

Hello Water Literate Leaders Class,

Once again, a hearty welcome to each of you as we launch our first class of Water Literate Leaders of Northern Colorado! This email will fill you in on additional details to help you prepare for our first session, next week, September 14.

2017-2018 Class

The class list you received has been updated to correct a couple of errors, attached. With your permission at the first session, we can provide you with a list of email addresses so you can easily communicate with one another outside the sessions.

Curriculum

Because of the nature of the class, we will be planning curriculum detail as we go, drawing on your input along the way. The draft curriculum attached here reflects the areas of emphasis we will be concentrating on and likely expert resources we will employ. We aim for sessions to be about one third relay of key information critical to each area of emphasis, and about two thirds opportunity for you to engage in dialogue with our expert resources and with each other. We will supplement session presentation material by providing you with links to pertinent resource materials each session, starting with the October session.

Reading List

No one ever has enough time to read everything they would like on the subject of water! However, we will be providing a list of materials we recommend you read or at least peruse as you can fit in the time. We can add to the list as we go, so let us know if you have suggestions.

Reading/Reporting Homework

Over the course of the nine months we have together, each of you should choose a book or other selection from the reading list or some other source, pertinent to our course, to read and report to the class about. These reports should include 3-4 bullets capturing the subject of the chosen book or selection and then you should engage the class in discussion about a question you pose based on the reading. We will discuss this at our September session.

Meeting hours, location, and food

Community Foundation of Northern Colorado is located at 4745 Wheaton Drive, Fort Collins, 80525. Please arrive fifteen minutes early to grab a cup of coffee so we can begin at **8am sharp**. Our lunches will be a key time for dialogue, so please do not think of them as optional. We will be in session **until 1pm** each time. If you have special dietary restrictions, please let MaryLou know now.

Post-Session Homework

Each class member is required to send an email to MaryLou within one week of each session answering the following questions:

- What did you learn today that encouraged you?
- What did you learn today that discouraged you?

- What did you learn today that surprised you?
- What did you learn today that you want to know more about?
- Was there anything today that captured your attention to the extent that you could see yourself engaging in it further—to study it further, to play a leadership role in bringing it to the attention of others?

October field trip

As an extra bonus, we are planning a half day field trip on either October 3 or October 6, from 8am to 1pm. We will set the date at our first session, to meet the schedules of the most participants. Details to follow.

Homework for September Session

- 1) Please take a moment to answer the following questions and email to MaryLou no later than September 11:

Question: What are you especially interested in seeing covered in these sessions? Any specific concerns you hope we will address? Any particular individuals you would like for us to bring in as expert resources for presentation and dialogue? Email to MaryLou by September 11.

Fee

Please write a check to Community Foundation of Northern Colorado for \$150 with a notation in the memo line: Water Literate Leaders. You can bring the check to the first class or mail it to:

Community Foundation of Northern Colorado
4745 Wheaton Dr., Fort Collins, 80525.