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Jackson Hole Children's Museum Announces New Executive Director

Jackson, WY – Jackson Hole Children's Museum (JHCM) today announced that effective April 6, 2020, Ethan Lobdell will be the new Executive Director.

“We are thrilled to welcome Ethan to the Museum. He has over a decade of experience in the field of education here in Jackson; as a teacher, robotics coach, head of middle school and director of student and family experience,” said Jenn Dawes, JHCM President. “Ethan’s passion for our mission, his connections and commitment to our community, and his extraordinary skills in leadership and strategic-thinking make him a perfect match for JHCM at this time.”

“The Jackson Hole Children's Museum has established itself as a valued community resource, providing critical educational services for our Valley's children,” said Ethan Lobdell. “I am excited to join the organization during a time of capacity-building as the Museum continues to search for a long-term home.”

For the past 15 years, Ethan has taught high school and middle school in the areas of science, computer programming, engineering, design, and math. He has served as the cross-campus Middle School Division Head, coordinating staff and students across two Teton Science Schools' campuses (Jackson, Wyoming, and Victor, Idaho). Concurrently he was the Director of Student and Family Experience during the 2018-19 school year. Ethan has a degree in computer science and will complete his Master's of Science in Decision Analysis next year.

Outgoing Executive Director, Jean Lewis said, "The Museum originated as an interactive play space and creative hub. We have evolved to address some of Teton County's immediate needs for children and families – supplementary STEAM programming to increase science and engineering literacy; out-of-school care through afterschool and summer programs; and Kindergarten readiness. I am proud of what we have accomplished during my tenure. I look forward to a bright future under Ethan's leadership, and remaining involved in another capacity."

"On behalf of the Board of Directors and JHCM family, I would like to thank Jean for her passion, grace and significant contributions to this organization's growth and success. We are immensely grateful," said President Dawes.

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About Jackson Hole Children's Museum

Play. Create. Explore. Discover. At the Jackson Hole Children's Museum, we encourage families to examine the world together through interactive, hands-on exhibits and educational programs in the arts, sciences, literature, and history. Our goal is to help children and grown-ups of all ages build a love of learning through collaborative play and creative problem-solving in a nurturing environment.