**How is Your CD’s Youth and Adult Education Outreach Shaping Up for 2020?**

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Now is the time to evaluate your **Youth and Adult Education Outreach**. Even if your Annual Plan and Long-Range Plan are already developed, you can amend both documents to strengthen your continuing education and professional development outreach.

Here’s a few ideas from your fellow Conservation District Administrators. And, certainly there are a number of other activities, education modules, class room training and resources that you can utilize and / or add to this short list.

**Youth Education & Involvement**

1. What are your 2020 Annual Plan objectives for youth education outreach?

* Grade School, Junior High and High School (3 categories)

1. What youth workshops or other activities do you have planned for 2020?
2. Please select areas you and your constituents will be involved in the following year:
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Envirothon
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rolling Rivers (utilizing one of the six Rolling Rivers education trailers stationed around the state).
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Montana Youth Range Camp
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Partner Events with Vo-Ag, FFA, Extension Service, other
   5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Field Workshop [Range / Riparian, Water Quality, Water Quantity, Wildlife Habitat, Recycling, Trees/ Forestry, Farm & Ranch 101, AG Days, other]
   6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Invasive Species / MISC training materials (Stephanie Criswell, MISC, and Liz Lodman, FWP Public Information Officer)
   7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Other: Please list

What educational expertise would you, the CD administrator, local natural resource professionals be able to provide fellow MT Conservation Districts assistance? Your knowledge and experience can benefit fellow conservation districts with planning and implementation of Youth Education.

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**Adult Education & Involvement**

1. What are your 2020 Annual Plan objectives for adult education outreach?
2. What adult workshops or other activities do you have planned for 2020?
3. Please select areas you and your constituents will be involved in the following year:
   1. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Irrigation Workshop (planning now on the Missouri and Yellowstone Rivers corridors)
   2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Annual Range Tour (2020 Tour, Phillips CD—Malta)
   3. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Soil Health Seminar, February 4 / 5, Billings
   4. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Negotiating Surface Agreements with Energy Companies, February 13, Billings
   5. \_\_\_\_\_\_ NACD Convention, Las Vegas [February 8 – 12]
   6. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Annual partnership outreach with Extension Service
   7. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Annual partnership outreach with your USDA NRCS Service Center
   8. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Outreach efforts with other natural resource partners? Please list….
   9. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Councils / Alliance: Missouri River Conservation Districts Council
   10. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Councils / Alliance: Yellowstone River Conservation Districts Council
   11. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Councils / Alliance: Milk River Watershed Alliance
   12. \_\_\_\_\_\_ Other: Please list additional 2020 workshops, seminars, meetings that fellow CD’s are sponsoring.

If you have additional Youth and Adult Outreach recommendations that are not included in this article, feel free to share with your MCDEO and MT DNRC CARDD staff!

Thank you and best wishes for a great educational year in 2020!