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ear Friend of the Institute,

If you like Yellowstone in summer, you'll love it in winter. The park is quiet, the scenery is spectacular, and the wildlife is easily visible in the low country.

To enhance your winter visit, the Institute offers three types of educational programs:

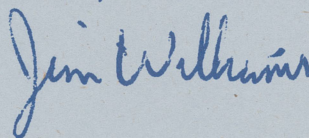
Field Seminars provide a closer look at specific subjects, from nature writing to wolf biology. These courses are based at our Lamar Valley field campus and taught by college professors, field biologists, and other experts.

Lodging and Learning Programs are learning vacations with just the right mix of education and recreation. These programs are based at historic park hotels and taught by experienced naturalists who are intimately familiar with Yellowstone.

Educational Adventures are personal natural history tours based on your own schedule and interests. Our naturalist will meet you in Mammoth and join you in your car for a day of wildlife watching in the park's Northern Range.

Please join us for a uniquely rewarding Yellowstone experience!

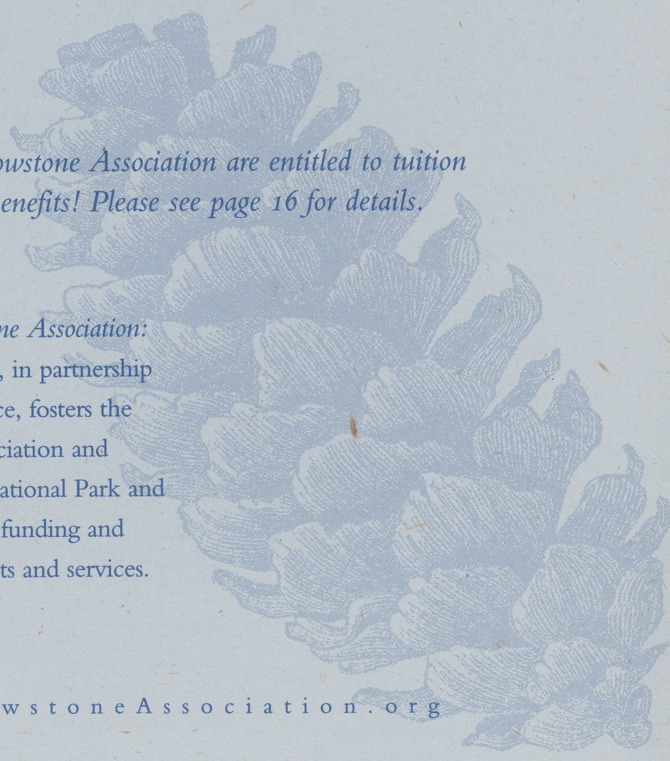
Sincerely,



Jim Williams
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P.S. Members of the Yellowstone Association are entitled to tuition discounts and other benefits! Please see page 16 for details.

The Mission of the Yellowstone Association:
The Yellowstone Association, in partnership with the National Park Service, fosters the public's understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of Yellowstone National Park and its surrounding ecosystem by funding and providing educational products and services.



Field Seminars

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Lodging and Learning Programs

Winter Wolf Discovery

Offered twice each week (Wednesday to Friday and Friday to Sunday) from January 1 through February 28, 2003.

January 1-3	January 3-5
January 8-10	January 10-12
January 15-17	January 17-19
January 22-24	January 24-26
January 29-31	January 31-February 2
February 5-7	February 7-9
February 12-14	February 14-16
February 19-21	February 21-23
February 26-28	

Wonderland

Offered each week (Sunday to Friday) from January 5 through February 28, 2003.

January 5-10	January 12-17
January 19-24	January 26-31
February 2-7	February 9-14
February 16-21	February 23-28

Winter Wildlife Expedition

Offered each week (Monday to Wednesday) from December 23, 2002 through February 26, 2003.

December 23-25	December 30-January 1
January 6-8	January 13-15
January 20-22	January 27-29
February 3-5	February 10-12
February 17-19	February 24-26

Yellowstone for Families—Winter

Offered each week (Thursday to Sunday) from January 2 to February 23, 2003.

January 2-5	January 9-12
January 16-19	January 23-26
January 30-February 2	February 6-9
February 13-16	February 20-23

Yellowstone on Skis

Offered each week (Saturday to Thursday) from January 4 to February 27, 2003.

