

Progress Report - Campus Sustainability Fund

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Camp Cooper Open House

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Project Summary Snapshot:

Please copy and paste the "Summary Snapshot" you provided in your project application.

The Cooper Center for Environmental Learning will host an Open House event on Earth Day, Saturday April 22nd, 2023. This event is designed to promote Camp Cooper as a resource opportunity for UArizona students, faculty, and staff, with a goal of providing better connections between our campus community and the wonders of the Sonoran Desert. The event will be integrated into the larger Students for Sustainability-planned Earth Day event on campus the same day.

Requested Metrics:

Please report your project's metrics and their most recent number or response in a list format.

Key components confirmed by Feb. 2nd.

Project Accomplishments :

Please describe what aspects of the project have been accomplished. Be as descriptive and specific as possible. Examples of accomplishments could include: Held 4 public meetings totaling 130 attendees; Transitioned 300 square feet of dirt into usable garden space and signed on 14 community garden volunteers. Other examples of accomplishments could include sharing a confirmed schedule of events, the connections/contacts that have been established, etc.

Confirmed date for Earth Day April 22nd, 2023. Met with Students for Sustainability directors to discuss the potential for integration and promotion of the Open House as part of the wider Earth Day event and identified key points of each event and how to integrate the two events. The Event Committee identified a keynote presenter in Earyn McGee, contacted her and confirmed their interest in the Open House event and speaker fees. Met with Cooper Advisory Board Event Committee to review the event plan, budget, and status.

Next Steps:

Please detail the next steps for your project, numbering each step. (ie, 1. Connect with X Department to collaborate on the event, 2. Contact the catering options to confirm pricing, 3. Interview candidates for internship).

1. Event Committee meeting again next Thursday, December 15th to cover more specifics and assigning specific roles to committee members.
2. Meeting/planning for fundraising to raise additional funds to secure Earyn McGee's speaker fees.
3. Reaching out to individuals and contact persons with groups and organizations that were confirmed for the 2022 postponed date - these include the musicians (Estrella Juvenile Mariachi and Kyklo), caterer Midtown Vegan Deli, animal encounters with Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreations (which have all tentatively confirmed, will be looking to lock-in these).
4. Reaching out to a list of mutual organizations that may want to be included. This list is still TBD but will likely include organizations such as Tucson Botanical Gardens, Ben's Bells, Watershed Management Group. Event Committee will be determining which orgs will be best candidates.
5. Meeting next with SFS in January (specific date TBD) to further plan event integration, logistics, and promotion.

Challenges Faced:

Please identify and describe any obstacles/roadblocks you or your team have experienced, and detail how you've managed them/ will manage them. Should your project already be completed, please note what challenges you faced and what you would do differently.

The major concern is that CatTran services have not been confirmed for the event yet. A plan to have one of our board members who has networking connections within CatTran to facilitate securing CatTran shuttles for the event. A possible challenge to the current event plan is the potential for the integration of the Open House event with the broader Earth Day event could result in a larger attendance than projected. We currently are operating under an registration model, however if the ease-of-access afforded by better campus integration and promotion, we may need to re-evaluate this approach.

Project Support:

Can the CSF support you in addressing any roadblocks you've encountered? How else can the CSF support your project?

No further assistance at this time. Thank you.

Photo Link:

Please copy hyperlinks to photos here should you not be able to individually upload photos.

N/A

Media/Links:

Please include links to any media coverage or events information (e.g. news, social media, websites, interviews, etc.)

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