleeping.

The camp at Lake Chatcolet is a symptom. It's a sign of a time when people like you and me and all of us are coming to realize that every man has a deep responsibility in building his immediate world. Enough such worlds on a foundation that is solid enough may in time contribute much to a universe of peace and good will.



Church on the lake; choir on pier; scripture readers in boat. Left: Indian taught nature lore.



Philosophy and potato peeling went together at the camp.

Memorials

Over the years, Chatcolab has received many gifts in memory of loved ones.

Four of the former labbers that we have lost in the last two year are:

Diana Marsden David,

Bill Headrick,

Gwen Main

Colby Schumann.

Dear Diana

Knowing you over the many years and having you for a friend was very valuable to me.

You brought so many ideas to Chat, many of which I always remember and use all the time, such as:

- The extended Decoupage ; I have taught many people the technique from my grand children to some of the young people I met in Botswana.
- The High Tea was very special.
- Our morning walks with long conversations will always be remembered.
- Our Songfests were great.
- I still have a tape of your beautiful voice.
- Best of all my memories is my trip to Dover. You were such a gracious host and I will never forget all the Castles, the Plays, Dover Castle, trip to Candleberry and so much more

REST IN PEACE DEAR FRIEND TILL WE MEET AGAIN.
LOVE, AND HUGS, AND PEACE,
SALLY

Diana Macrea always enjoyed music and singing. In the late 50's ;or early ;60's she along with Miriam Beasley/ Vern Burlison and Billie Marie Studer worked to get a special Chatcolab songbook put together which has been used a lot. Diane got a lot of people to attend chat especially from England
Jean Baringer

I remember Diana McRae Marsden David coming to lab in the late 60's. She was already a free-spirit and that never changed.

She was as loyal to Chatcolab as any I can remember; she traveled all the way from Europe to attend Lab and many of the Fall Planning Meetings. She would call up and say "May I get a ride from (you name the city in the NW) to Lab?" She was always willing to share an offering of an opera number and had a heart as big as she was.

It gives me cause to wonder why she was never named an Honorary Board Member; I guess I thought she would always be there. We should have honored her while she was alive.

Mike Early

One of my fondest memories of Diana was the year our Chatcolab Family Group decided to do a "High Tea", English style according Diana. We had a crystal punch bowl and all wore hats and gloves, although hats and gloves were loosely interpreted with hats running the gamut from baseball to cowboy to paper constructions to circa 1950s hats. The gloves were about the same with a variety of work gloves, garden, and some classy ones that reached above the elbow. And then there was entertainment provided by several talented labbers, but Diana stole the show with an operatic number that brought the house down! She could always be counted on to come up with some crazy stuff. Nel Carver

I first met Diana "Yahoo" at Redwood Rec Lab in California when I was a 4H Junior Leader; she traveled down with Dwight Wales a couple of times and they shared so much of Native American culture and stories with the program there. In 1973 she offered to give me a ride to Chatcolab if I could get myself to San Francisco (I lived near the Mexican border). Since I was attending junior college that year I thought I should go that year since I wouldn't be able to attend once I started in university. (I didn't miss a lab for the next 8 years or so.)

She met me at the SFO airport, we picked up Mark Patterson and headed off to Camp Heyburn, driving almost straight through. I didn't know Mark and at all, and very little of Diana when the trip began, but the sharing of adventures along the way built bonds - and inside jokes - that lasted for years.

I recall her telling campfire tales, talking about her artifact collection, and her many travels and adventures all around the world. She also spoke fondly and often of her daughters. And she loved to sing, and always had a request or a song to share. One year she and a friend from Jerusalem, Hanni Halawani, travelled with me from CA to Camp Larson. He spoke almost no English when the trip began, but could identify every spice and herb in the grocery store by smell. As we drove over Stevens Pass (in deep snow in May) he taught us an Arabic children's song, and kindly wrote out the words for me... in Arabic! The three of us sang it together a time or two during the week at lab.

It is amazing to me that Diana continued to make the trip to Lab year after year as the years advanced on her, but the experiences and the people were obviously a guiding light in her life. She made a difference in my life, opening a much broader world of people and ideas than I had had exposure to as a teenager in California. She is a rich part of the magnificent tapestry of people and memories that are Chatcolab to me.

Therianne Burton

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IN MEMORIUM - LITTLE BILL HEADRICK - CHATCOLAB HONORARY BOARD MEMBER - Thanks Bill!!!

