

February Update

Construction projects during the winter are always unpredictable, but this winter has hit our construction team with several negative degree weather, negative degree wind chill and now a good 8+ inches of snow. However, when the weather has been decent the team puts in long days to keep things moving. The PR Construction team has installed the structural steel in place for the main floor and the wooden trusses are ready to go when the weather allows. They have also covered all the windows and openings in preparation of heating the basement once the trusses are in. Interior stud walls have also started to go in giving different rooms a bit of definition.

Interior details continue to be discussed. Carpet and tile have been ordered and will be delivered to CMBA soon. Our interior/exterior designer is working with SCCB Naturalists to accurately portray different animal tracks, stenciled into the concrete, inside and imprinted in the walkways outside the building. Outside the building, tracks will be realistic and will add aesthetics but also teaching opportunities. Inside, the tracks will help guide school groups and summer camp participants to designated areas, like their classroom for the day!

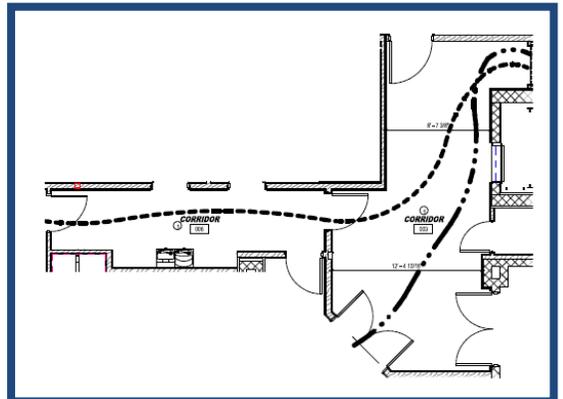
Exhibit progress has also been made. At the end of this month, SCCB Naturalists transported several SCCB taxidermies to Split Rock Studios in St. Paul, Minnesota. These taxidermies will be built into, mounted on top, or placed in different exhibits to enhance the overall experience. While they were there the SCCB Naturalists also had a small meeting to discuss further details on exhibits, text and graphics. They also received a tour of the Split Rock Studio's art and fabrication shop where the craftsmen will be building our exhibits in the future. Judging by the current projects they saw, they will assure you our Nature Center exhibits will be worth every penny!

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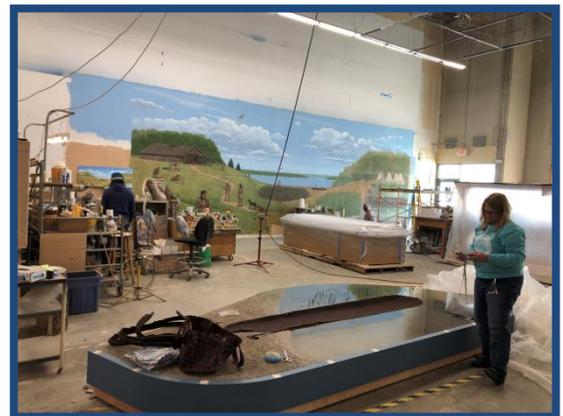
After the wooden trusses are placed, the basement will be insulated and heated. This will allow work to continue in the basement as well as the second level!



Trusses ready to be installed



Track design leading to classrooms



Split Rock Studios Art & Fabricating Department

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