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GOOD NEWS ITEM
1. EVST alum designs aquaponics system for UM Dining
   UM Dining recently partnered with Galactic Farms to build a new aquaponics system. Galactic Farms, a Missoula-based, sustainable urban farming company was founded by UM alumnus Jeff Pernell. The new system, which is maintained by UM Dining Garden staff, replaces a smaller aquaponics system that also was designed by Pernell as an independent study project when he was a student in UM’s Environmental Studies program.
The 200-gallon system is set up in the UM Corner Store and will allow year-round indoor growing. It has high-efficiency LED grow lights and uses 10 percent of the amount of water required for traditional farming. Read the UM News article New Aquaponics System Grows Learning Opportunities to get all the details.

2. California Condor Chick Born in the Wild
Somewhere deep in central California’s Ventana Wilderness, two adult California condors successfully mated and reared a chick -- without anyone noticing. The newly discovered, untagged juvenile was reported by biologists with the Ventana Wildlife Society as a welcome oversight; it suggests these condors may finally be gaining independence.
By 1987 California condor numbers had plummeted to an all-time low of just 27 individuals. But after years of captive breeding and reintroduction to the wild, these largest of North American birds have begun to rebound. Today their numbers are estimated at 425, with 219 of these living wild in California, Utah, Arizona and Mexico. Get all the details or watch the video at Discovery News.

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AROUND EVST

1. Last day for students to apply for graduation for SPRING 2015 is this Friday, February 13, 2015. All applications should be signed by your advisor or Phil Condon and then turned in at the Cashier counter in Griz Central to pay the processing fee. If you have questions, please contact Isa Atkinson. This deadline has already been extended so there will be no exceptions.

2. Apply Now to Live at UM FLAT – sustainable living demo house near campus
That’s right, your life-long goal of living at the FLAT is one step closer to being realized! Every spring the FLAT reviews and then chooses students to fill the vacancies. It is open to ALL STUDENTS... Get all the details and a downloadable application at the FLAT website.

3. The 2015 Wild Mercy Community Reading Series begins next week.
The 2015 Wild Mercy Community Reading Series will run every Thursday at 7pm at UM FLAT Studio from 2/19 through 3/26. Watch for weekly announcements here and flyers posted in Rankin & on campus.
   2/19 Emily Withnall & Nick Triolo
   2/26 Colin May & Erica Langston
   3/5 Kim Covill & Chandra Brown
   3/12 Theresa Duncan & Rebecca Collins
   3/19 Lauren Smith & Lily Vonderheide
   3/26 Kate Leary & JP Kemmick

Bring classmates, other alum's, friends, family, people you meet on the street! For a flavor of the series see Nick Triolo’s photo essay on the 2014 series or listen to alum Micah Sewell's Wild Mercy audio archives.

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FEATURED EVENT (See www.umt.edu/conservationcalendar for more)

1. Dryland: Cultivating Rural Resistance, Free Screening, this Thursday, Feb. 12
Filmed over a decade and set in the American West, Dryland traces a young man’s quest for victory in a rambunctious contest, while battling to preserve a threatened way of life. This cinematic meditation on the fate of rural America reveals a paradoxical struggle between technological advancement and the dwindling family farm. Josh Knodel and best friend Matt Miller strive to win the Lind Combine Demolition Derby, save their town, and preserve the legacy of their families’ Eastern Washington wheat farms. Bittersweet yet exuberant, Dryland champions hope, in a celebration of hard work and harder play, fueled by ingenuity, heart, and axle grease.

Film Screening: Thursday, Feb. 12, 5:30-7:30 PM, Anderson Hall, Room 316. For more details, contact Daniel.spencer@umontana.edu.

NOTE: In conjunction with this event, there is also an EVST Grad student Film Workshop: Friday, Feb. 13, 1:00-5:00 PM, Anderson Hall, Room 301

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

1. **UM’s Volunteer Fair, Feb10-11**
   Meet with over 30 local agencies who need your help to serve the community. Often these volunteer opportunities turn into internships, and sometimes even into jobs. WHEN: Feb 10 & 11, 10am-2pm; WHERE: UC atrium.