Willis Webster "Little Bill" Headrick went home to be with his Lord and Savior on July 30, 2015 at the age of 84. He passed peacefully surrounded by his family at Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City. Bill was born April 29, 1931 in Oregon City, Oregon. He was the younger of two children born to John Robert Headrick and Dorothy Eva (Swallow) Headrick.

He lived with his family in Lake Oswego, attending Lake Oswego Elementary school for first grade. In 1938 his family moved into the Mt. Pleasant area of Oregon City where he lived until 1946, attending Mt. Pleasant Elementary School.

Bill was active in 4-H in Clackamas County. He raised hogs and sheep on the family farm. Beginning in 1943 at age 12 he began attending Clackamas County 4-H Camp, the first such camp held in Oregon. It was there that he earned the name "Little Bill". There were two campers named Bill at camp, and he was the smaller of the two. The name stuck as he continued the tradition of being at 4-H Camp for the next seventy years, missing only the two years that he was on active duty in the Navy. He held every position from camper to counselor to staff member to director - the only position he didn't hold was that of cook, which the other attendees were glad of. He last attended camp for his 70th year just a week before he passed away.

In 1946 the family moved to a farm in Beavercreek, Oregon. Bill attended Oregon City High School, where he played baseball, and wrestled, graduating in 1949. After graduation, he attended Oregon State University until he got the call to serve from Uncle Sam. Bill enlisted in the Navy on January 4, 1951, and served as a machinist mate on the USS Doyle DMS-34, a destroyer minesweeper. He saw duty in Korea, China, Kwajalein, and Guam until he was honorably discharged from the Navy on July 6, 1953. Just ten days after returning home from the service, he married Margaret Clara Colegrove on July 19, 1953.

He returned to college, and after three years and two children, graduated with a bachelor's degree in agriculture from Oregon State University in June of 1956. He worked for the Oregon State Game Commission for a short time in Pendleton, then returned back to the family farm which he had purchased from his mother, where he lived until shortly before he passed.

After he returned to Beavercreek, he worked at McLaren School for Boys in Woodburn, Oregon, and beginning on July 1, 1960 he worked as a deputy sheriff for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office until he retired as a captain on Apr. 30, 1993. Bill was very active with the American Red Cross, teaching First Aid and CPR to many thousands of students for over 30 years.

He served as a deacon and an elder at Lower Highland Bible Church in Beavercreek, and in later years attended Clackamas Bible Church. His hobbies included fishing, fly-tying, and ice cream. When he retired, he bought a boat that he was very proud of. He was active in the Coast Guard Auxiliary, teaching boater safety, and served as flotilla commander in 1972. He held an amateur radio license, KB7RIH, and enjoyed checking into the Northwest Traffic and Training Net.

He is survived by his wife Margaret; his sister Amy Rose Shuey of Chemult, Oregon; and his 4 children, Charles Robert (Bob) Headrick of Corvallis, Oregon, Richard Michael Headrick of Clackamas, Oregon, Margaret Elizabeth (Ellie) Brandel of Milwaukie, Oregon, and John Edward Headrick of Milwaukie, Oregon. He is also survived by nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson. A memorial service was held at Clackamas Bible Church, 15655 SE Johnson Rd., Clackamas, OR 97015, on Saturday, August 8 at 3:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family would prefer a donation to Clackamas Bible Church at the above address, or the Clackamas County 4-H Camp program through the Clackamas County Extension Office at 200 Warner Milne Road, Oregon City, OR 97045

CHAT CHAT SPRING NEWS

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In Memorial ...



Gwen Main went peacefully to her heavenly home on January 24, 2016. She was born in Artesia, New Mexico on September 7, 1917 to Henry F. Bliss and Hazelle C. (Feemster) Bliss, the first of their four children. On October 12, 1921, her brother Jack was born. The

