

How "Wenatchee Naturalist" Brought Me Home

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Context:

- ✗ Grew up recreating in Wenatchee!
- ✗ It's Susan's fault that I grew up being very conscious of how special this region is :) But we never met!
 - ✗ elementary school Saddle Rock hike program
 - ✗ elementary school Jacobsen's preserve
 - ✗ Earth Day with the Land Trust
 - ✗ Kids in the Forest and Creek
 - ✗ Salmon Fest
 - ✗ So much more!!!
- ✗ I attribute my love of Biology to the strong sense of connection & appreciation I found here.
- ✗ I moved across the state and out of it altogether, studying and exploring nature wherever I went.



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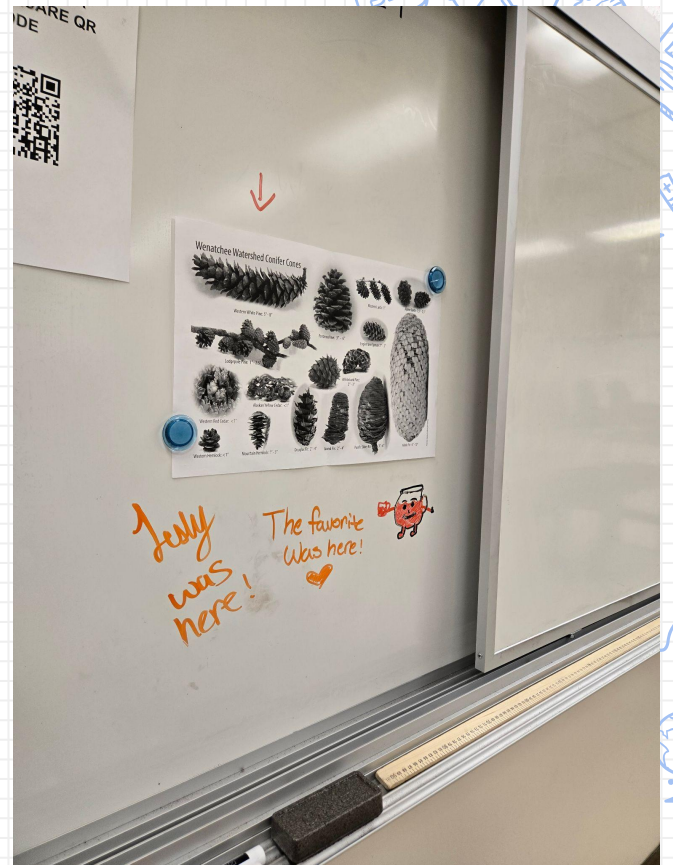
- ✘ I moved back to Wenatchee almost 2 years ago.
- ✘ I finally met Susan at a Land Trust Event 7 months ago, and got to thank her in person – a Local Legend!
- ✘ I registered for Wenatchee Naturalist immediately!!



Context continued:

- ✘ Some of you know, I'm currently a biology and animal science teacher at Wenatchee High School.
- ✘ This Wenatchee Naturalist course has given me so much delight, inspiration, confidence, and mentorship.
- ✘ I have used **so** many of the lessons we've done and connections we've made in this course with my own students!!!!

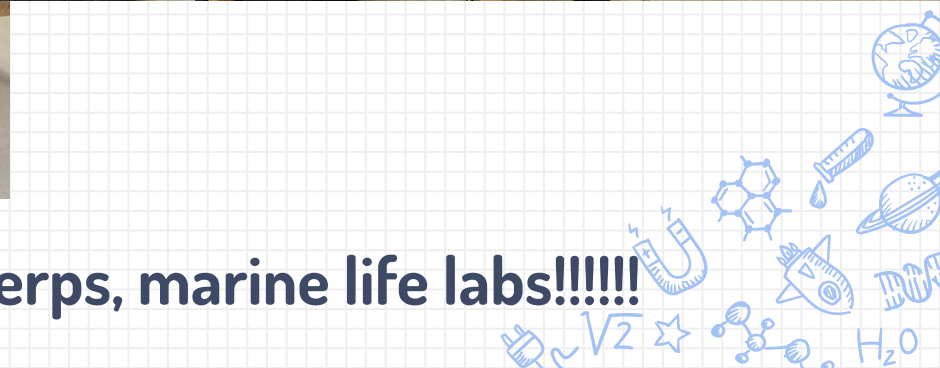




Conifer Identification to practice using dichotomous keys!