2. **Judges needed for Science Fair, March 16, register now**
   The 60th Annual Montana Science Fair (for the whole state of Montana) will be held at UM with judging on Monday, March 16. Faculty and grad students will judge high school exhibits while undergrads will judge middle school exhibits. Many exhibits are environmentally oriented.
   All judging will be between noon and 6 pm on Monday, March 16, in the UM Adams Center.
   If you are willing to be a Science Fair judge on March 16, you can sign up for specific times and get event information at the Montana Science Fair website. New judges should attend orientation from 11:10 to 11:25 in the Adams Center Sky Club. A yummy free Lunch for all judges is 11:30 to noon.

3. **Volunteers needed for canvass of communities affected by coal traffic, Feb 15 & 28**
   Blue Skies Campaign is seeking volunteers to help with canvassing communities near the railroad tracks. These communities are most affected by coal dust, diesel fumes and noise pollution associated with increasing coal exports. These canvasses are part of a larger effort to engage rail line residents in protecting the health of our families and communities from coal pollution. Canvassers will talk with residents about health impacts of the coal traffic and will invite them to a community meeting on March 3rd to learn more about the issue and how to take action. The goal is to engage people who are most affected by coal train pollution in a community campaign to address the problem. Below are the days of the canvasses. Training will be provided at the meet up. If you are willing to help, contact Nick (of Blue Skies nicke.activism@gmail.com)
   Sunday, Feb 15  Meet at 1:00pm at Burns Street Bistro
   Saturday, Feb 28  Meet at 12:00pm at Burns Street Bistro

4. **Public Land Rally at Capitol, Feb 16**
   Montana Wilderness Association, Backcountry Hunters & Anglers, and the Montana Wildlife Federation are sponsoring a Presidents Day Public Land Rally. FREE buses available throughout
Montana. There is a [bus schedule and sign-up](#) online. For more information or questions, please contact Clayton at [celliott@wildmontana.org](mailto:celliott@wildmontana.org) or 307-272-6298. WHEN: Monday, February 16, 12 noon, WHERE: Helena State Capitol.

5. **Campus Sustainability Committees Seeking New Members**  
Both the KRELF Committee and the ASUM Sustainability Committee are seeking new members to help guide and implement sustainability projects on campus. Contact the ASUM Sustainability Coordinator at [asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu](mailto:asum.sustain@mso.umt.edu) if interested.

6. **Winter Carnival Fundraiser needs volunteers, Feb 22**  
Missoula Parks & Rec’s Outdoor Recreation Program will hold a Winter Carnival at Marshall Mountain on Feb 22 to raise money for their new REACH MORE program that provides recreation for people with disabilities. Proceeds will provide specialized gear & scholarships. Zootown Surfers will provide a shuttle bus between Marshall & town. Volunteers can help with recycling, info booths, directing people & cars where they need to go, and more. You are also welcome to participate in the snowshoe/cross country ski race that is part of the carnival.  
To volunteer, contact Tyler Decker, Outdoor Recreation Coordinator, 406-552-6271 [mailto:TDecker@ci.missoula.mt.us](mailto:TDecker@ci.missoula.mt.us).

7. **Local stream monitoring -- orientation Feb 23; training in March; monitoring in April & beyond**  
Watershed Education Network trains volunteer to monitor streams and/or to guide school children in monitoring local streams. There will be a New Volunteer Orientation for all new WEN interns and volunteers (includes snacks). WHEN: Feb 23 (Monday) from 7 to 8:30pm; WHERE: WEN offices, Suite 203 | 315 South 4th Street East | Missoula | MT | 59801  
Field training for volunteers will be on the following dates. You only need to attend one (the same training is offered at all of them).  
Sat. March 7th - from 2-5 PM @ Greenough Park  
Wed. March 11th - from 4-7 PM @ Greenough Park  
Sat. March 14th - from 2-5 PM @ Greenough Park  
Please RSVP to [water@montanawatershed.org](mailto:water@montanawatershed.org) to hold your spot for one or more training sessions. Stream Monitoring by school children will be in April & May. Volunteers participating in the citizen stream monitoring work throughout the year.

8. **2015 Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Wilderness Volunteer Projects**  
The Selway-Bitterroot Frank Church Foundation (SBFC) is a non-profit that recruits citizen volunteers to work with the Forest Service in stewarding the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness, the Frank Church-River of No Return Wilderness, and the surrounding wildlands. The SBFC has volunteer trail maintenance projects--many near Missoula--during the 2015 field season. Most trips involve backpacking into the backcountry with a crew of volunteers and doing some strenuous trail work. Some trips involve pack-support or car-camping. [Registration](#) is required. A full schedule with descriptions of the projects are on the [website](#). There is no cost to volunteer.

