

# Final Report

Comparative Technology

Spring – 2104

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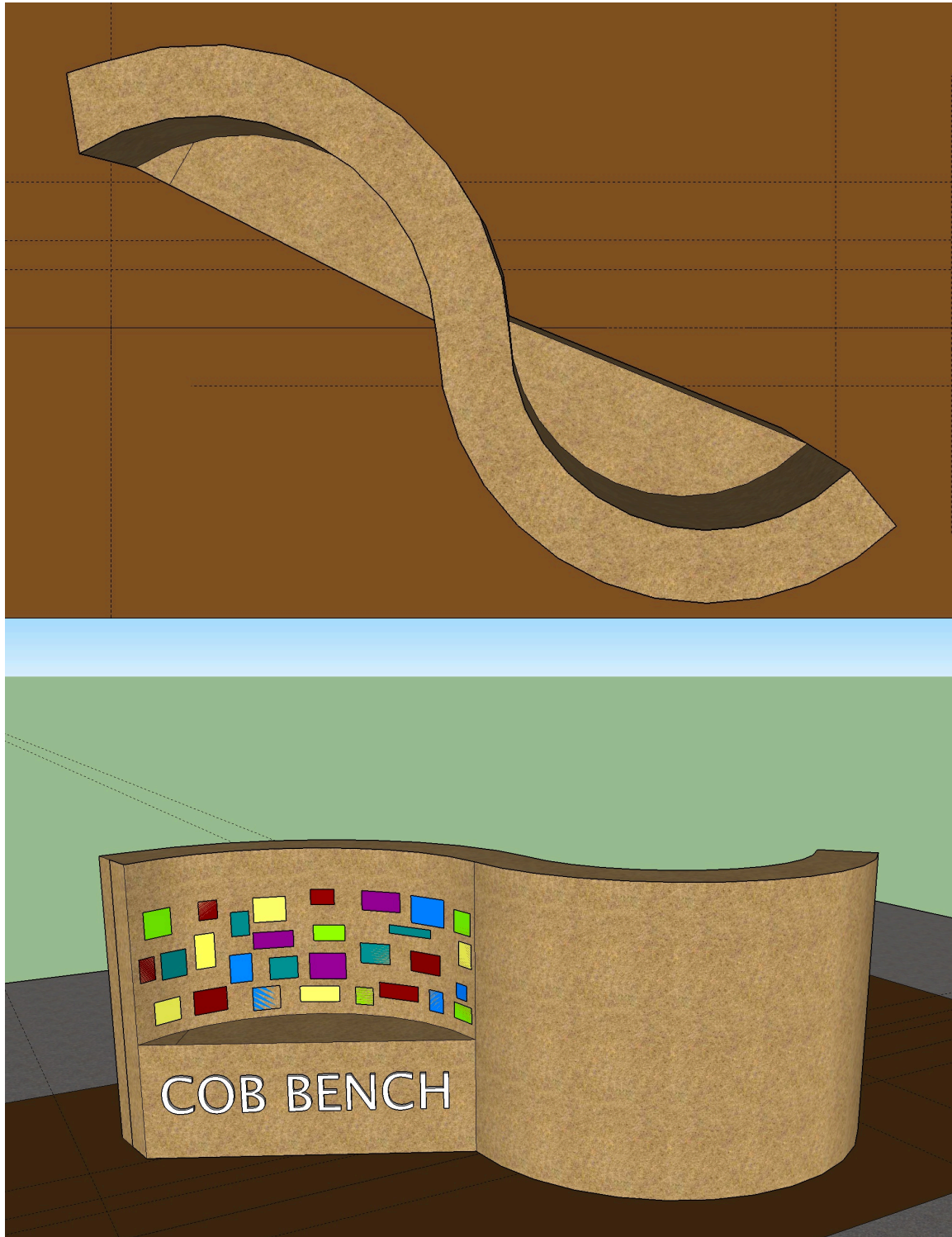
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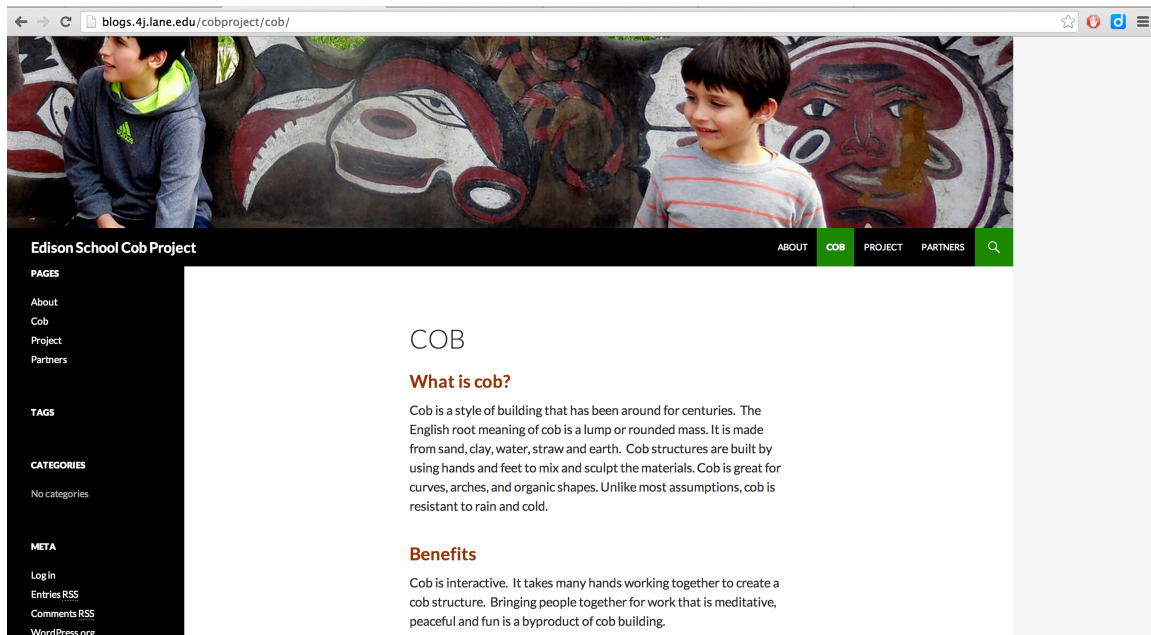
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# SketchUp - Bench Design