January 4-9	January 11-16
January 18-23	January 25-30
February 1-6	February 8-13
February 15-20	February 22-27

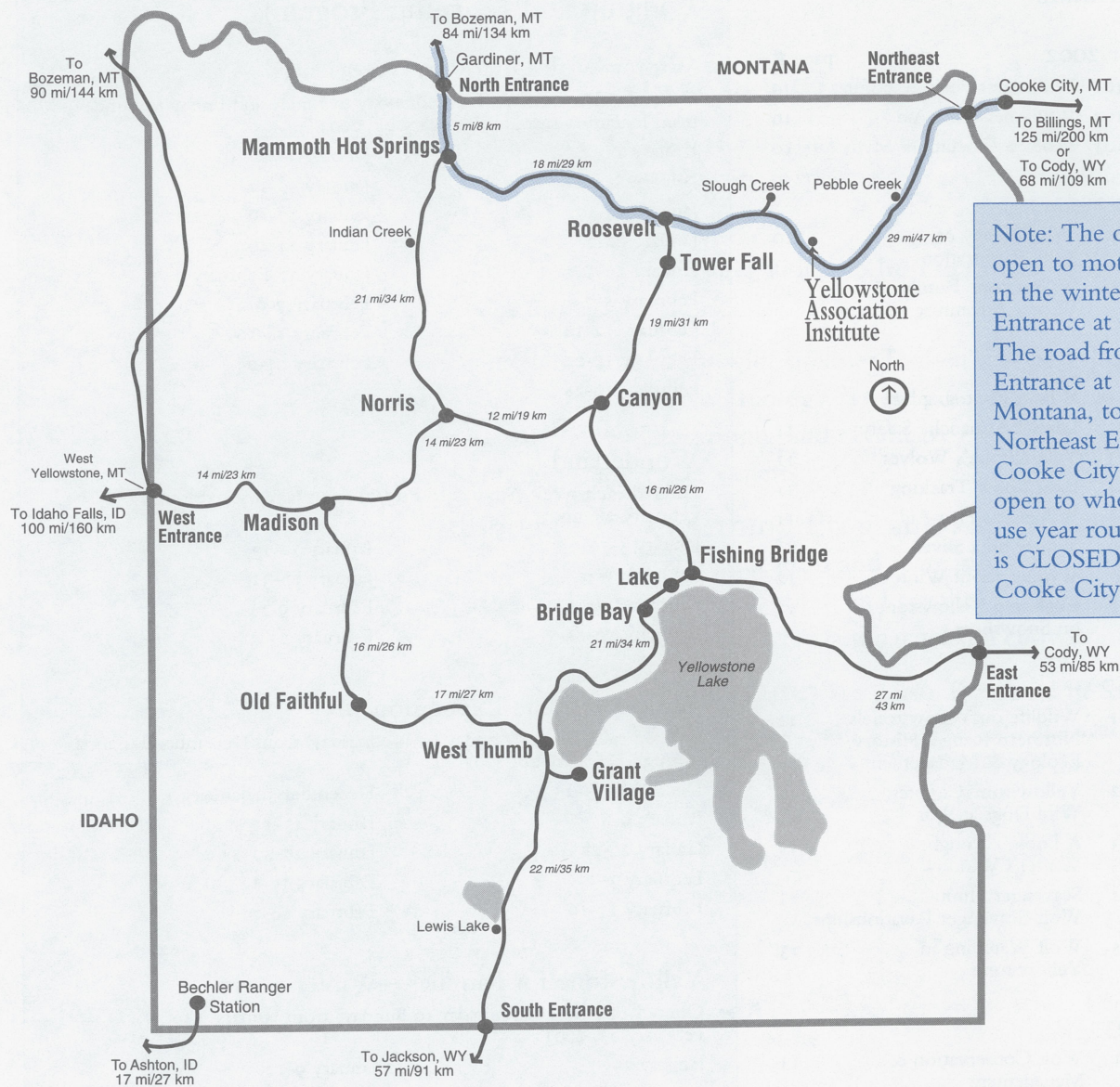
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Educational Adventures

(personal natural history tours)

Available year-round

For more information on these programs see pgs 8-9.



Airports

Billings, MT
Bozeman, MT
Cody, WY
Idaho Falls, ID
Jackson, WY
West Yellowstone, MT

Distances/Auto Travel Times to Yellowstone Association Institute

From Billings
via Red Lodge. 143 mi. 3 1/2 hrs
via Livingston 207 mi. 3 3/4 hrs
From Bozeman
via Livingston 118 mi. 2 1/2 hrs
From Cody
via East Entrance. 126 mi. 3 hrs
via Northeast Entrance. . . 84 mi. 2 1/4 hrs
From Idaho Falls. 240 mi. 4 1/2 hrs
From Jackson 146 mi. 3 1/2 hrs
From West Yellowstone. . . 70 mi. 2 hrs

Directory

Camping & Park Information
National Park Service
Visitor Services 307-344-7381
www.nps.gov/yell/

Lodging, Campground, Activity Bookings
Xanterra Parks & Resorts
307-344-7311
www.travelyellowstone.com

Wyoming Travel Information
Wyoming Division of Tourism
800-225-5996
www.wyomingtourism.org

Plan on extra driving time in the park. The speed limit is 45 mph.

