

The Clark Fork Education Portal

The *Clark Fork Education Portal* is a free, easy-to-use online resource for educators and students focusing on the science and history of western Montana. The materials are place-based, but can provide excellent resources for any teacher of science or history. It is accessed through the *Clark Fork Watershed Education Program* (CFWEP) website at www.cfwep.org. To enter the Portal from the cfwep.org homepage, simply click on “For Teachers and Students” at the top of the screen.

The Portal is divided into four sections:

- ***Lessons & Activities*** contains downloadable lesson plans and supporting resources for K-12 teachers, organized by topic and grade level. Lessons cover a broad array of science topics, as well as western Montana history and social studies. All lessons are mapped to Montana Standards & Benchmarks, and include supporting documents and resources, as well as suggestions for additional expansions. **Note that some lesson plans require a username and password for access**; this information is available at CFWEP workshops, or by emailing the CFWEP Webmaster (jringsak@mtech.edu).
- ***Equipment & Resources*** lists the CFWEP library of field science equipment, laboratory equipment, supporting supplies, books, DVDs, and more for educational use. Students and educators can use this page to check-out equipment and other resource materials. Loans of equipment and resources are FREE to teachers and students. **To request an item**, email a loan request to the CFWEP Webmaster (jringsak@mtech.edu). Once we have received your request, we will send you a confirmation email, along with an expected date for your item to arrive, and a due date for your item to be returned to CFWEP. When your item is shipped, it will include pre-paid postage for you to ship the item back to CFWEP prior to the due date. Please include the name or title of the item you are requesting, an address and phone number when emailing.
- ***Upcoming Events*** lists professional development opportunities for educators, field trips, camps, forums and other educational events in western Montana.
- ***Education Links*** is a comprehensive listing of environmental, science, and local history online educational resources.

Educators and students with a general interest in Clark Fork Basin science, environmental and social history, geography, and restoration may also want to visit the *Clark Fork Info* section of the www.cfwep.org website. The *Clark Fork Education Portal* is regularly updated with new lessons, activities, equipment, events, and more. Check back often to find new materials.

If you have any questions or comments about the *Clark Fork Education Portal*, contact:

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