

High Altitude Society: Finding a new EdVenture with the Walking Mountains Science Center

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Walking Mountain Founder Kim Langmaid joins Pamela Garl, Natalia Hanks and Barbara and Alan Goncharoff on a walk up Lake Creek.

On Friday, in a secluded majestic valley, a group of curious naturalist-types gathered to learn more about the intricacies of communication throughout the natural world. Participants enjoyed a hike, teaching stations, great camaraderie and a bountiful brunch at the Knapp Ranch. Did you know that bees select their hives “democratically” by sending out members of their colony to “vote” on sites before deciding on one for a new home or that prairie dogs have an advanced form of language that uses sounds in a way that suggests a grammatical component to their communication?

These ideas and more were shared by teaching staff of Walking Mountains Science Center during one of the center’s many programs offered throughout the valley. The major project and buzz for the school these days is the near completion of the new campus, scheduled to be fully operational this fall.

“We will be opening our doors on Aug. 20 to the public, and we are very excited about it,” said Executive Director Markian Feduschak. “It is a spectacular science center on an ecologically diverse sight. The buildings themselves are exceptional teaching tools.”

The campus will inspire and teach by showcasing the latest technologies in sustainable buildings and design.

Feduschak thanked Bud and Betsy Knapp saying, “The Knapps have been wonderful and steadfast supporters of the science center, hosting a variety of different programs here, so we are very grateful to them.”

To learn more about Walking Mountains programs, or how to donate, visit <http://www.walkingmountains.org> or call 970-827-9725.