



# Geologists of Jackson Hole

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## 2025 Annual Report

**Geologists of Jackson Hole, Inc.,  
a Wyoming Nonprofit Corporation**

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# Our Mission: To inform and educate our members and community about earth science related matters – their broad scope and importance to all of us.

## 2025 Board of Directors

### Officers:

Cynthia Blankenship, President  
John Willott, Vice-President  
Dan Creighton, Treasurer  
John Guslander, Secretary

### Directors:

Mike Adler  
Bill Newcomb  
Mike Scher  
Robert I. Tilling  
Tim Taylor \*

## 2025 Committees

Barbeque (Bill Newcomb)  
Scholarship (entire Board)  
Field Trips (John W., Mike A., Mike S.,  
Tim T.)  
Speakers (Mike S., Mike A., Cynthia B.)  
Videos on YouTube (Diane Guslander)  
Website (Jennifer Truman)  
Newsletter (John G., Jennifer Truman)  
Education (Cynthia B.)  
Raffle (Tim T., Dan C.) \*

\* New for 2025

## Letter from the President

Dear Members and Friends of GJH,

We added our first new board member in several years, welcome **Tim Taylor!** I am very proud to let you know that through our programs we reached >200,000 people in '25 (see slide 9). And, to increase outreach and add some more fun, we had **two “firsts” in 2025:**

- 1) We hosted a booth during the Old Bill’s Fun Run.
- 2) We raffled off Mike Adler’s “Fighting Dragons of Ara”! The raffle was so well received that we will hold a **Member’s raffle every month in 2026** at 6:00 before the lecture. See our newsletter for the rules and the exciting upcoming prizes.

Our college scholarship program continues to support science inclined students. We awarded 6 scholarships in the spring, plus a textbook scholarship, for a total of \$20,082. Our lectures, field trips and annual barbeque are always popular. And we already have a full calendar for '26!

If you are able, please come to our lectures in person to enjoy appetizers and soft drinks from 5:30-6:00. Come mix and mingle with old and new friends, and maybe win a raffle prize!

As always, many thanks to our 100% volunteer Board of Directors and Friends who run our programs! And thanks to you, Members & Donors, for your financial support, which enables our programs.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Blankenship*, President  
[GJHPresident@Gmail.com](mailto:GJHPresident@Gmail.com)

Geologists of Jackson Hole, Inc.

# Corporate News

- **Annual Meeting** was held on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (by the GJH Board of Directors).
- **Director Elections:** the Board approved the following re-appointments to the Board; **Dan Creighton (Treasurer), Mike Adler, and Bill Newcomb.** In addition, **Tim Taylor** was voted onto the Board. Welcome Tim!
- In 2025 we received approval from the **Wyoming Secretary of State to change our Articles of Incorporation.** This change switches GJH from a Member run organization to a Board of Directors run organization. This radically simplifies our workload because now we do **not** need to request, and keep track of, annual email voting by our 130+ Members on things like electing Board members or modifying our Bylaws. It also means fewer emails for you! As always, if you have any questions or would like more information please do not hesitate to get in touch.

# 2025 Scholarships

**GJH Awarded 6 Scholarships in the spring of 2025, for a total of \$20,000:**

**Avery Kyle** – (2<sup>nd</sup> time recipient) Sophomore at Bowdoin College in Maine.

**Isabel Warner** – graduating H.S. Senior

**Zara Marisa Corbet-Simpson** – graduating H.S. Senior

**Jesse Larsen** – graduating H.S. Senior

**Samuel Hutchinson** – graduating H.S. Senior

**Celia Ward** – graduating H.S. Senior

2024 winner **Sydney Bolden** received \$82.33 to cover textbooks.