family moved to Moran, Texas in 1922 to be near her grandfather's family and it was there her brother Robert was born on May 15, 1927. In 1930, they moved to Center Township and then Oberlin, Kansas, to be near her father's family. She moved to El Centro, California in 1932, her freshman year in high school, and her sister, Mary Ann was born on October, 25, 1932. She graduated from Central Union High School in June, 1933 and attended Central Junior College (now IVC). She then attended San Diego State University and worked at the YWCA in San Diego at 10th and C Street. On June 9, 1939, she received a Bachelor of Arts degree and her elementary teaching credential. On June 10, 1939, she signed her first school district contract to become a full time teacher and taught first grade at Harding Elementary School. During this time she met the new store manager for F. W. Woolworth Co. named Roy Main. After Pearl Harbor, they decided to marry on January 17, 1942, and Roy enlisted in the army. Gwen was a World War II bride and spent time at Ft. Benning, GA, Tyler, Texas and Little Rock, AK, while Roy was in training where he achieved the rank of 1st lieutenant. Gwen was involved with the USO and Officer's wives. After the war, they returned to El Centro and their first child, Susan was born on March 7, 1946. They moved to Martinez, CA with Woolworth's and returned to El Centro in 1948 where Roy worked as manager of the Imperial Hardware. Their daughter, Mary was born on April 28, 1949 and son Robert on December 29, 1953.

Gwen was a homemaker during this time and returned to her career as an educator in 1965 at Heber Elementary School and then at Desert Gardens Elementary School until her retirement in 1980. Gwen loved music and the arts, reading, and nature. She was an accomplished musician, artist, singer and dancer. She and Roy enjoyed many years of dancing together and teaching square dancing, round, folk, clogging and ball room dancing. They loved travel and family vacations. Gwen's last adventure was to travel to Machu Pichu, Peru when she was 90 years old. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, B-LO-C Square Dancers, CRTA, The Desert Palm Chapter of DAR, Chapter GW PEO and First Christian Church, El Centro. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers; her beloved husband, Roy; her son, Robert John (Bobby) and grandson William Dobbs (Billy). She is survived by her daughters, Sue (Tim) Witherow of Merced, CA and Mary (Bobby) Locke of El Centro; sister, Mary Ann Williams of La Verne, CA; sister-in-law, Jessie Bliss of Julian, CA; grandchildren, Josh Dobbs-McAuliff (Betsy) of Middletown, CT, Jonathan Frith (Lindsey) of Manteca, CA, Brent Locke (AnnaDee) of Agoura Hills, CA, Kim Hennesay (Jeff) of Rancho, Cucamonga, CA, Kristen Hollander Ledbetter (Casey) of Seattle, WA, and Melissa Jensen (Chris) of Merced, CA; nieces, Chris (Steve) Sykes, of Temple City, CA, Heidi (Jim) Mealey of Arlington, WA, Christy Fletcher of Carlsbad, CA, Lorie (Gary) Heavener of Brawley, CA; nephew, Bob (Susan) Bliss of Palm Desert, CA and 14 great grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will be held at First Christian Church, 450 S Waterman, El Centro, at 11 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 2016 with Hems Brothers Mortuary handling the arrangements and Pastor Ed Sempsrott officiating. Donations may be made in Gwen's name to First Christian Church, The Salvation Army, or the American Bible Society. Gwen lived a wonderful 98 years, as a woman of faith, dignity and grace and will be greatly missed!

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NEWS...

And They Dance On...

Sue Witherow, Merced, California



Dearest Chatcolab, What a BIG part of Roy and Gwen Main's lives you have been!!

From the start they came as dance instructors , invited by Mary Ann Burton, to full time participants for 30+ years. Chat always had high priority in their lives.

Yearlong contact with fellow Chatcolabbers was a highlight. Roy & Gwen may have visited on their travels or when labbers were passing through El Centro, California. Names I grew up with were Mama and Papa B, Ruth Moe, 'Doc" Stephens, Hello Dolly Dweyer, Charlotte Norlin, Mike Early and Leila Steckelberg are but a few.

Chat enhanced the talents and encouraged both Roy & Gwen to pursue and venture out. Both of them taught exercise classes for Seniors until their health prevented them from doing so. They reached out to people (especially my dad with his hugs) with their love of art, music, and dance, recreation, the outdoors, and travel. Chat was a major resource for them.

Thanks to each of you! Chat has truly been, and continues to be, a blessing for the Main family!
God Bless you and keep going,



Colby Schumann

1992-2015

It saddens me to announce the untimely death of one of our Chat family. Colby Schumann passed away suddenly September 5, 2015. Colby is the son of Dawn Carver and brother of Taylor Schumann, the grandson of Nel and Bob Carver and the nephew of Betsy Carver and Zac Fink. All were 2015 Chatcolab attendees.