9. **Student groups can reduce book waste, promote literacy, and raise some funds**  
The [Worldwide Book Drive](#) describes itself as a philanthropic business that collects and donates gently-used books to charitable organizations that focus on education and literacy. Their stated
goals are promoting global literacy while protecting the environment from book waste. They are interested in working with student groups willing to do book drives. The student groups can get some funding for their projects also. Read more on their website.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. **Restoration Symposium – Lessons Learned from the Clark Fork.** Limited space. Register now.
   A three day symposium sponsored by the Natural Resource Damage Program (NRDP) to be held at Fairmont Hot Springs Wednesday, Friday, April 15-17, 2015, but the limited space is already more than half full. The NRDP Conference website has all the conference information.
   This symposium offers the chance for stream restoration practitioners to share their knowledge on restoration techniques used in contaminated areas, with a focus on restoration work conducted in the Upper Clark Fork River Basin. Speakers who have designed and managed restoration projects in contaminated riparian areas of the Basin will highlight lessons learned and the challenges of such work. While the theme focuses on restoration in contaminated areas, the lessons learned apply to floodplain restoration in general.
   Regular registration is $150; there is a student rate of $90 which Env. Studies is willing to help with. If interested, contact Vicki Watson.

2. **Study in Central America this Summer!**
   Travel to Nicaragua this summer to explore this fascinating and beautiful Central American country. We’ll examine issues of human rights, sustainable development and the environment by engaging directly with the Nicaraguan people. We’ll live in a cloud forest reserve with families growing coffee, travel by boat along the San Juan River to the rain forest, explore the Solentiname Islands in Lake Nicaragua, and visit the active Masaya Volcano. Earn 3 credits! EVST professor Dan Spencer will be offering a 2-week EVST Travel Seminar to Nicaragua, May 25-June 18, 2015. You do not need to know Spanish to participate. Contact Professor Dan Spencer at Daniel.spencer@umontana.edu or 243-6111 if you are interested. Open to both undergrads and graduate students.

3. **Earn credit living in your tent! Seriously.** INFORMATION SESSION | Wednesday, February 11th
   The Wild Rockies Field Institute is an off-campus study opportunity, offering academic field-based courses through the University of Montana. Our courses take place in the “Wild Rockies” of North America and combine rigorous academic inquiry with cultural immersion and extended backcountry expeditions. Students join us from colleges and universities across North America and from a wide variety of majors; we currently offer courses in Environmental Studies, Natural Resources & Science Management, Native American Studies, Geography, Science, and Philosophy. WRFI’s small group size and interdisciplinary curriculum offer students an exceptional opportunity to complement their coursework on campus with experiential education in the field. Scholarships available & Federal Financial Aid applies!
   Learn more on our website and on our blog.
   Please Contact Bethany Swanson (WRFI Outreach Manager) with questions at bethany@wrfi.net or 406-549-4336.
   Information Session is Wednesday, February 11th | DHC, room 119 | 12:00-1:00 | FREE PIZZA!

4. **Annual MontPIRG Kickoff Event, Feb 11**
MontPIRG is a non-partisan group of students that seeks to educate our next generation of civic leaders about the legislative process. MontPIRG also seeks to have an impact on bills of interest to students. Lt Governor Angela McClean has been invited to join us and rally students to vote and participate in government and to promote student internships and involvement in MontPIRG.
When: February 11, 2015 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm.
Where: University Center Ballroom (3rd floor)
Why: Learn about MontPIRG & how to earn upper division internship credits and get involved in politics that affect your community. PLUS FREE PIZZA!

5. Eagle Capture & Banding at conservation ranch in the Bitterroot, Feb 12 & 26
Join MPG Ranch and Raptor View Research Institute for this unique opportunity. Volunteers will observe the live capture of bald and golden eagles and get to participate in the banding process. This event is based out of a ranch house, so participants can stay warm. We will live-stream video from the capture site to a large screen at the house so visitors can observe the trapping process while remaining at a safe distance. Spotting scopes will be available for an alternate view from the outside deck overlooking the capture site. Researchers will bring the eagles to the house for processing. The day will include an overview of the research to date, including migratory flight data showing the extent of the eagles' range into Alaska. Limited to 6 participants. Contact Joshua Lisbon to register & get directions at: jlisbon@mpgranch.com or 406-396-6285. The event is Thursday 2/12 & 2/26 from 11am - 2pm.

