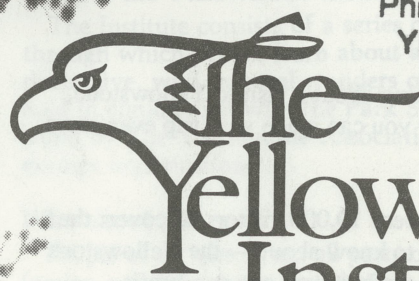


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The Yellowstone Institute

FIELD COURSES 1989
NATURE STUDY VACATIONS

Dear Reader,

If you're thinking about a visit to Yellowstone, let me tell you how you can make your trip even more outstanding.

Only one of every 10,000 visitors discovers the activity I want you to know about — the Yellowstone Institute. Through the Institute, our non-profit association offers short field courses which are unusual, educational, fun, and top quality.

Most are headquartered at the old "Buffalo Ranch," where the park's bison recovery project was centered early in the century. Here, in the least-traveled section of Yellowstone, rustic cabins overlook the beautiful Lamar Valley, a haven for bison, elk, mule deer, and other large mammals.

From this magnificent setting, you can get close to nature and explore Yellowstone with the experts — to learn about everything from geysers to wildflowers, birds to bears, and horsepacking to photography.

Life is best when you're learning something new. And, learning about the wonders of this restless, enduring land is especially rewarding and refreshing.

The Institute is simply the very best way to get to know Yellowstone as few people ever do.

And, the prices are fair. The total daily cost is about what you'd pay just for a motel room in most places. Course fees average \$30-\$35 per day, cabin space is only \$6 per person, and a community kitchen can be used for cooking. You'll also be exempt from park entrance and campground fees.

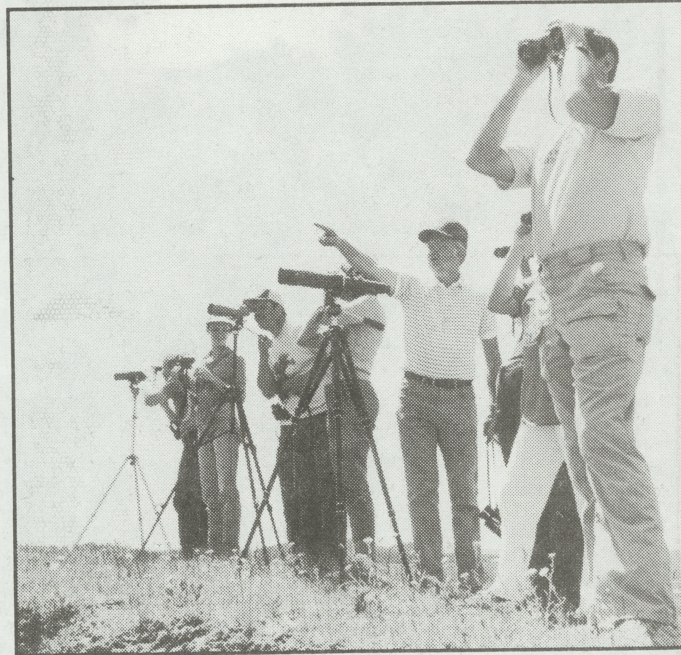
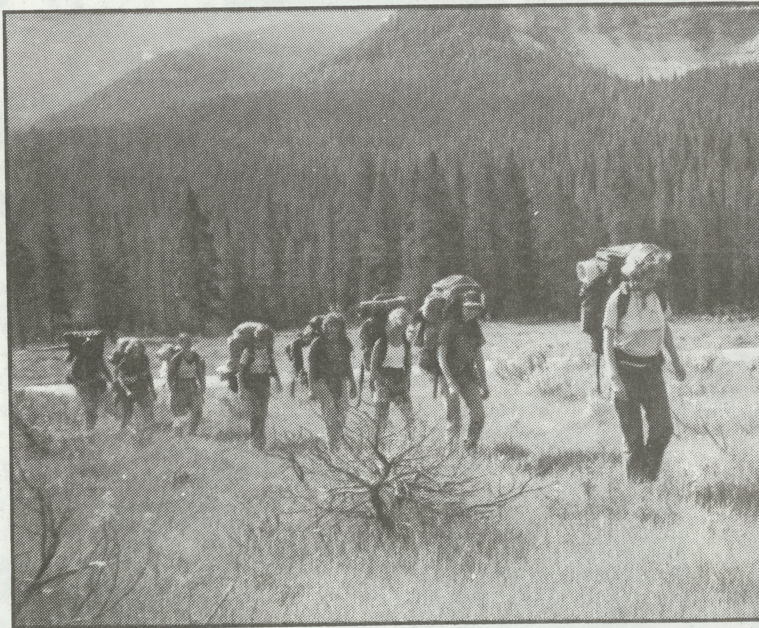
Though most courses are designed for adults, there are several just for youngsters or families. If you want to know more, call us or write for our free course catalog, available February 1.