Here are a few photos from Scholarship Night, April 28, 2025



**Marisa**

**Celia**

**Sam**

# Accomplishments: 2025 program calendar

DATE	PROGRAM TYPE	PLACE	TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER - LEADER	AFFILIATION
1/7	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Understanding our Atmosphere	Jim Woodmency	Local
2/4	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	How warm is too warm for Antarctica? 3-million-year-old lessons from a higher-CO <sub>2</sub> world	Christina Riesselman & Chris Moy	Univ. of Otago, New Zealand
3/4	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Were Plate Tectonics different during "Snowball Earth"?	Kurt Sundell	ISU
4/8	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Hunting Teton paleo-earthquake records in the deep parts of Jackson Lake	Dr. Ryan Thigpen	Univ. of Kentucky
5/6	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	history of drought snowpack in the Teton Range since the end of the last Ice Age	Jonathan Raberg	UW
6/3	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Outstanding in the Field Since 1894: Brunton's Past and Present in Wyoming	Lauren Heerschap	Brunton Compass, Riverton, WY
6/7	Public	Gros Ventre Slide Overlook	noon-2:30	<b>Gros Ventre Slide 100 year anniversary educational event - FREE, including Lunch</b>	BTNF Forest Service	BTNF
6/24	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Human evolution and geology - <b>NOTE last Tues of June!</b>	Naomi Levin	U of MI
8/5	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Glacial History of Jackson Hole and the Tetons	Dr. Joe Licciardi	U of NH
8/6?	Members Only	Field Trip	1 day	<b>Glacial history of Jackson Hole</b>	Dr. Joe Licciardi	U of NH
8/9	Members Only	Barbeque	~5:00	<b>Old Wilson Schoolhouse</b>	Bill Newcomb et. al.	GJH
9/2	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Pika-inspired solutions to changing snowpack and habitat management	Dr. Erik Beever	USGS
10/7	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Yellowstone-style volcanic eruptions in Nevada and their magma storage regions	Dr. Maddie Lewis	U of WY
11/4	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	We Are All Made From Stardust, Find Out How and Where It Came From	Mike Adler	GJH
12/9	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Fermi's Paradox: Where is Everybody?	John Heberger Jr.	Local

# Accomplishments: First ever GJH Raffle (Nov. 4, 2025)

**The Prize:** Mike Adler's celestial print on *metal* of the “Fighting Dragons of Ara”. It is 24"x30" and ready to hang.

## Raffle rules (for 11/4/2025):

- Must be present to win.
- Drawing will be at 6:00 pm in the library auditorium.
- Members receive one free ticket. One ticket per Membership.
- Members can purchase additional tickets for \$20 each.
- You can buy/renew a Membership that night via **cash, check, or Venmo** (no IOU's). This will count toward your **2026** Membership.
- Membership costs \$20 individual, \$35 family, and \$50 for a sustaining membership.
- GJH board members are **not** eligible to participate.



Winner Cathy Culver with Mike Adler

# Accomplishments: Field Trips & Education

Glacial Geology of Jackson Hole, 8/6/25

Led by Joe Liccardi



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Jackson Elementary Educational Outreach, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by John Willott



Classical Academy Educational Outreach, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade by Liz King

No pictures available

Pre-K Educational Outreach by Liz King, Sept. '25



# Accomplishments: Annual BBQ

Thanks to: **Bill Newcomb** for leading the charge, and to everyone who brought an appetizer/dessert and a rock!

Special thanks to **John Willott** for the amazing **slide show** of field trips that we enjoyed throughout the dinner!



# Accomplishments: First ever Old Bill's Booth



Bob and Dan manning the booth. We had: stickers, business cards, rocks, laminated displays, and a computer with a plate tectonic animation on a loop.



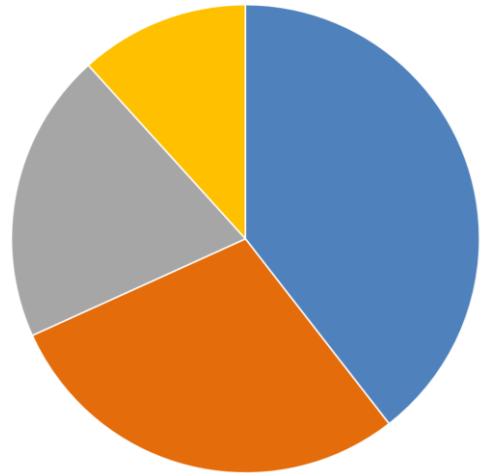
Simeon Caskey and his son. The little guy is intrigued by my magnet and bright-eyed gneiss (magnetite).