6. Spring Program of Montana Native Plant Society continues, Feb 12
Morgan Valliant leads the fight against weeds on open space around Missoula. He will explain The Missoula Conservation Lands Vegetation Management Program. Rm L09 Gallagher Business Bldg, UM Campus. 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, Feb. 12.

7. Environmental Justice & Reforestation in Guatemala, Feb 13
The Chico Mendez Project of Guatemala is focused on grassroots activism on climate change & reforestation and on indigenous people's struggle for survival and sovereignty. Representatives of the project will speak on Planting for Future Generations -- Environmental Justice in Guatemala.
WHEN: Friday Feb 13 at 7:30pm
WHERE: Roxy Theater, 718 S. Higgins.
FREE; sponsored by UM Latin American Studies and the Wilderness Institute

8. Spring 2015 UM Graduate Student Research Conference is Sat 4/18/15. Submit abstracts now.
To get more information or to submit an abstract for the Conference, please go to the Scholarworks website.

9. Bird Brain Lecture Series, Tuesdays, Feb 17 to March 24
The UM Alumni Association’s 17th annual Community Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, Feb. 17. Five outstanding UM professors and special guest Emily Graslie will examine the fascinating world of birds. Each lecture begins promptly at 7 p.m. and includes a question-and-answer session. Tickets for the entire lecture series are $20 for the public, $15 for UMAA dues-paying members, and $10 for students, and $5 at the door for individual lectures. Tickets available on UM web site
Six Tuesday nights 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. University Center Theater UC Third Floor
10. **Clean Energy Day at the Montana Legislature, DATE CORRECTION: Feb. 18**

Northern Plains Resource Council invites citizens to come to Helena to speak with their legislators about clean energy policy and bills. Training in effective communication with legislators on clean energy issues will be provided to those interested. Information is available on the [Northern Plains Resource Council](https://northernplains.org) website.

11. **Free webinar on Planning a Zero Waste event, Feb 18**

Isn’t it frustrating to put on an environmental event and then look around at all the waste generated? Want to know how to put on a Zero Waste Event? The Sustainable Business Council is offering a free webinar. Info & registration are on the [Sustainable Business Council](https://sustainablebusiness.org) website.

12. **American Fisheries Society-UM Chapter invites you to their events, Feb 19, Mar 19, Apr 16**

The UM Chapter of the American Fisheries Society invites EVST students to come hear their guest speakers and see the film they are screening this spring. All meetings are in FOR 305 at 6 pm except the film, which will be in the UC Theater at 6 pm. Dates below:

- **Feb 19** -- Ryen Neudecker, Project Manager, Big Blackfoot Chapter of Trout Unlimited. "Steam restoration in the Blackfoot Valley: Working for trout and people"
- **Mar 19** -- DamNation – screening of the award-winning film in the UC Theatre at 6pm, followed by a panel discussion, question and answer session, and a special presentation on the proposed Susitna Dam in AK. Open to the public, $5 donation appreciated. Damnationfilm.com
- **April 16** -- Mike Young, Research Fisheries Biologist, USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station. "The cold-water climate shield: refugia for salmonid fishes in the 21st century."

13. **TEDx coming back to UM on Feb 20**

Remember when Neva Hassanein & Josh Slotnick filled folks with hope and great ideas the last time TEDx came to UM? Well, TEDx is coming back and tapping more Missoulians to talk about creative ways to communicate. Speakers include Amy Martin activist singer/songwriter, Turning the Wheel's Lizzi Juda and Lulu Steinberg, Missoula Mayor John Engen, Salish and Pend d’Oreille language school Executive Director April Charlo, climate change communicator SusanJoy Hassol, journalist Clay Scott and Raptors of the Rockies Director Kate Davis. And that's not all! Click here to see all the speakers, and watch a short video about the conference. Order your tickets here – The event is expected to sell out. The event is Friday, February 20 at the Dennison Theater on the UM campus.

