

# Big Horn Basin

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## RC&D Youth Development

Part of the work of the Big Horn Basin Wyoming RC&D Council is developing partnerships with communities and organizations to develop youth programs that promotes responsibility and a greater sense of self-worth to project participants.



### Lander, WY Outdoor Education Day on September 24, 2010

The Big Horn Basin RC&D instructed more than 150 4<sup>th</sup> graders, teachers and parents on how to plan a safe and fun outdoor adventure at the Central Wyoming College (CWC) field campus. A variety of other outdoor topics were also presented by other staff to make for a great day!

### Acquiring outdoor skills at an early age through outdoor education and skills development

The Big Horn Basin RC&D realizes that teaching youth outdoor skills at an early age may result in a life-long appreciation for the natural world and everything it has to offer. The RC&D would like to see the Big Horn Basin develop into a major “outdoor classroom” given the wealth of public land resources, diversity of wildlife and outdoor education opportunities that could benefit youth.



# Other Big Horn Basin RC&D youth development projects

The RC&D was asked to help procure hockey team equipment funds to support a Junior A hockey team that plays in Wyoming and Montana. A grant was prepared that resulted in a grant award of \$21,700 for equipment purchases.



**Cody, Wyoming  
hockey team  
support project  
for 2011**

**Worland,  
Wyoming Skate  
Park Project  
completed in  
2008**



The RC&D spent two years facilitating the development of the skate park project that resulted in a \$110,000 high quality facility that gets extreme useage almost year-round. The facility was designed by a youth committee with final design touches by Tony Hawk!

Helping youth understand the relationship of habitat and wildlife populations and learning hunter safety were the objectives of this project that was located on a working cattle ranch. Youth that assisted in habitat improvement projects were allowed to hunt cow elk and participate in other outdoor adventures on the ranch.



**Youth hunter &  
mentor project  
and work to  
facilitate the  
movement of  
elk and deer by  
building wildlife  
– friendly fence.**

Learning outdoor skills is an important element of the Big Horn Basin RC&D program. For the past few years the RC&D has been involved with the local “Jakes” program which teaches youth a variety of skills relating to shooting safely, fishing, horsepacking, duck calling, trapping, fish identification and other activities.



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