



## Coaching update

Our fall 2021 coaching season has officially begun!

Thanks to all who helped with our recent coaching efforts in Whitefish High School and Willard Alternative High School. Within the next few weeks we will coach at CS Porter Middle School and Target Range School, and have plans to coach later this fall at Corvallis, Big Sky, and Sentinel High Schools.

We have successfully used a mixture of both online and in-person coaching thus far this year with plans to continue both in response to school and teacher preference. Thanks to all who have volunteered for background checks so as to be eligible for online coaching. If you have not yet done so, please consider undergoing this simple fingerprint process needed to expand the capacity of our coaching pool when demand for online sessions is high!

Keep checking our [coaching calendar](#) and in your inbox to receive information about coaching opportunities.

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## Calling new coaches!

### Missoula in-person coach training tomorrow (Please help us spread the word!)

WCM is holding an in-person new volunteer training this Wednesday, October 13. We are grateful to our hosts at Target Range Schools for helping us build volunteer support for public education!

- In-person at Target Range School, Wednesday, October 13, 6-8:45pm, [register here](#)

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## Consider joining Friends of WCM!

[Join Friends of WCM](#), an annual donorship program: donations of your chosen amount are automatically withdrawn each month for 12 months. As a fun perk, Friends of WCM donors are included in bi-monthly local business prize raffles.

Here are a few donorship level suggestions:

- \$40/month supplements the cost of 500 coaching sessions.
- \$12.50/month pays a trainer at a new volunteer workshop.
- \$2.10/month covers the cost to process one coach background check.

This program allows staff to spend less time fundraising and more time building programs that help our local students become competent, confident writers. [Join Friends of WCM](#) today!

**To join Friends of WCM, donate your chosen monthly amount [HERE](#) and click the "make this a monthly payment" box on the payment processing page.**

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## DEI training for WCM community members

WCM's vision is to serve all public school students in Montana, and we are committed to developing an organization with diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) at its core. Our partners at the University of Montana Writing & Public Speaking Center have invited WCM staff, board, and coaches to join a DEI training hosted for their writing tutors. If you're interested in learning more about this important aspect of education and community-building, please register for the training below.

- October 28, 12-1:30pm, [register here](#).



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## Thank you to our first Corporate Sponsors!

We are delighted to have [Clearwater Credit Union](#), a bank serving Western Montana, as our first corporate sponsor at the platinum level. We are grateful for CCU's generosity, which supplements the cost of 500 coaching sessions!

Our first gold-level corporate sponsor is [Cushing Terrell](#), an architect firm serving the Western United States. Their sponsorship covers the cost of trainers for two new volunteer workshops and 6 coach background checks!

We are so appreciative of these forward-thinking companies, which see the value in investing in our future generations. After all, it takes writing and communication skills to be effective bankers, architects, and business people.

For questions about our corporate sponsorship program, contact Executive Director, Cassie Sheets, at [cassie@writingcoachesofmontana.org](mailto:cassie@writingcoachesofmontana.org).

In gratitude,  
The WCM Team

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