For those who aren't familiar with TED, it's an organization that hosts conferences around the world and publishes the talks of presenters in video form online. TEDx is TED's younger, scrappier cousin – with a similar format except conferences are shorter and ticket prices lower. In both cases, though, the tagline is "ideas worth spreading," and the emphasis is on short, dynamic talks that teach and inspire. Once you start watching TED talks (or listening to NPR's
spin-off program, the TED Radio Hour), you can get addicted. Each talk is like a high-protein power shake for your mind which tastes good too.

14. **2 Bird Field Trips, Feb 21**
   Five Valleys Audubon invites everyone to choose one of two bird field trips.
   - *Beginner bird walk* at Lee Metcalf Wildlife Refuge. Meet trip leader at Visitor Center at 10. Walk is 10am to noon. Transportation on your own.
   - OR
   - *Winther Birds of the Mission Valley* – this day long trip will meet at the NW Corner of the UM Adams Center parking lot at 8am for carpooling. Will return to UM by 5pm. Bring a lunch, water & dress for the weather. For more info, call Terry at 214-1194.

15. **February Animal Tracks & Sign Course In Swan Valley, Feb 21-22; Fee required**
   Northwest Connections is offering an Animal Tracks & Sign course on February 21-22.
   This two-day introductory tracking class is based out of Northwest Connections' historic Swan Valley homestead. Participants will learn how to recognize animals by track, gait pattern, habitat selection, behavior and other sign. The wilderness character of the Valley means participants can expect to observe a broad variety of tracks, from voles and squirrels to mountain lions and wolves. Animal Tracks & Sign instructors have years of experience in snow tracking, anchored in Northwest Connections' conservation field work surveying for rare forest carnivores.
   The $250 course fee includes lectures, guided field sessions, and transportation around the valley. Lodging at the homestead is available upon request for a small additional fee.
   Space is limited. Registration is required. To register online and for more information, visit Northwest Connections website or call (406) 754-3185.

16. **Training for Citizen monitoring of local streams -- orientation Feb 23; training in March; monitoring in April & May**
   Watershed Education Network trains volunteer to monitor streams and/or to guide school children in monitoring local streams.
   There will be a New Volunteer Orientation for all new WEN interns and volunteers (includes snacks).
   WHEN: Feb 23 (Monday) from 7 to 8:30pm ; WHERE: WEN offices, Suite 203 | 315 South 4th Street East | Missoula | MT | 59801
   Field training for volunteers will be on the following dates. You only need to attend one (the same training is offered at all of them).
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   Sat. March 14th - from 2-5 PM @ Greenough Park
   Please RSVP to hold your spot for one or more training sessions, email WEN.
   Monitoring by school children will be in April & May.
   Volunteers participating in the citizen stream monitoring work throughout the year.

17. **Summer in Colorado Rockies restoring ecosystems & earning college credit; apply by Mar 13**
   Earth Corps is a program of the Rocky Mountain Field Institute & the University of Colorado to provide motivated, environmentally concerned students the opportunity to live and learn in the Colorado wilderness. The program integrates environmental studies & environmental restoration projects. Students gain field experience in restoration ecology through the completion of a highly technical trail reconstruction project. Students learn about soil,
vegetation, hydrology, land/recreation management, and other key aspects of natural resource management. Upon successful completion of the program, each student will receive 4 credit hours from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (GES 446: Field Studies in Geography). Details can be found on the Rocky Mountain Field Institutes' Earth Corp website.

   The Crown Managers Partnership will hold its 15th annual forum in Lethbridge, Alberta at the Lethbridge Lodge on March 17-19, 2015. The topic of the Forum is: *Climate, People and (other?) Invasive Species: Taking Collective Action to Assure Transboundary Landscape Health in the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem.*
   The CMP is a voluntary multijurisdictional transboundary partnership formed in 2001 by a collection of agencies seeking to better manage the Crown of the Continent. The annual forum shares information & explores options for management. The Crown Managers Partnership website has all the details.

**INTERNSHIPS**

1. **Apply for the Ted Smith Conservation Intern Program by February 13th**
   Conservation Internship Program participants dedicate their summers to gaining invaluable skills through hands-on learning, developing professional relationships with leading conservationists in Alaska, exploring a conservation career path, and building life-long relationships with a cohort of other Conservation Interns! The Alaska Conservation Foundation website has a list of participating organization and internship descriptions.
   The program is specifically targeted toward students who plan a career path in conservation and are willing to make a long-term commitment to preserving and protecting the pristine environment and diverse cultures of Alaska. Undergraduate students, graduate students, and recent grads are encouraged to apply! The program runs for 12 weeks, from May 18th through August 7th, and the deadline to apply is Friday, February 13th. Learn more about the Conservation Internship Program website. Call 907-276-1917 with any questions you have.