Registration

Registration for Yellowstone Association members begins Tuesday, October 1, 2002, at 8:00 am, Mountain Standard Time (MST). Non-member registration begins Tuesday, October 8, 2002, at 8:00 am, MST. Winter courses are very popular, and early registration is advised.

Four Easy Ways to Register

Telephone: Call 307-344-2294, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, MST. Please have your VISA, Discover, or MasterCard number and expiration date ready.

Online: Complete and e-mail the online registration form at www.YellowstoneAssociation.org

Fax: Complete and fax the registration form on pg 17.

Mail: Complete and mail the registration form on pg 17.

Payment: Immediate payment of the full amount is required to guarantee your reservation. Payments by check must be received within 10 days or your reservation will be cancelled.

Note: Online, fax, and mail registrations must be received after the opening dates and times listed above. The Institute registrar will check availability and confirm registrations as soon as possible. These registrations are not final until confirmed.

Tuition

The costs listed in this catalog are for tuition and required course materials. Unless otherwise specified, the tuition charge does not include lodging, meals, or university credit fees. There is a \$10 discount for Yellowstone Association members, including those who join when they register.

Scholarships

Partial scholarships for educators are available for all courses except "Lodging and Learning," "Educational Adventures," and "Wilderness Medicine." Please contact us for a scholarship application.

Lodging and Meals

For courses based at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch, lodging is available for an additional fee of \$22 per person per night, and students must bring and cook their own meals. A portion of this fee is contributed to the National Park Service for maintenance of the field campus. For "Lodging and Learning" packages at park hotels, lodging and some meals are included. (For information on other services, see *Nearby Camping, Lodging and Groceries*, pg 7.)

Course Locations and Transportation

All courses begin at either the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel or the Lamar Buffalo Ranch. Students must arrange their own transportation to and from the location where the class begins. For those arriving by air, we recommend renting a car or contacting the registrar for information on public transportation. Once the course begins, a snowcoach or 15-passenger van will be used for field trips.

Participant Information

Detailed course information will be mailed to each participant at least four weeks prior to the class.

Insurance and Liability

Participants must provide their own health and accident insurance. Please read and sign the Assumption of Risk/Release on the back of the registration form.

Academic Credit

Undergraduate credit is available from Colorado State University (CSU) or Montana State University (MSU) for some courses. These courses are marked with an ★ on the *Calendar of Courses* on page 3. The number of semester hours and the sponsoring university are included in the course description. On the first day of the course, the participant must fill out a registration form and write a tuition check payable directly to the sponsoring university. Credit fees range from \$55-\$100 per semester hour and are in addition to the tuition and cabin fees. For specific fee information, contact the Institute registrar at 307-344-2294. To receive academic credit, participants may be required to successfully complete exams and other assignments.

Letter of Certification

Upon request, the Institute will gladly provide a letter of course completion, which includes the course title, description, and hours of instruction.

Refund Policy

Payments for Institute courses are fully refundable, less a \$35 per course processing fee, if cancellation takes place at least 60 days before the course. No refunds will be made for cancellations received fewer than 60 days before the start of the course, unless your space can be filled. If we can fill your space, a refund will be made, less the course processing fee. As an alternative, we can credit your tuition to another course offered before September 30 on a space available basis. Cabin fees are 100 percent refundable. The Institute reserves the right to cancel a course up to 30 days before the first class day. If we cancel, you will receive a full refund.

Important:

We regret that the Institute cannot make exceptions to the refund policy for any reason, including, but not limited to, illness, travel delays, personal situations, emergencies, or weather. We strongly urge you to take out accident, baggage, and trip cancellation insurance through a travel agent. Travel insurance can help protect you against financial loss if you must cancel or interrupt your trip.

Winter in Yellowstone

Winter is a particularly enjoyable time to visit Yellowstone, but staying safe and comfortable in all weather conditions requires planning and preparation. Please read the following information so that you know what to expect and how to prepare.

Winter Weather

Winter in Yellowstone begins early and ends late. Snow usually begins to accumulate in November, and it does not melt until late spring, except in the lower elevation valleys in the northern portion of the park. Temperatures in November range from the thirties during the day to the teens at night. During the deep winter period of December through February, average highs are around freezing, nighttime lows average around 10 degrees, and it is common for temperatures to drop below zero. Because winter weather in Yellowstone can vary from mild to extreme, it is wise to come prepared for all possibilities.

