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## KATAHDIN REGION PLACE-BASED LEARNING PROJECT NEWSLETTER

Enhancing Katahdin Region education through “the process of using community as a starting point to teach concepts in areas across the curriculum, emphasizing hands-on, real-world experience.



### Katahdin Region Educators Host Acadia Teacher Fellows

On August 10, teacher fellows from Acadia National Park joined Place-Based Educators on a tour of Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument. Discussion encompassed the many educational opportunities throughout the monument.



### Life Happens Outside Festival

Students and educators traveled to join outing clubs and outdoor enthusiasts at the Teens To Trails festival. Katahdin region students experienced rock climbing, local food and culture, and volunteered a portion of their time to make the event run smoothly.



### BikeMaine Volunteer Crew

Students from the Katahdin Region gathered to experience the wonders of BikeMaine, a non-profit organization focussing on the celebration of Maine's people, places, culture, and food. Students volunteered as the tent and porter crew and worked hard to prepare each location for cyclists, earning \$1000 per day for Katahdin Region youth!

### Katahdin Star Party

Students at Katahdin Elementary School learned about the stars and planets through a traveling planetarium. Acadia National Park Rangers and Astro VIP's with backgrounds in astronomy also visited classrooms and attended an evening event held for parents and students.





## Stars Over Katahdin

Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument held its fourth annual Stars Over Katahdin celebration on September 16. The event included a campfire where stories of stars, experiences in nature, and ghosts were shared. After the campfire, with the aid of a variety of telescopes, visitors enjoyed observing and learning more about the stars, planets, and galaxies that fill our universe.

## Teens to Trails Training

Teachers of RSU 50 experienced the possibilities of taking classes outside. Local educators learned about team building and applying curriculum and standards to activities, while instructors touched on the importance of experiencing nature in an educational fashion. Teens to Trails brought with them a wonderful set of ideas!



## Upcoming Events

October 28: Katahdin Region Student RiSE Tour in the Monument

November 3: Teacher "Place-Based Learning Meet & Greet" at Turn the Page in Millinocket

December 5-8: Park in Every Classroom Conference

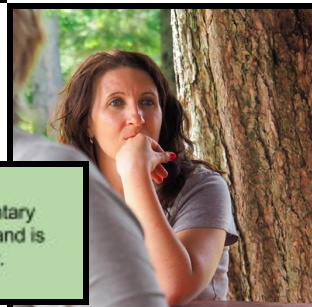
Spring 2018: Tours, archeological experiences, student STEM activities



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### Katahdin Region Place-Based Learning Project Staff Introduction

Scarlet McAvoy, Place-Based Educator  
Scarlet is a first grade teacher at Katahdin Elementary  
School. She has deep roots in the Katahdin area and is  
well known as a hard-working, passionate teacher.



#### *Thank you!*

Thank you to our  
partners in the  
Katahdin Region:

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Museum

Elliotsville Plantation

Katahdin Woods and  
Waters National  
Monument

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Appalachian Trail

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