# Wordpress - Cob Blog

blogs.4j.lans.edu/cobproject



# Flyer

## Edison School Cob Project



Edison Elementary School is building a cob bench this summer! The project is a collaboration with the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art. The bench will be built in the schoolyard and is approximately 12 feet long and 4 feet high. It will provide a reading space for students and families and also a peaceful resting spot for those viewing and working in the garden.

### We need volunteers!

Students and families are encouraged to come out this summer to help build. Please RSVP to Nori at [norikor@uoregon.edu](mailto:norikor@uoregon.edu). Let us know if you can make it to one or more work sessions.

**July 15 - August 5**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 9:00AM - 11:00AM**



Cob bench at Sunnyside Environmental School - Portland

[blogs.4j.lane.edu/cobproject](https://blogs.4j.lane.edu/cobproject)

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for more information

# Self Evaluation

## GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

Looking back at the initial goals created for this project I did meet quite a few. For this class I was able to learn the basics of sketchUp and create a design for the bench. I also created a wordpress blog site to host information about cob, about the project, about the people and partners involved. Using InDesign, I created a flyer to hand out at Edison Elementary to help recruit those who are interested in the cob project and finding volunteers.

## CHALLENGES

Initially I thought I would see this project through the building phase and to the end within this term. After realizing the project required more time than I had within this term to finish, I had to reevaluate and narrow the scope of the project. I plan to carry out the rest of the project, including documentation and video creation in summer 2014.

Some minor challenges included things like creating a hole in a curved wall using SketchUp. This was something I learned to do through tutorial and successfully completed in one of my models. However recreating it in the final model was difficult. For the final design, I chose not to include the hole (window) in my design but if I had more time to spend in SketchUp before the end of the term I would have. Because I will continue this project in summer, it is one of my goals to insert the hole (window) into my design. I am confident I can do this.

Another challenge was working in wordpress. Like learning any new program, it was difficult and intimidating to set up at first. Once given a little guidance it became more clear how to use wordpress. I would like to continue to work in wordpress and develop these skills.

## SUCSESSES

This class gave me great opportunity to explore in programs (SketchUp, Wordpress, and InDesign) that I had never touched or had very little experience in before. I am now comfortable enough to where I feel I could create new projects in these programs and have the resources to be able to learn new things or be able to troubleshoot with difficult tasks. Outcome of this class were a Sketchup – bench design, Wordpress –cob blog and an Indisgn – flyer seen in previous pages of this report. I also gained confidence in working with these programs and now know how to initiate projects.