Winter Equipment

Proper equipment ensures that you will stay warm and dry in all conditions. We recommend layers of synthetic and wool clothing, with a nylon shell to provide protection from the wind. By adding or removing layers as your exertion level changes, you can maintain a comfortable body temperature without perspiring. A list of recommended clothing and equipment for winter courses is sent to all course participants, and we will be glad to answer specific questions.

Ski and Snowshoe Rental

Cross-country skis and snowshoes can be rented from the Xanterra Parks & Resorts ski shop in Mammoth at 307-344-5276. Skis can be rented from Park's Fly Shop in Gardiner, Montana, at 406-848-7314.

Winter at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch

The Lamar Buffalo Ranch Field Campus

The Lamar Buffalo Ranch is our year-round base of operations in Yellowstone's scenic Lamar Valley. The facility includes log guest cabins; a common building with classrooms, bathrooms, and kitchen; and a bathhouse with showers and restrooms. All buildings are well heated and comfortable during winter. Students bring their own food and sleeping bags. In order to minimize tracking of snow and mud into the classroom building, we ask that you bring an extra pair of shoes or slippers to wear inside the bunkhouse.

Log Cabins

Accommodations at the field campus are simple and comfortable. Participants share space in log cabins that include three single beds, a propane heater, and reading lights. The cabins do not have electrical outlets or plumbing. A heated bathhouse with restrooms and showers is nearby. Participants must bring a pillow and sleeping bag. The cabin fee is \$22 per night per person.

Cabins are available to course participants on a first-come, first-served basis. Early reservations are advised. Cabin rental for family members of participants may be allowed if space is available.

The Bunkhouse

The historic bunkhouse is located a short walk away from the sleeping cabins and serves as the center of activity at the field campus. The bunkhouse is fully heated and includes two classrooms, a self-service kitchen, and three restrooms with showers. The classrooms have chairs, tables, and a good collection of books and videos about Yellowstone. This building is open around the clock to match the needs of early morning and late evening wildlife watchers.

Food and Preparation

Participants are expected to bring and cook their own food. A community kitchen allows you the flexibility of preparing your own meals while enjoying the company of other course participants. We suggest simple meals that can be prepared quickly and easily. The kitchen includes two gas stoves, a microwave, a toaster, and all of the pots and pans, dishes, cooking and eating utensils you will need. We also have three refrigerators and plenty of storage space for non-perishables. The Institute provides spices and hot beverages at each meal, and there is always a pot of hot coffee available for early risers!



photo courtesy of Dub Hartwig

Pets, RVs, and Camping

To avoid disturbing other students and resident wildlife, pets are not allowed at the Institute facility or on Institute courses. Park Service regulations prohibit camping and recreational vehicle use at the field campus.

Getting to the Lamar Buffalo Ranch in Winter

In winter, the **ONLY** route to the Lamar Buffalo Ranch is via the north entrance to the park at Gardiner, Montana. From the north entrance, proceed south to Mammoth and then east via the all-season road connecting Mammoth and Cooke City. All other routes are closed to automobile traffic from November to April.

Nearby Camping, Lodging, and Groceries

Within the park, the only services accessible to the Buffalo Ranch are in Mammoth, 29 miles to the west. There, a National Park Service campground is open year-round on a first-come, first-served basis, the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel is open mid-December to early March (call Xanterra Parks & Resorts at 307-344-7311 for reservations), and a limited supply of groceries is available year-round at the Yellowstone General Store.

Additional services are available in the gateway communities of Gardiner, Montana, (34 miles west) and Silver Gate/Cooke City, Montana, (23 miles east). Gardiner is a larger town, with year-round motels, restaurants, gas stations, a laundromat, and a grocery store. Silver Gate and Cooke City are somewhat smaller and more seasonal, with motels, restaurants, gas stations, and convenience stores.



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Other Important Information

Altitude

Most of Yellowstone Park is above 6,000 feet. If you are coming from a much lower elevation, it is wise to allow yourself at least one "easy" day to adjust to this altitude before beginning strenuous activity. It is also important to drink plenty of fluids to prevent dehydration.

Children

Children who meet stated minimum age requirements are very welcome in family programs. All other courses are designed for adults. However, children 16 years and older may sometimes participate depending on the nature of the class and subject to approval from the instructor. Inquire when you register.