2. **Internship Opportunity with Community Food & Agriculture Coalition**
   Want to help beginning farmers get started? Learn about how to develop programming, plan educational opportunities, and host events? CFAC is looking for an unpaid intern for spring semester to assist with a range of projects, including:
   - Hosting topical potlucks for farmers on a variety of issues. More information can be found on (see CFAC's Farm to School webpage).
   - Supporting MSU Extension in offering business planning workshops in Bozeman. More information on this can be found at CFAC's Planning for On-Farm Success webpage.
   - Planning on-farm field days geared towards farm interns and new farmers for Summer 2015
   - Developing opportunities to encourage local investment in farm and food businesses in Western Montana
   - Planning development of a statewide FarmLink site to serve as a one-stop clearinghouse for beginning farmers, land access, and internship/mentorship opportunities
   As an intern, you will have the opportunity to focus in on one of these projects or assist with multiple projects. To apply, email annie@missoulacfac.org with your resume and a note on the project(s) in which you’re interested and any additional relevant information not covered in your resume.
Contact: Annie Heuscher, 830-8218, annie@missoulacfac.org

3. **Wildlife Image and Video Technician Internship, paid**
   MPG Operations is seeking a part- to full time intern to support our wildlife monitoring program in the Swan Valley. Persons seeking this position should have experience working in the field and be familiar with wildlife species common to forested ecosystems in Western Montana. Job dates are approximately May 1 to April 30, pay starts at $12-16/hr DOE. The intern will be responsible for maintaining remote video cameras, collecting and recording data from the video cameras, and documenting species observed on our still camera network. The intern will work with others to monitor bear use of rub stations. In the winter, the intern will maintain bait stations designed to attract forest carnivores. Written and video documentation of field observations throughout the year will be encouraged. To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to swanjobs@mpgranch.com. Please also include a writing sample and examples of your wildlife photography if possible, and type “Swan Wildlife Tech” in the subject line.

4. **Wilderness Ranger Intern program, apply by Feb 27**
   Wilderness Ranger intern positions in Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness or Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness -- living expenses covered. Term of service: May 19 to Aug 22, 2015 (or Oct 31 for those who want a longer experience) Full details on positions, & how to apply are found on the Wilderness Ranger Internship webpage.

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**JOBS (mainly local or summer jobs; for full time jobs around the US, subscribe to the envirojobs list serv by emailing vicki.watson@umontana.edu)**

1. **Americorps positions** at Milltown State Park (more flexible start date), apply ASAP
   EVST alum Michael Kustudia is the head Park Ranger at Milltown State Park, and he has an Americorps position at the park. The term of service is April 13 to August 14 — ~ 40 hours a week—for a minimum of 690 hours over the 18 week term. Note they will consider folks who can start working part-time in April and then switch to full time after classes end. (If they get no applicants for a mid-April start, they’ll even consider a mid-May start, but applicants who can start in April are preferred). Americorps worker will work on land improvement projects and also help develop interpretive resources and programs, recruit/mobilize volunteers, and provide community outreach. Benefits include living allowance of $4050 over the 18 weeks of service and an education award of $2150 on successful completion of service. Workers are eligible for deferment on qualified student loans. Applications accepted on a rolling basis until February 27th; or as soon as an acceptable applicant applies. Note that there are Americorps positions at other MT state parks and there are summer/fall positions as well as spring/summer positions. All can be found at the State Parks/Amerciorps website. Spring/summer application info can be found at the Americorps 675-hour website.