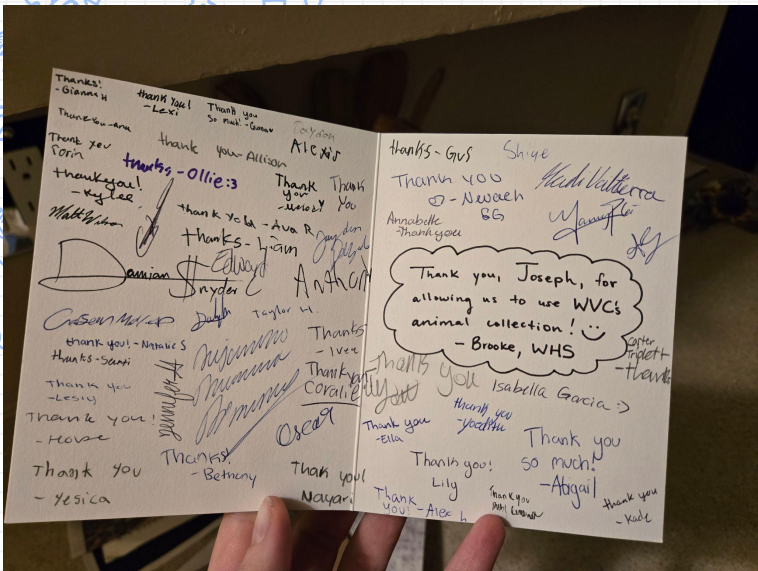
Sharing knowledge with friends and students in community! Foothills Fest!



Mammal, birds, insects, herps, marine life labs!!!!!!