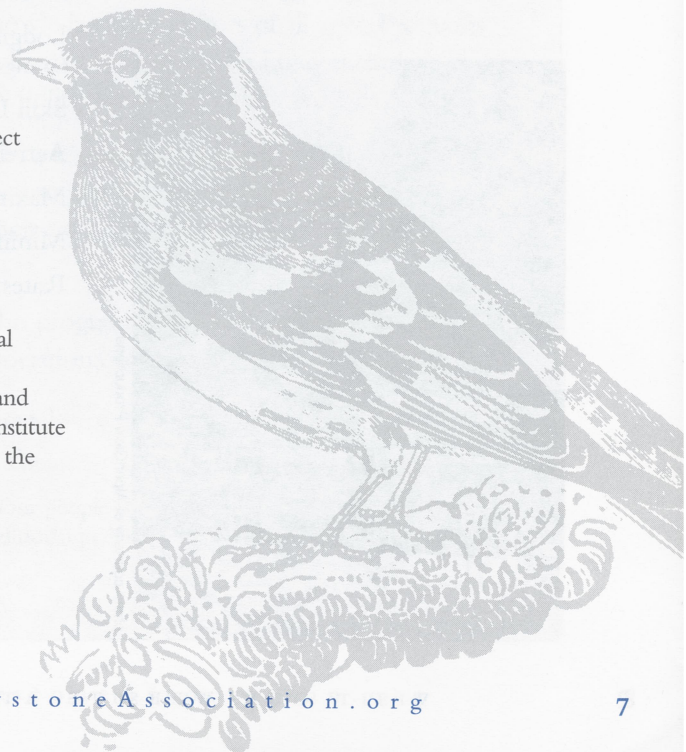
Physical Condition

It is important that you accurately evaluate your own physical fitness. Hiking, skiing, or snowshoeing is a major part of most winter courses. Classes that involve extensive fieldwork will be more demanding. Please read each course description carefully and ask in advance if you have any questions about physical requirements.



Leave No Trace

Leave No Trace (LNT) is a national education program designed to encourage minimum impact skills and ethics among outdoor users. The Institute endorses this program and includes the LNT curriculum in our classes.



Lodging and Learning Programs at Park Hotels

The Institute is pleased to offer a variety of educational programs in cooperation with Xanterra Parks & Resorts.

Participants in these programs enjoy the best of both worlds. During the day they explore the park with a fun and knowledgeable naturalist from the Institute. Each night they return to excellent meals, comfortable accommodations, and entertaining evening programs at historic park hotels.

All packages include expert instruction by an Institute naturalist/guide, lodging, breakfast and box lunch daily, ski/snowshoe rental, in-park transportation, and optional evening programs.

Full descriptions of these programs are available on our website at www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

For reservations, please contact Xanterra Parks & Resorts at 307-344-5566.



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Winter 2002/2003 Programs:

Winter Wolf Discovery

Discover Yellowstone's wolves with an Institute wildlife biologist. Activities include wildlife watching and snowshoeing in the Northern Range, an early morning trip to look for wolves in the Lamar Valley, and programs on the ecology and management of Yellowstone wolves.

Dates: Offered twice each week (Wednesday to Friday and Friday to Sunday) from January 1 through February 28, 2003.

Lodging: 2 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

Skill Level: Beginner

Activity Level: Easy

Maximum Group Size: 12

Minimum Age: 12

Rates: \$239 Double, \$303 Single

Wonderland

An introduction to Yellowstone in winter with activities including wildlife watching and snowshoeing in the Lamar Valley, interpretive snowcoach tours to and from Old Faithful, and ski trips to Tower Fall and Lone Star Geyser. A pre-trip learn-to-ski package is available.

Dates: Offered each week (Sunday to Friday) from January 5 through February 28, 2003.

Lodging: 3 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, 2 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

Skill Level: Beginner-Intermediate

Activity Level: Easy-Moderate

Maximum Group Size: 10

Minimum Age: 12

Rates: \$770 Double, \$965 Single

Winter Wildlife Expedition

Join an Institute wildlife biologist and discover the abundant and varied wildlife of Yellowstone's Northern Range. Traveling by van, foot, and snowshoe, we will observe and learn about bison, elk, bighorn sheep, pronghorn, coyotes, wolves, and a host of other species.

Dates: Offered each week (Monday to Wednesday) from December 23, 2002 to February 26, 2003.

Lodging: 2 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

Skill Level: Beginner

Activity Level: Easy

Maximum Group Size: 12

Minimum Age: 12

Rates: \$239 Double, \$303 Single

Yellowstone for Families—Winter

Experience Yellowstone in winter as a family. In this three-day learning adventure, families will enjoy activities including animal tracking, wildlife watching and snowshoeing. During the program, parents will help their children complete the requirements of the National Park Service's Junior Ranger program.

Dates: Offered each week (Thursday to Sunday) from January 2 to February 23, 2003.