# 2025 number of people reached by GJH

				TOTALS
<b>Lectures (monthly, usually at the Teton County Library, Jackson Branch)</b>				
			Estimate of additional remote viewers (assuming 20% of logins have 2 viewers)	
	In person at TCL	Logins via Zoom simulcast		
	374	245	49	<b>668</b>
<b>Field Trips</b>				
Glacial Geology of Jackson Hole				
		# of attendees		
		25	full with waitlist	<b>25</b>
<b>Educational Outreach</b>				
Jackson Hole Classical Academy, 7th & 8th grade (Liz King, April '25)				
		# of students		
		20		<b>20</b>
Jackson Elementary, 3 3rd classes (John Willott, Oct.)				
				<b>51</b>
TCISD Pre-K (Liz King, 10/7/25)				
				<b>13</b>
<b>Barbeque</b>				
August 9, 2025				
		# of attendees signed up		
		42		<b>42</b>
<b>Scholarship Recipients</b>				
		# of students		
		7		<b>7</b>
<b>Old Bill's Fun Run Booth</b>				
estimated booth attendance				
		80		<b>80</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>				
# of recipients				
		open rate (%)	total views	
	914	61%	558	<b>558</b>
<b>Lecture Video Views</b>				
# of views of all videos in 2025				
	45,400			<b>45,400</b>
<b>Website Views</b>				
# of views in 2025 (note: this includes bots and crawlers)				
	197,830			<b>197,830</b>
<b>Total number of people reached by GJH Programs in 2025</b>				<b>244,694</b>
<b>Lecture Video data since we started on August 22, 2014</b>				
<b>224 videos posted, 4.6k subscribers, 638k views</b>				

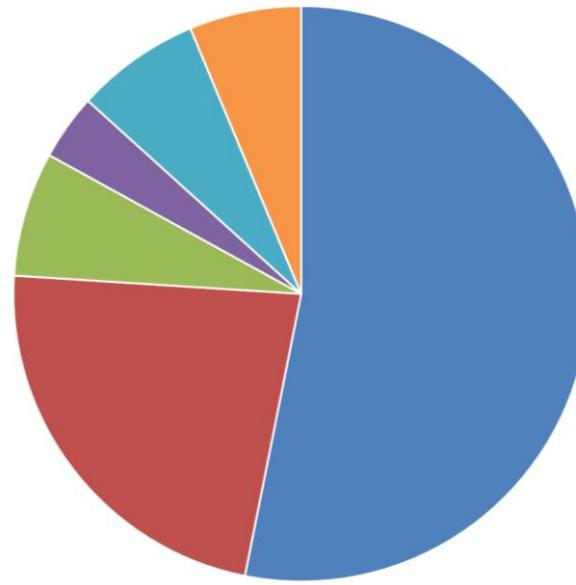
# Financial Report: Sources & Uses of Funds 2025

**Sources of Funds: \$27,745**



- Old Bill's Donations
- Old Bill's Match
- Membership Payments
- Investment Income

**Uses of Funds: \$37,794**



- Scholarships
- Speaker Program
- BBQ
- Insurance
- General Expenses
- Website Maintenance

## Usage notes:

**Scholarships** – 7 awarded in 2025, \$20,082

**Speaker Program** (Library appetizers, raffle prizes, travel reimbursement, meals, speaker gifts, lodging if necessary)

**BBQ** Annual event, free for GJH Members

## **Insurance**

**General Expenses** (Zoom, P.O. Box, office supplies, etc.)

## **Website Maintenance**

# Forward Plans: 2026 Program Calendar (as of 2/4/26, v.10)

DATE	PROGRAM TYPE	PLACE	TIME	SUBJECT	SPEAKER - LEADER	AFFILIATION
1/6	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Walking the Geology of the Teton Crest trail	Mike Scher	GJH
2/3	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	The Devastating Helene Flood Event In The Southern Appalachians	Dr Ryan Thigpen	U of KY
3/3	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Astrobiology: The search for the past and future of life in the universe	Dr. Jian Gong	U of WY
4/7	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Life in the Phosphoria sea	Dr Leif Tapanila	ISU
5/5	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	TBD	Myron Cook	WY Geologist
6/2	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Critical Minerals in Wyoming	Tyler Brown	UWY
June	Members Only	Field Trip	1 day	Miller Butte Field Trip (Elk Refuge permission pending)	John Hebberger Jr.	Local Geologist
7/7	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	The Last Teton Ice: How Rock Glaciers Will Shape the Future of Water and Biodiversity	Scott Hotaling	UT state
8/8	Members Only	Barbeque	~5:00	Old Wilson Schoohouse		
8/4	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Paleontology related	Dr Vince Santucci	NPS
August	Members Only	Field Trip	1 day	TBD		
9/8	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Something about Yellowstone	Dr Lauren Harrison	CO state
Sept?	Members Only	Field Trip		TBD		
10/6	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	TBD	Dr Marc Hendrix	U of MT Missoula
11/3	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	TBD	Dr Liz King	GJH
12/1	Public	Teton Co. Library & Zoom	6-7:30 PM	Origin of the Rocky Mountains--The Sangre Taphrogeny"	Vince Mathews	Zoom only

If you have ideas for topics/speakers, please contact us! <https://geologistsofjacksonhole.org/contact-us/>