Sincerely,

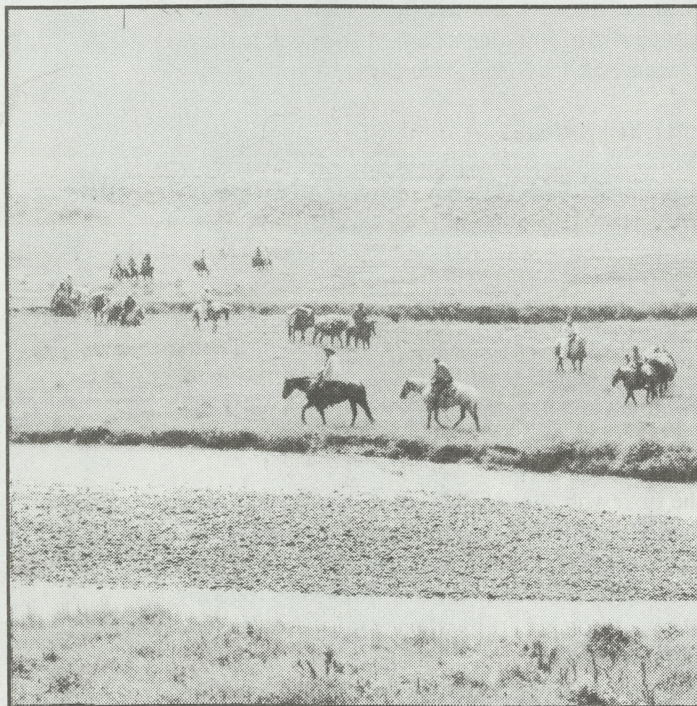
Pat Cole

Pat Cole, Acting Director

P.S. Yellowstone is a superb natural treasure. You can experience it as few people do. Enrich your Yellowstone days — through the Yellowstone Institute.



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Top Left: "Women & Wilderness" group heading to campsite
 Middle: "Birds of Yellowstone" class doing field observation
 Lower Left: "Large Mammals" instructor holding discussion outdoors in elk country

Top Right: Group photographing newborn elk calf in foreground
 Bottom: "Wilderness Horsepacking" participants concluding a 5-day retracing of the Nez Perce trail

Cover: "Backcountry Photography" session on remote mountain side

What is the Yellowstone Institute?

The Institute consists of a series of short courses through which people learn about and experience the distinctive, wild, natural wonders of Yellowstone. It is held in conjunction with the Park Service and is sponsored by The Yellowstone Association, a non-profit, tax exempt organization.

Who should attend?

People of all ages, from all parts of the U.S. and many foreign countries, have participated—teachers, students, hobbyists, photographers, outdoor enthusiasts, natural science professionals, fishermen, writers—a full spectrum.

Why attend?

The Institute provides an economical chance to study and vacation away-from-it-all; a spectacular natural locale; educational courses; college or recertification credit; a genuine wilderness setting; a full range of subjects; a gathering of people with similar interests; top-notch instructors who are knowledgeable, sensitive and perceptive about their subjects; and a chance to see Yellowstone as few have seen it.

How long are the courses?

Most courses run two to five days and are generally in session for most of the day. Class tuition fees average about thirty-five dollars per day. Courses which include outfitting, canoes, or horses cost more.

Where do classes meet?

A Park Service facility known as the "Buffalo Ranch" in the northeast corner of Yellowstone serves as headquarters for most classes. Classroom space is available there, but most instructors spend considerable time in the field.

Is lodging available?

There are cabins, very rustic, at the Institute facility for student use at a nominal fee. A variety of campgrounds, commercial cabins, and motels are located several miles away but close enough for convenient auto commuting.

Is credit available?

Many courses are offered for graduate and/or undergraduate credit. Students may enroll also as part of independent study courses through their own schools. Courses should meet state and local requirements for teacher recertification.

The Institute can also set up an activity or course especially for your group. Call or write for details.