Lodging: 3 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel.

Skill Level: Beginner

Activity Level: Easy-Moderate

Maximum Group Size: 12

Audience: The program is designed for families with children ages 8 - 12.

Rates: \$393 Double, \$489 Single, \$268 Child

Yellowstone on Skis

Ski through Yellowstone with an Institute naturalist and explore steamy geyser basins, the wildlife-rich Northern Range, frozen waterfalls, and Yellowstone's Grand Canyon. Advanced beginner skiing ability is required for participation in this program.

Dates: Offered each week (Saturday to Thursday) from January 4 to February 27, 2003.

Lodging: 3 nights at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, 2 nights at Old Faithful Snow Lodge.

Skill Level: Advanced Beginner-Intermediate

Activity Level: Moderate

Maximum Group Size: 10

Minimum Age: 12

Rates: W/O ski rental - \$749 Double, \$944 Single

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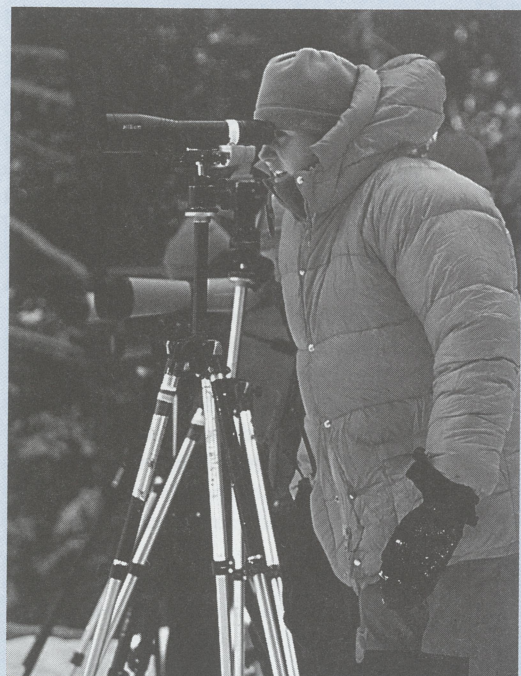


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Educational Adventures

Educational Adventures are personal natural history tours for families and other small groups. An experienced Institute naturalist will meet you at Mammoth and join you in your vehicle for a private introduction to park wildlife and ecology. Our instructors enjoy sharing their knowledge with visitors of all ages. Programs are tailored to the interests of each group and may include hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, wildlife watching, and/or road-based tours.

Educational Adventures are available year-round. The program cost includes all instruction and use of professional spotting scopes. Participants provide their own vehicle, meals, personal clothing and other equipment.

A full description of this program is available on our website at www.YellowstoneAssociation.org.

Dates: Available year-round

Length: Approximately 8 hours

Rates: \$240 for up to four people (Member's rate \$230)
\$30 for each additional person

For reservations, please contact the Institute registrar at 307-344-2294.

Wilderness First Responder

November 7-16, 2002 (#1101)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 24

Instructor: Wilderness Medicine Institute Staff
\$480 (Member's fee \$470)

This 80-hour course is required by many outdoor employers and recommended for anyone who works or plays in the backcountry. Classroom sessions and field exercises will teach participants how to deal with emergencies in remote settings. Emphasis is placed on principles of medical care rather than memorization of information. Certifications upon successful completion include Wilderness First Responder and American Heart Association CPR. Participants must be 18 years old. No previous certification is required.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 8:00 am on the first day and end at 5:00 pm on the last day.

Wilderness First Aid

November 23-24, 2002 (#1102)

January 22-23, 2003 (#105)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 24

Instructor: Wilderness Medicine Institute Staff
\$135 (Member's fee \$125)

Do you spend a lot of time in the outdoors? Have you ever wondered how you would respond to a backcountry emergency? This 16-hour certification course is ideal for hikers, skiers, and outdoor professionals who want to learn the basics of emergency care in remote settings. Emphasis is placed on learning the principles of medical care rather than memorization of information. May be used to re-certify as a Wilderness First Responder. No previous certification is required.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 8:00 am on the first day and end at 5:00 pm on the last day.

Wolves—Reality & Myth

November 29-December 1, 2002 (#1103)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: Nathan Varley, Ph.D. candidate
\$125 (Member's fee \$115)

The mythological wolf has guided the human spirit through the ages. Today, in the process of pursuing the Yellowstone wolves, visitors have discovered much about these animals and themselves. Join us in a search for wolves and learn more



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about our relationship to these controversial carnivores. Together, we will immerse ourselves in the ecological, cultural, and spiritual realm of the wolf through observations, presentations, and discussions. Participants should be prepared for moderately strenuous hikes.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 7:00 pm on the first day and end at 3:00 pm on the last day.