2. 3 MT Natural History Center jobs; apply ASAP
   -Development and Marketing Director
Position Category: 30-40 Hours per Week (Negotiable)
Salary: Based on Qualifications
Closing Date: Open Until Filled (Resume review starts January 15, 2015)
How to Apply:* Submit a resume including three references (recent) and a cover letter. Please include, as a statement in the cover letter, the number of hours per week you prefer (please do not indicate a range).
* Materials can be submitted electronically to aolsen@MontanaNaturalist.org or by mail to: Arnold Olsen, Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory Street, Suite A, Missoula, MT 59801
* Please call Arnold Olsen, Executive Director, at 406-327-0405 with any questions

- Summer Camp Program Instructor
Position Category: 40 Hours per Week; Salary: $10/hour

- Early Childhood Summer Camp Program Instructor
Position Category: 40 Hours per Week; Salary: $10/hour

How to Apply:
*Send a cover letter, resume and contact information for 3 professional references to: Alyssa McLean, Montana Natural History Center, 120 Hickory Street, Missoula, MT 59801 Call 406-327-0405 or email amclean@montanaturalist.org with questions.

3. Watershed coordinator job (part time), lower Clark Fork
The Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group (LCFWG) is seeking an independent contractor to coordinate watershed projects within the Lower Clark Fork River watershed in northwestern Montana. This will require an energetic, friendly, creative individual with proven project management and coordination skills and a strong commitment to watershed health and restoration. Services are anticipated to require approximately 20 hours/week. Position open until filled. A full job description at Full job description and more information are available from the Lower Clark Fork Watershed Group website.

4. Current Job Openings with the City of Missoula
Transportation Planning Division program assistant
Seasonal Maintenance Worker – 3 jobs in developed parks, one job in Greenways & Horticulture, one job in Conservation lands. Full job descriptions are available on the Missoula City Employment Opportunities webpage.

5. Swan Valley Field Technician
MPG Operations in Missoula, MT is seeking full time, summer seasonal field technicians to assist with ecosystem restoration on a private property near Condon, MT (Swan Valley). Persons seeking this position should have experience in applied forestry or other fieldwork and be familiar with Western Montana forest species and ecology. Job dates are approximately June 1 to September 30; pay starts at $14-16/hr DOE.
Responsibilities include field data collection, forest management activities, weed management, tree protection, tree planting, grounds maintenance, and habitat restoration. Additional responsibilities may include wildlife/plant photography and field note preparation depending on experience. Applicants must have reliable transportation to the job site, be able to work multi-day hitches in the backcountry and maintain motivation while conducting repetitive tasks. Experience organizing project logistics and leading work crews a plus.
To apply, please send a cover letter, resume, and three references to swanjobs@mpgranch.com. Please type “Swan field tech” in the subject line.
6. **Great summer job – Wilderness field leader with Wilderness Institute. Apply by Feb 27**

The Wilderness Institute is hiring up to four Wilderness Field Leaders for summer 2015. These positions are full-time from the end of May through August or early September. Wilderness Field Leaders will monitor invasive weeds, selected measures of wilderness character, and recreation impacts in the Absaroka-Beartooth (AB) Wilderness on the Custer Gallatin National Forest and BLM Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) across Montana. Field leaders take small groups of community volunteers on backpacking trips to complete monitoring efforts. The position involves field data collection, wilderness travel, working with volunteers, and data processing and reporting. The position is based out of Missoula, but work will be primarily in the AB and BLM WSAs. Field leaders will spend up to 6 days in the field at a time, and much of the summer in the backcountry. The purpose of the project is to monitor wilderness character, provide land managers and other interested parties with an assessment of on-the-ground conditions, and involve community members in wilderness stewardship. Applications will be reviewed beginning February 27th and continue until positions are filled. Please contact the Wilderness Institute for more information, citizenscience@cfc.umt.edu or 406.243.6936. View full job announcement and application instructions: [Announcement and application instructions](#) are available on [The Wilderness Institute, Citizen Science webpage](#).

**FUNDING SOURCES**

1. **Trout Unlimited scholarship, apply by March 15**

The WestSlope Chapter of Trout Unlimited (WSCTU) offers two $2,000 scholarships annually to UM students whose studies and/or anticipated career most closely fit the mission of Trout Unlimited to conserve, protect, and restore North America’s cold water fisheries and their watersheds. One scholarship will be awarded to an undergraduate student and one scholarship awarded to a graduate student. The funds will be paid to UM which will apply the funds to the student’s tuition/fees. **Eligibility:** any UM juniors, seniors, grad students in good standing. **Application:** Applications must be received via email (preferred) or regular mail by midnight March 15, 2015, and must include contact information (name, e-mail, and phone). The application shall consist of a: (1) one page biography or resume (including education); (2) current academic transcript from UM. (3) letter explaining how their studies and anticipated career fit the mission of Trout Unlimited, including a statement explaining why they should receive the scholarship; (4) letter from a faculty member in a related field noting their support of the applicant, verifying that the student is in good standing, and expressing their willingness to serve as a reviewer for the article the recipient is required to write for the TU newsletter. Please send applications to: Bill McCaw, UM College of Education and Human SciencesRoom 207 - v. 243-5395 - bill.mccaw@umontana.edu