Colby attended Chatcolab a few years ago with his mom, sister,

grandparents and step-brother Benjamin Carver. He was also scheduled to attend Black Hills Rec Lab this Fall with his mom and grandparents. - Betsy



Colby Alan Schumann

July 31, 1992 - September 6, 2015

Resided in Ogema, MN

Obituary

Colby Alan Schumann passed away unexpectedly September 6, 2015 along the shores of Little Bemidji Lake in Minnesota. Funeral service will be held 11 a.m., Friday, September 11, 2015, at Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church in Ogema. Visitation will be held from 5-8 p.m., Thursday, September 10, 2015, at David-Donhower Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes with a prayer service to be held at 7:30 p.m. Visitation will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Friday. Burial will be made at Lake Grove Lutheran Cemetery in rural Waubun. David-Donhower Funeral Home is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. To leave online condolences please visit www.daviddonehower.com.

Colby was born July 31, 1992 in Torrington, Wyoming to Keith and Dawn (Voigt) Schumann. He graduated Laramie High school in 2011.

His passion was fishing and he spent every summer stalking the northern pike, bass and walleye of Little Bemidji Lake, along with the streams and lakes of Wyoming and trips to Canada. He loved puns, practical jokes and despite not liking spicy foods, would not turn down a dare. He loved dogs, Johnny Cash, Eminem, skiing and rode his bike miles and miles. He was stubborn and drank way too much Mountain Dew while staying up all night watching movies.

Colby was an extremely hard worker and was an asset where ever he worked. He was employed as machinist at the time of his death.

He is survived by his parents, Keith and Ann Schumann (Ogema, MN), Brian and Dawn Carver (Laramie) and siblings Taylor Schumann, Isabel Schumann and Benjamin Carver. Grandparents Don and Iris Schumann (Waubun, MN), Linda Voigt (Laramie), Gregg Voigt (Thermopolis, Wy) and numerous heartbroken Aunts, Uncles, Cousins and Friends.

Donations can be made to the Epilepsy Foundation (www.epilepsy.com) or to the Laramie Animal Shelter. In Lieu of flowers a tree purchased in Colby's honor is preferred.

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MARIANNE BURTON
"HOW WE PLAY"

YOUTH ALL-LAB

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LARSEN**

DRAWING--JANET ZIMMERMAN

FRIZGOLF--PRESTON SORENSEN



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GROUP COORDINATOR & PROGRAM ASSISTANT, TWINLOW CAMP & RETREAT
CENTER, RATHDRUM, IDAHO.)



MINI-WORKSHOPS

- **All Lab Barn Dance** with Janet Zimmerman
- **Lincoln, What Made Him So Great** with Dan Shane
- **Tin Punch** with Bevy Larsen
- **Master the Aftati** with Dave Chandler
- **Friz Golf** with Preston Sorensen
- **Waterfront** with Camp Staff
- **Butterflies, Butterflies, Butterflies** with Ed Bechinski
- **Stomp** with Bill Henderson
- **Coloring as Stress Relief** with Jana Kemp
- **Zumba** with Randee Sorensen
- **Paper Project Potpourri** with Jana Kemp and Bevy Larsen
- **FUNderbirds** with Bill Henderson
- **Fun Writing Outdoors** with Sally Heard
- **Natural Healing** with Marianne Burton
- **Basic Theatre & Acting** with Erika Burton
- **Make a Mini Magazine** with Jana Kemp
- **Geo-Caching, the Adventure** with Betsy Carver
- **Shakespeare, the Man Behind the Works** with Erika Burton

& MISCELLANEOUS



Words to consider by Abraham Lincoln

- Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's true character give him power.
- I am a slow walker but I never turn back.
- A house divided against itself cannot stand.
- Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first 4 hours sharpening the axe.
- You can fool some of the people all of the time , you can fool all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time.
- Allow a President to invade a nation when he deems it necessary and you allow him to make war at pleasure.
- The better part of one's life consist of his friendships.
- Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot retain it.
- Severe justice may not always be the best policy.
- Events make a President.
- Truth is usually the best vindication against slander.
- You cannot fail if you resolutely determine you will not.
- Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my

friends.

- The probability that we may fail in a cause should not deter us from its support.

Recommended Readings

There are approximately 5000 books on the subject of Lincoln, not counting magazines and newspaper articles. Following are a few I would recommend for a start.

- The Prairie Years by Carl Sandburg
- The War Years by Carl Sandburg
- Mr. Lincoln's Army by Bruce Catton
- Lawyer Lincoln by Albert Waldman
- Mary Lincoln by Ruth Randall
- Their Last Full Measure by Joseph Wheeland
- Team of Rivals by Doris Kerns Goodwin
- American History Magazine
- American Heritage Magazine, discontinued