The Ecology of Wolf Restoration

NEW

December 9-13, 2002

(#1201)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: Nathan Varley, Ph.D. candidate
\$240 (Member's fee \$230)

Restoration of the gray wolf has reverberated through the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem with significant ecological effects on grazers, predators, scavengers, and even vegetation. The purported impact of wolf restoration on elk herds has been the subject of heated argument and the long-term future of wolf recovery will hinge partly on these effects. Discover what scientists are learning about the impact of wolves on the ecology of Yellowstone. At dawn and dusk, we will attempt to observe direct interactions between wolves and other species. In the classroom, we will discuss the ecology of wolf restoration through illustrated lectures and presentations. Participants should be prepared for moderately strenuous hikes or snowshoe walks.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 7:00 pm on the first day and end mid-afternoon the last day. *Participants must provide their own snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Yellowstone Family Winter Adventure

December 19-22, 2002 (#1202)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 20

Instructors: Christine Smith and
Mary Ellen Haggard

Adult \$230 (Member's fee \$220)

Child \$150 (Member's fee \$140)

Come enjoy a Yellowstone winter adventure with your family! The course combines learning and play with activities including snowshoeing, wildlife watching, creative writing, and participatory games. Our focus will be Yellowstone's winter environment and the strategies plants and animals use to survive the snow and extreme cold. Participants should be prepared for moderately strenuous walks of 1-3 miles.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 7:00 pm on the first day and end at 2:00 pm on the last day. The course is designed for children 8 to 14 but can accommodate older children. *Participants must provide their own snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Winter Photography

January 6-8, 2003

(#101)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 11

Instructor: Tom Murphy

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

This course is for beginning to intermediate photographers who are interested in the unique technical and exposure challenges that are presented by winter. Landscape composition, wildlife ethics, understanding wildlife behavior, and photographing in Yellowstone's winter environment are the main topics in this class. Individual instruction, classroom critiques, and slide presentations will be used to present information.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end late afternoon the last day.

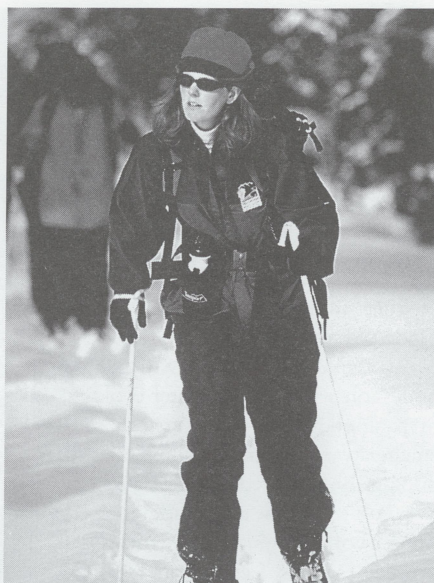


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Topics to be covered include: basic track identification, gaits, and the special considerations that apply when tracking on snow.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 7:30 pm on the first day and end late afternoon on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6. Fee includes \$15 for course materials.*

Wilderness First Aid

January 22-23, 2003

(#105)

(See description on pg 10.)

Winter on a Sliver

January 24-26, 2003

(#106)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 13

Instructor: James Halfpenny, Ph.D.

\$140 (Member's fee \$130)

Two days on skis with North America's foremost animal tracker and winter ecologist will allow you to see winter wildlife and understand what it takes to survive in this environment. Nights will be spent indoors watching slide shows and enjoying a visit by the bard of the north, Robert Service. Relax, enjoy, and learn about winter in Yellowstone. Advanced beginner skiing skills required for this class.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 7:00 pm on the first day and end about 5:00 pm on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski equipment—see pg 6.*

Level I Avalanche Safety

January 9-12, 2003

(#102)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 16

Instructors: Chris Lundy, M.S. and

Lance Riek, M.S.

\$210 (Member's fee \$200)

This in-depth course will closely examine the factors that contribute to avalanche hazard—weather, snowpack, and terrain—and give you the tools to effectively assess those hazards in the field. Search and rescue will also be covered including search patterns and strategies, proper use of transceivers and probe poles, and victim extraction. The course includes two field days in the mountains above Cooke City. Participants should be prepared for moderately strenuous skiing/snowshoeing.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 7:00 pm on the first day and end at 4:00 pm on the last day. *Fee includes \$25 for snowmobile shuttles to field study terrain above Cooke City. Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Yellowstone's Wolves

January 17-19, 2003

(#103)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: James Halfpenny, Ph.D.

