

Educational Activities – Local Educators Develop DCL-themed curricula



The DCL100 Committee made local student educational activities on Deep Creek Lake one of its top priorities for the 100th-anniversary celebrations.

In April 2025, seven Garrett County Public School educators attended a workshop to develop educational curricula to be used in future classes to teach about various aspects of Deep Creek Lake.

The elementary group worked on 3 different grade band lessons that all tied to life sciences and the food chain relating to wildlife at DCL. They were (in picture order from left to right: Erin Ash, Amy Anderson, and Hailey Fitzpatrick).

Another elementary teacher who works with Gifted and Talented students is Dr. Suzanne Wilburn. Her lesson is focused on students in Gr 4-5 Analyzing primary and secondary sources to learn about the history of Deep Creek and also use maps to identify geographical aspects of the lake and draw conclusions about the impact of the lake on the environment and local communities.

We have a middle grades teacher (LuAnn Watson) who wrote up a lesson to get 8th graders to look up some historical facts about DCL as short scripts for radio spots with the aim to air right after Memorial Day into early June as 8th graders take a lot of tests in May each year.

Two high school teachers (Sarah Teets and Maria Zumpano) worked to create lessons with the goal of students researching potential occupations/businesses to seek employment from around the lake and also analyze and predict types of decisions entrepreneurs make when they run a business.

The curricula will be posted on the DCL100.com website for use by all.

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