2. **Indian Health Service 437 Scholarship Application NOW OPEN.**

Students interested in Environmental health issues can also apply for the grad fellowship. Get all the details on the [Indian Health Service website](#), including IHS Scholarship Application information for the Preparatory, Pre-Graduate, and Health Professions Scholarships.

**HOUSING**

1. **One bedroom apartment available in a quiet neighborhood near the Good Food Store.**
Great one bedroom apartment available in a quiet neighborhood near the Good Food Store, close to the bike path and two bus stops. The apartment is clean and spacious with large windows, W/D, and is ideal for graduate students or young professionals. Heat/trash/water/snow removal by landlord, plus cats are allowed with no additional deposit. The building is owned by a very friendly couple and this is their only property so they are accessible when needed. An EVST alum has lived here for the past 4.5 years and thinks it’s the best for the price, location, and feline friendliness. Check out the craigslist listing for additional information and contact Tomi and Fred at 406-251-4482, apartment is available March 1st.

2. **Downtown one-bedroom apartment available mid-March.**
   Large one-bedroom downtown apartment available for rent mid-March. Located on the second floor of a duplex on E. Broadway, across the street from the Missoula Community Theatre. 800 sq. ft, new appliances, shared fenced-in backyard. $750/month. Contact EVST alum Dave Loos (daveloos@gmail.com) for more details.

3. **Master Suite in Rattlesnake. Available now.**
   EVST alum has Master Suite available in beautiful Rattlesnake home. Craigslist has pictures and information.

**RESOURCES**

1. **Stressing over the cost of education and managing student debt?**
   The UM Financial Education Program staff will meet with you any time during business hours, one-on-one, to discuss the student loan process, avoiding student loan scams, and what repayment plans and loan forgiveness options are available. They even help with the paperwork. They will also offer a workshop to seniors this spring on loan repayment options and the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. The workshop will be April 16th in UC 327 from 7-8:30pm. You can make an appointment at their [website](#). All services are free.

2. **The Sharing Economy – web site & newsletter**
   Shareable is a web site & e-newsletter devoted to the Sharing Economy (sharing tools, vehicles, food, seeds, books, compost, houses, transportation and more). Sign up for the weekly e-newsletter on the [Shareable website](#).

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS AND OTHER FUN EVENTS**

1. **National Winter Bike To Work & School Day, Feb 13**
   Missoula In Motion is hosting FREE Commuter Breakfast @ Madison St. bike/ped bridge. Air and mini tune-ups provided by Free Cycles. Bicyclists will be entered into a drawing for free tune-ups from local bike shops. [https://www.facebook.com/events/708915382561881/](https://www.facebook.com/events/708915382561881/)
   WHEN: Friday, February 13, 7:45-10 am. WHERE: Madison St. bike/ped bridge

2. **Vote for your favorite Montana authors by Feb 15**
Vote early and often for the next five books to be added to the Montana Authors Project. Categories include Contemporary Fiction, Contemporary Nonfiction, Montana Classics, Poetry, and Young Adult. Voting closes February 15!

3. **WinterGreens, Garden City Harvest’s annual locavore supper, Feb 22**
   Join Garden City Harvest for our annual supper celebrating good food close to home in the midst of winter. The entire meal (save maybe a few spices) is sourced from our four farms or neighboring Missoula valley farms. Mayor Engen will act as auctioneer for our annual live pie and cake auction featuring creations made by local pastry chefs and some of Missoula’s finest home bakers. Wine and beer cash bar -- this year we will be serving Blackfoot River Brewing Company’s organic beers -- the Organic North Fork Porter and the Organic Blackfoot Pale Ale -- yum yum!
   Where: 111 North Higgins Ave, Governors' Room in the Historic Florence Hotel, downtown Missoula [map]
   When: Sunday, February 22, 2015, 5 pm
   Cost: $25 for adults $12 for kids 2 - 10 [buy tickets here]

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