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May 30-June 2	501	Wildlife Observation
June 3-4	601	Waterfowl of Yellowstone
June 10-11	602	Wildfires and Birds
June 10-11	603	Elk of Yellowstone: Biology & Ecology
June 13-17	604	Large Mammals of Yellowstone
June 14-17	605	Horsepacking: Springtime Flora & Fauna
June 16-17	606	Indian Use of Yellowstone
June 17-18	607	Wildflowers of the Bechler Meadows
June 18-20	608	Bears: Folklore and Biology
June 20-22	609	Mountain Men in Yellowstone
June 21-24	610	Wildlife Photography
June 23-24	611	Mountain Men Field Trip
June 24-25	612	Birding Yellowstone
June 24-25	613	Horsepacking: "Around the Corrals"
June 25-26	614	Women & Wilderness: Introduction
June 26-28	615	Horsepacking "Practicum"
June 26-30	616	Birds of Yellowstone
June 26-30	617	Lakes of Yellowstone by Canoe
June 27-28	618	Women & Wilderness: Overnight
June 29-30	619	Family Days in Sunlight
June 29-30	620	Hiking & Camping in Grizzly Country
June 29-July 1	621	Star Trails West
July 1-3	701	Yellowstone's Birds of Prey
July 2-5	702	Yellowstone's Night Skies
July 6-7	703	Close-up Photography
July 6-8	704	Interpreting Yellowstone with "Ranger Ted"
July 7-8	705	Family Days: Camping Rendezvous
July 8-9	706	Wildflowers and Wildfire
July 8-9	707	Backpacking (Families & Youths)
July 10-11	708	Alpine Wildflowers
July 10-11	709	Eagles of Yellowstone
July 11-12	710	Family Days in Sunlight
July 13-15	711	Wildflowers (Llama Trek)
July 13-16	712	Learning Outdoor Photography
July 15-16	713	Wolves of Yellowstone: The Missing Link
July 17-21	714	Horsepacking: Washburn Expedition Trail
July 17-21	715	Ecology of Yellowstone
July 18-20	716	The Ways of the Mountain Men
July 21-23	717	Fire, Ice and Fossil Forests
July 21-23	718	Fire in Paradise
July 24-26	719	Three Days at the Buffalo Ranch (Ages 8-12)
July 24-26	720	Exploring the Yellowstone Ecosystem
July 24-27	721	Alpine Ecology
July 27-31	722	Horsepacking: Bechler Canyon Trail
July 28-30	723	Three Days at the Buffalo Ranch (Ages 8-12)
July 28-30	724	Geysers, Mudpots, and Hot Springs
July 31-Aug.2	725	Mammal Tracking: Interpreting Tracks & Sign
July 31-Aug.5	726	Yellowstone Caldera & Hydrothermal Systems
August 1-5	801	Horsepacking: The Nez Perce Trail
August 3-4	802	Wars and Words Over Wildlands
August 5	803	Nature Film Festival
August 5-6	804	Flight of the Nez Perce 1877
August 6-10	805	Horsepacking: Indian Trails
August 7-9	806	Fire Ecology
August 7-11	807	Geology of the Yellowstone Country
August 9-13	808	Backcountry Photography
August 10-12	809	Interpreting Yellowstone with "Ranger Ted"
August 11-13	810	Fly Fishing: Less Experienced
August 11-15	811	Horsepacking: Nez Perce (Alternate Route)
August 14-18	812	Backcountry Llama Trekking
August 18-20	813	Fly Fishing: More Experienced
August 19-20	814	Prehistory of Greater Yellowstone
August 19-23	815	Wilderness Photography
August 24-26	816	Llama Trekking
August 25	817	Bald Eagles of Greater Yellowstone
August 26-27	818	Tracking: Earth as Manuscript
Sept. 2-3	901	Hikes Into Yellowstone's Past
Sept. 15-17	902	Autumn Scenic Photography

COURSE DESCRIPTION EXCERPTS

Tracking: Earth as Manuscript

A field ecologist, Gerry Green, who is doing research on grizzly bears in Yellowstone, will lead this 2-day study on observing and interpreting animal signs. \$65 (Member's fee \$55)

Large Mammals of Yellowstone *

Elk, bison, bighorn sheep, moose, mule deer, and pronghorn antelope will be observed in this study of large Yellowstone animals, their behavior, and interactions. The instructor, Ernest Ables, is a wildlife authority who has studied large mammals worldwide. \$195 (member's fee \$185) Five days.

Interpreting Yellowstone with Ranger "Ted" *

Especially for families, this course features Ted Parkinson who served 37 seasons as a Yellowstone ranger-naturalist. His nature walks include a visit to a bear den, wildlife observation, star gazing, personal reminiscences, and natural history discussions. \$85 for one adult and one child (\$25 for additional family members) Three days.

Fire, Ice and Fossil Forests

Former park naturalist and superintendent, John Good, will lead day hikes to sites which reveal the park's volcanic past, unique petrified forests, and glacial history. \$105 (Member's fee \$95) Three days.

Wilderness Horsepacking: Yellowstone Indian Trails

Wilderness guide Richard Clark will lead this horseback trip to explore portions of historic Bannock and Nez Perce trails through Yellowstone while emphasizing low-impact use of livestock in the backcountry. \$405 (Member's fee \$395) Five days.

Bald Eagles of Greater Yellowstone

The latest information about bald eagles of greater Yellowstone will be presented by biologists with the eagle recovery effort. An observational field trip is included. \$12 (Member's fee \$7) One day.

Birds of Yellowstone *

Dick Follett, author of *Birds of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks*, is the instructor for this course on field identification and ecological relationships. Outings include a boat trip on Yellowstone Lake to observe osprey. \$198 (Member's fee \$185) Five days.

Wildflowers of Yellowstone *

Two days in the field with Wayne Phillips, a U.S. Forest Service ecologist, will give enrollees a thorough introduction to wildflowers and other fascinating plants of the Yellowstone ecosystem. The course is offered in several locations each summer. \$65 (Member's fee \$55)

Wildlife and Nature Photography

Several photo courses are offered through the Institute including a two-day session on close-up work, a four day introductory class, and two five-day backcountry photo courses which operate out of remote drop camps. Instructors are top-notch and blend group discussions with practical field experience.

* University credit available

For complete information and a free course catalog, write P.O. Box 117, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 or call 307-344-7381 ext. 2384.