

Education & Field Institute Programs

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- We have signed up to be involved in the CAEE eEvaluation group, beginning this fall.
- Carlie continues to meet with individuals across the organization and former instructors.
- Communication for fall programming across platforms in progress.

Recent Accomplishments and Current Activities

- Education Committee
 - Introductions to the education committee were great! It was nice to meet everyone, and I had an additional meeting with Kim Skylander. I am eager to continue to strengthen those relationships!
- RMNP Orientation
 - Orientation was a great opportunity to understand how RMC and our education programs fit within the greater picture. I am eager to meet with individuals in RMNP to discuss how our educational programs/classes may support their work.
- CAEE connection
 - (Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education) It was great to meet with Katie Navin and reignite a strong relationship I've had with her in past roles. She was very supportive of our participation in the evaluation fellowship, and I feel like it will be a strong relationship moving forward.
- Online Courses
 - Currently looking at different platforms to see how we may be able to expand programming to online formats to complement in the field classes and programs.

Upcoming Activities and Projects

- There are a couple private groups we will be providing programs/classes and “step on” experiences for this summer. Fall programming will begin in August with some classes and wildlife excursions (bus tours)

Challenges and Opportunities

- Evaluating past programs
 - It's been a pleasure working with Madison to retrieve data from our online registration systems to understand participation in past classes, as well as to meet with instructors/participants/staff to understand what classes were successful and why. I currently have a list going of classes and data points that will help us in evaluation, since there was not a formal evaluation process. Not having an evaluation system in the past has been a fun challenge to navigate and I'm eager to have a more robust system moving forward.