

September Update

There has been lots of activity this month at the Nature Center! Huge shout out to our Nelson contractor as they manage all the other subcontractors during this pivotal time.

Outside all the paths have been poured leading visitors from the parking lot to the main doors. The SCCB staff added some special markings to the paths around the building- animal tracks! The tracks are representative of the animals one may see when they visit Oak Grove Park. Stairs have also been poured through the west retaining wall to give guest access to the trails off the back of the building. The deck stairs have been started on the east side and will finish up soon. Crews have been working hard to fill and level areas in preparation for planting grass, natives and prairie plugs. Exterior lighting has been installed on the building as well as parking lot lighting. Exterior painting continues on ideal weather days.

Things inside have come even further in this last month. Both levels have received both coats of paint with a few areas still waiting their second coat. The exhibit room ceiling has been completed. The main levels drop ceiling structure is all hung, with the addition of interior lighting. Some of the cabinetry has gone in on the main level in the staff work room and some of the lower level classrooms. Carpet and tile flooring has been installed throughout the building. The electrical crew is working hard to finish off the lights throughout the main level. The elevator crew continues to work on their installation.

Up Next:

The first full week of October will be the installation of the exhibits from Split Rock Studios. This being said the majority of the first floor; for sure the exhibit area will be the close to completion. The crew from Split Rock will be here a week to install the nine areas. Following their departure, the Sioux County IT department will come and install the different IT elements in the building. Meanwhile Nelson and the other crews will be finishing off the basement and putting the finishing touches on the remainder of the upstairs. Dirt work will continue outside as the groups is prepped for a fall seeding.



9/27 Front of Building



9/27 Main floor



9/27 Cabinets

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