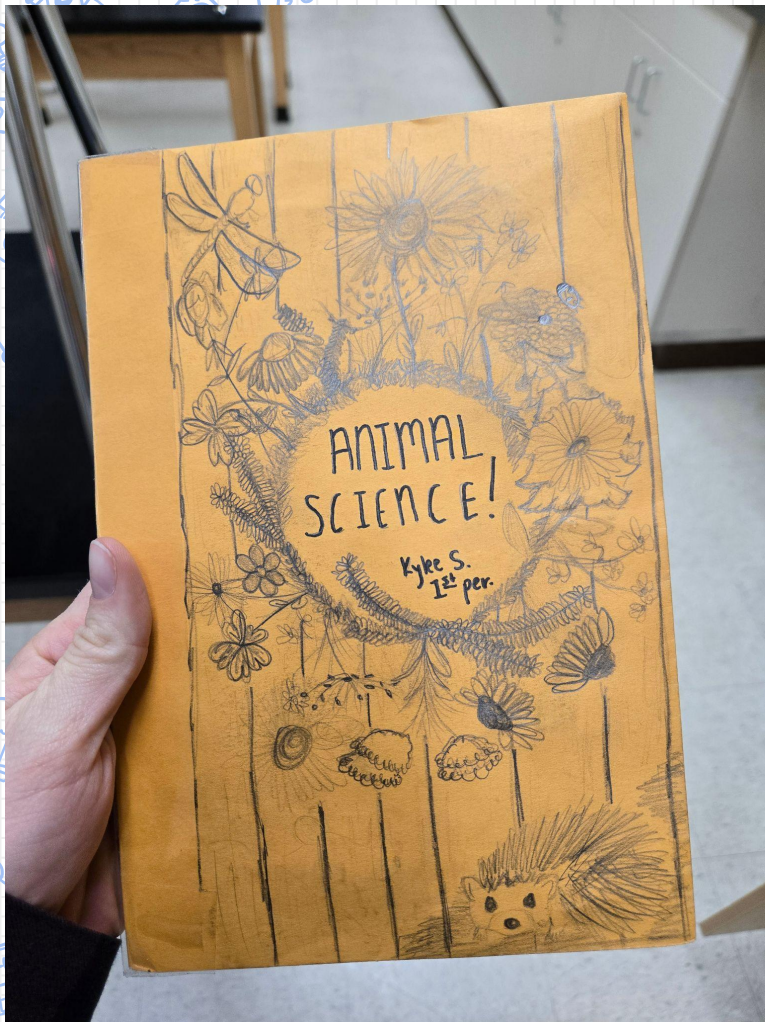


GUEST SPEAKERS!!



Thank-You Notes & Field Trips!

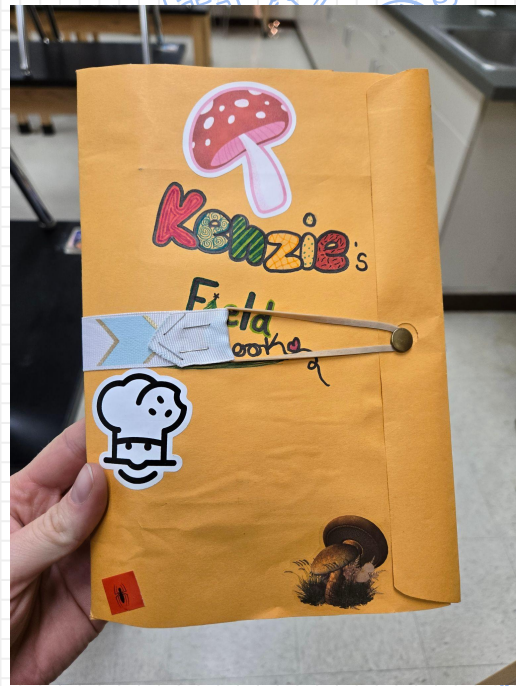




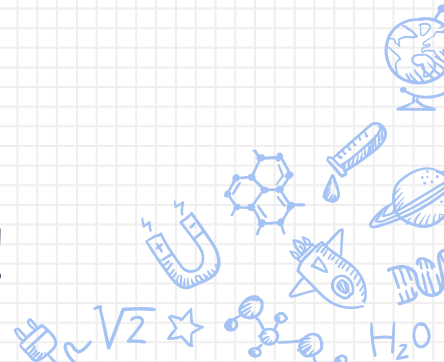
yellow-bellied marmot
They mostly spend time in there burrow
They are pretty small
very soft
they are herbivores - Hunted by man.

Bobcat
They are a mid sized animal
very small but pointy ears
They get their name from their
small tails
They are carnivores.
excellent vision, smell, hearing
They are very good climbers.
They are territorial and solitary.

Opussum
They are very good at adapting their
behavior to fit their environment better
They prefer areas near a water source
such as stream, swamps
They eat what ever they can find
Bald ears.



Field Notebooks!!!!





Susan Quotes

- “Something to celebrate – we know so little!”
- “Maple’s main advantages may be simply that it’s big and goes naked half the year.”
- “Play around as much as possible.”
- “In botany, there’s no certainty.”
- “A tree is a way of being a plant.”
- “It’s changed again - isn’t this amazing?”
- “Roses are a challenge.”
- “My previous skat collection...”
- “Weedy-ness is a personality.”
- “More than 10 is infinity.”
- “The theme of hair continues.”
- “How could I forget pappus?!”
- “Cute little nutlets... they’re just darling!”
- “Genetics are fabulous, but they really messed us up.”
- *holding a single sunflower* “Wow, look at his beautiful bouquet of flowers... 250 flowers!”
- “I also have this one that is falling apart... because I believe in using books!”

“Isn't that just amazing?”

