

Bring Idaho Alive 2021 Syllabus

When: 6 asynchronous sessions once per month from February through June

Where: Museum of Idaho - Virtually

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Welcome to Bring Idaho Alive 2021! Bring Idaho Alive is a course designed to teach educators about the natural and cultural history of southeastern Idaho and to show them how they can use this information in their classrooms. Educators will spend 2 asynchronous hours per month with local natural and cultural history experts on “virtual field trips” learning about topics ranging from weather in Idaho to plants, animals, geology, and people. Each participant will receive a kit of hands on activities to complete with each “virtual field trip”. All class and credit fees will be covered for you by a grant from the Idaho State Department of Education.

Course Goals:

- Provide teachers with monthly scientist forums and related lesson ideas each month (attendance required) that increase their understanding of the natural and cultural history of Idaho.
- Provide hands on experience with Idaho's natural and cultural history with the context of the pandemic in mind.
- Increase the use of place-based education in classrooms throughout Idaho so that learning becomes more fun and meaningful to students.

Learner Outcomes:

- Participants will gain a better understanding of the natural and cultural history of Idaho and be able to pass that understanding on to their students
- Participants will each complete several hands-on activities and share a plan that incorporates something that they learned during the class into their instruction.
- Participants will each share presentation detailing how they will use what they learned in their classrooms.

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Credit Requirements:

This is a one credit course (credit offered through Boise State University). Your fees will be paid by a grant awarded by the Idaho State Department of Education. In order to successfully complete this course and receive the credits, you will have to fulfill the below listed requirements.

- You must have full and focused attendance at each asynchronous session. You can complete the monthly activities whenever is most convenient for you during the month.
- You must share video or written reflections for each month's topic with the class through the shared Google Classroom or Drive (depending on format and instruction).
- You must share a presentation that provides ideas for classroom use of knowledge gained. This presentation will be due by the end of the course.

Grading:

You will receive a pass/fail grade for this course. Your grade will be determined based on the following criteria:

- Class Participation (including reflections)
- End of Course Presentation on Knowledge Gained

Materials:

- Laptop or Notebook and Writing Utensil
- Access to the internet
- All other materials will be provided to you