

VMNH Board of Trustees Education and Public Programs Committee

November 21, 2020, 9:00 A.M. Zoom Meeting

- Welcome and introductions
- Education Updates-
 - Third quarter 2020 programming highlights
 - Overall numbers for the quarter (2nd page)
 - At- the- museum highlights: Drive Thru Dino event on July 23 and partner event with Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (Danville) for a pop-up education activity
 - Outreach highlights- canceled due to COVID
 - Distance Learning – Homeschool Virtual Open House and Homeschool Science and Engineering Academy Virtual sessions
- COVID-19 Impacts/Updates-
 - Cancellation of summer camps and programs
 - Creation of Discovery Kits for public purchase
 - Online education content (web and social media)
 - Modifications of existing programs and preparedness for fall programming in virtual learning format
- Upcoming/Ongoing –
 - Christy serving on Virginia Resource Use Education Council (VRUEC) as Secretary – Virtual Meetings
 - Professional Development for staff (Smithsonian-July, ASTC-October, VAST-November)
 - Creation of virtual teacher professional development opportunities
 - Friday Education Activity Tables for visitor interaction (coincide with Museum Minute videos)
 - Communication with local and surrounding school districts, day cares and other program partners for virtual learning opportunities (with social media push also)

- Committee meetings between standing board meetings
- Exhibit Subcommittee -
 - Modifications for hands-on exhibit components (open to public F and Sat)
 - Tank installed for *Wild Watershed* exhibit and brook trout eggs added, construction for drawers
 - Projector/Sand table/Contour table ordered (Uncovering Virginia space)
 - Butterfly exhibit
 - Flight exhibit (April 2021)
- Report/ Recommendations to BOT

DEPP Quarterly Numbers Comparison

	Outreach (Martinsville, Central, South Central, Eastern)		At-the-Museum		Distance Learning	
MONTH	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED
July 2020	0	0	2	236	0	0
August 2020	0	0	0	0	1	20
September 2020	0	0	0	0	6	48
	0	0	2	236	7	68

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MONTH	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED	PROGRAMS	SERVED
July 2019	10	218	28	3,929	0	0
August 2019	8	164	6	241	0	0

September 2019	44	1,569	14	263	1	26
	62	1,951	48	4,433	1	26

Notes: 2020 Numbers Affected by COVID-19

July 2020 – Drive Thru Dino Event (Education Craft take aways) and Pop Up education event

August and September 2020- Homeschool Science and Engineering Academy Virtual Sessions

July 2019 Dino Festival