

Mary F. Giannola, M.Ed.

Director, Environmental Education



"The natural world offers not only beauty, it offers excitement and intellectual challenge, let's share this with the next generation of learners"

Mary Giannola oversees this environmental education program which includes implementing new curriculum, training of teachers and staff, maintenance of the off-grid facility and forest restoration of the 33 acres. She can also offer educational programming specific to a scholastic need. If you are looking to connect with the natural world academically and you enjoy food cooked on a 130-year old wood burning stove; Camp Colton is where you want to be!

Camp Colton is a unique residential environmental education program for sixth graders that is owned and operated by the Flagstaff Unified School District. It introduces children to the wonders of the natural environment through direct outdoor experiences. Camp Colton has served over 40,000 children since its inception. With the support of FUSD and The Friends of Camp Colton (501c3) a nonprofit organization, Camp Colton is now accessible to any student in northern Arizona.

Ms. Giannola completed her undergraduate work at Northern Arizona University earning a dual major Bachelor's Degree in Elementary and Special Education. She also attended NAU while completing her Master's in Science Teaching with an emphasis in Biology. She taught high school special education science and math for 18 years prior to her administrative position. In addition, Mary has 24 years of camp directing experience and is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

When not at camp, Mary enjoys her family; especially time with her triplet children. She loves to be outdoors and enjoys the art of "metal-smithing" in her free time.

