Activities & Engagement at MSU

The Office of Activities & Engagement’s (OAE) mission is to provide the campus community with resources and to connect students to engagement opportunities, within and beyond the academic classroom, as they develop the skills of future leaders and active citizens. We are a one-stop shop for students interested in connecting with peers on campus through student organizations, or engaging in service to the Bozeman area community.

Campus Engagement with Student Organizations

On average, there are over 250 Registered Student Organizations at MSU which reflect a myriad of interests and passions among the student body. The OAE serves as a resource to campus student organizations providing student leader and faculty/staff advisor training and support.

Community Engagement with Area Non-Profit Organizations

Montana State University is designated by the Carnegie Foundation for Teaching and Learning as a Community Engaged Campus. This is a big deal and means that we take our role as a partner with our communities very seriously. Each year the OAE helps to connect thousands of MSU students with volunteer, internship and work-study opportunities in the Bozeman area non-profit community, across the state of Montana, and the nation. In addition, the Office of Activities & Engagement:

- Coordinates the MSU America Reads*America Counts tutoring program in pre-K through 8th grade classrooms in Bozeman working with and supporting area youth to achieve and succeed academically.
- Hosts monthly Service Saturday projects for students to serve 2-4 hours with local non-profit groups.
- Manages MSU BreaksAway, a spring break service trip program, which sends MSU student groups across the U.S. to volunteer during their spring break to meet community needs.

Other Activities & Events

- Catapalooza is our fall welcome event for all MSU students and their families to introduce MSU, student organizations, and the Bozeman area business and non-profit communities.
- The fall and spring Involvement Fairs bring area non-profit leaders and campus club leaders together in one venue to connect with students from across the campus.
- Fall Kick-Off Trails Project over the fall opening weekend engages students in local trail maintenance work in partnership with the Gallatin Valley Land Trust.
- The "M" Restoration on Mount Baldy the weekend before Homecoming each year involves 100 students in a hike and painting project on our beloved "M".
- Can the Griz Food Drive competition between MSU and U of M to see who can collect the most food for their local food bank in conjunction with the Cat/Griz football game.
- Day of Student Recognition is a campus-wide awards ceremony held each spring recognizing students for their outstanding achievements in both service and leadership.

For more information about anything here please contact us in the MSU Office of Activities & Engagement by calling (406) 994-6902, email us at engagement@montana.edu, come by our office in room 222 of the Strand Union Building (SUB), or check us out on the web at www.montana.edu/engagement.