KITTITAS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION NETWORK









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NATURE SCHOOL

KEEN's 10 years of summer camps, after school programs, adventure trips, and more!





GET INTIMATE WITH THE SHRUB-STEPPE

GISS is 24 years of guided field trips, experiential learning, and loving the shrub-steppe!

YAKIMA CANYON INTERPRETIVE CENTER

Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center: Where Nature's Stories Come Alive. We're fundraising now for construction of KEEN's core project.



NATIVE PLANT SALE

KEEN shares the most amazing native trees, shrubs, and flowering plants for sale in Spring & Fall!

WINDFALL CIDER FEST



Sometimes you just need to have fun. Each October KEEN celebrates the fall colors and hosts a party with great music and great cider!



HABITAT RESTORATION

KEEN adopted and cares for Helen McCabe Park just 5-miles south of Ellensburg. This is the future home of the Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center.

KEEN WINTER FAIR



A community environmental farmers market highlighting the great work of sustainability-focused organizations.

MONPROFIT GOVERNANCE



KEEN has a passionate and dedicated board and staff providing organizational excellence and fiscal responsibility. We are always looking for folks to join us!



A KEEN Project

The Yakima Canyon Interpretive Center envisions a future where the unique landscapes and rich biodiversity of the Yakima River Canyon are celebrated, understood, and conserved by all. As a gateway to this natural treasure, the Center will inspire and educate visitors of all ages through immersive, science-based programs and experiences. We aim to foster a deep connection to nature, promote sustainable stewardship, and enhance the cultural and ecological appreciation of the Yakima River Canyon. By uniting our community around the beauty and importance of this region, we strive to ensure its protection for future generations, while contributing to the economic vitality and environmental literacy of Central Washington.



The Yakima River Canyon is a landscape like no other. Its linear oases support vital riparian corridors, crucial in this era of climate change. With the highest density of passerines in the state, wandering big horn sheep, and nesting birds of prey, it is a wildlife watcher's paradise. The Canyon is home to endangered plants and animals, an economically important Yakima River trout fishery, and a salmonid nursery. Visible basalt lava flows and rich Native American history further enhance its uniqueness. These stories inspire our commitment to protecting the future of the Yakima River Canyon.

To learn more about the project and naming opportunities, please contact
Jill Scheffer, our Board President, at <u>keenskeenetwork.org</u> or 509-551-8807.

Your support can make this dream a reality, ensuring that the Yakima
Canyon Interpretive Center becomes a beacon of education, conservation,
and unforgettable experiences.

