

FSC Education Committee Report — February, 2025

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Forest School is functioning smoothly. Abbey had a good article about the program in the most recent Trail Tracker.

We are gearing up to expand the elementary school hikes to include grades 1 and 2, to fill out our program of offering every child in the Grundy County school system, plus Monteagle Elementary School, a hike in the park every year for grades 1-5. We may need a vote of the board to see if the expense is warranted. We already have leaders in place for all except first grade.

The Grundy County High School students who meet with Emily Ricks at the old high school in Tracy City now have regular programs at Grundy Forest, thanks to Ranger Hannah Sheley.

There was a successful rock climbing event for teens held at Foster Falls this autumn, organized by Ned Murray.

The Naturalist Program is going well. The series of South Cumberland Naturalist sessions, initiated by Ty Burnette and held at 6 PM on the third Monday of each month at the Blue Chair Tavern in Sewanee continues.

Mary Priestley