\$155 (Member's fee \$145)

Join us for the latest news of the wolf reintroduction and an overview of wolf ecology. Lectures will cover basic taxonomy, biology, ecology, and management. Field sessions will be spent deciphering wolf tracks and interpreting wolf ecology. At sunrise and sunset, we'll try to view wolves from the road.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 6:00 pm on the first day for an informal potluck supper followed by a lecture at 7:30 pm, and we will end about 4:00 pm on the last day. *Fee includes \$15 for course materials.*

Basic Snow Tracking

NEW

January 19-21, 2003

(#104)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Credit Pending

Instructor: James Halfpenny, Ph.D.

\$155 (Member's fee \$145)

In winter, animals leave their stories imprinted in white fields of snow but reading these stories requires special knowledge and techniques. This introductory course will give you the basic tools not only to identify tracks but to understand the behavior of the animals that left them.



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Winter 2003 Inspiration Yellowstone Arts Workshop

Inspiration Yellowstone is a series of art workshops, taught by nationally known artists, intended to help visitors enjoy and appreciate Yellowstone National Park through writing, painting, photography, and other art forms. The series is offered in cooperation with the Yellowstone National Art Trust, a non-profit organization formed to support the arts in Yellowstone National Park.

Writing About Winter NEW

January 27-30, 2003 (#107)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 12

Credit Pending

Instructors: Ann Zwinger, Ph.D and
James Halfpenny, Ph.D.

\$595 (Member's fee \$585)

A perfect chance to find out what nature writing's all about! Writing assignments for a winter essay will build on daily observations and experiences, synthesizing the different approaches of science and art. Students can explore different ways of writing that combine their immediate outdoor experience with careful research, and using literary skills, begin an essay on the glories and fascination of winter. Time will be blocked out for both class and individual discussion of writing techniques and approaches. The final assignment, an essay on winter, will be turned in to instructors a week after class for evaluations and criticism.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end about 4:00 pm on the last day.

Exploring Yellowstone on Snowshoes

January 30-February 2, 2003 (#108)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 12

Instructor: Dale Sexton

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

For those who do not ski, snowshoeing provides an invigorating and easy-to-learn mode of travel for exploring the snow-covered landscape of Yellowstone. Course discussion will include winter ecology, preparation for winter excursions, avalanche awareness, map reading, and route finding. Be prepared to travel 2 to 8 miles a day on snowshoes, depending on conditions. Short morning presentations will precede each day's excursion.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end at 3:00 pm on the last day. *Participants must provide their own snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*



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Wildlife on Yellowstone's Northern Range: History, Ecology & Management

February 8-9, 2003 (#201)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructors: Doug Houston, Ph.D. and

Paul Schullery

\$135 (Member's fee \$125)

Winter is "crunch time" for the seven species of grazing mammals and their predators on Yellowstone's famed "Northern Range." In the field, we will observe the foraging behavior of animals that allows them to survive under harsh winter conditions. Classroom discussions will examine the prehistoric and historical context, current research and management issues, the dynamics of grazing systems, and vegetation changes that have occurred on the area.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end late in the afternoon on the last day near Gardiner, Montana.

Yellowstone Coyotes: NEW Wild Dogs At War

February 10-12, 2003 (#202)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 14

Credit Pending

Instructors: Robert Crabtree, Ph.D. and

Jennifer Sheldon, Ph.D. candidate

\$190 (Member's fee \$180)

Since wolf reintroduction, coyotes on Yellowstone's Northern Range have been displaced as the dominant canid and their population reduced by half. Join us and learn how the coyote has adapted to coexist with the wolf and what this means for coyote ecology. Classroom presentations will cover the ecology of the dog family, how coyotes fit into this diverse group, and ongoing research on Yellowstone coyotes. In the field, we will learn techniques for interpreting tracks and sign in snow and attempt to observe coyote behavior. If we are lucky, we may also see coyotes and wolves interacting.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end late in the afternoon on the last day near Gardiner, Montana. *Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*



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A Look Through Winter's Window

February 13-16, 2003

(#203)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 12

Instructor: Leslie Stoltz

\$250 (Member's fee \$240)

Expand your experience of Yellowstone by embracing the winter months and the magic of a landscape blanketed with snow. We will explore backcountry trails in the Lamar and the park interior. Discussions will cover winter ecology, tracks, natural history, understanding snow, winter equipment, safety and comfort. Previous cross-country ski experience is helpful.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end early afternoon on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski equipment—see pg 6.* Fee includes \$15 for a snowcoach shuttle into the interior.

Scavenger Hunt: Wolf-Scavenger Relationships

February 14-16, 2003

(#204)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 12

Instructor: Dan Stahler, M.S.

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

A diverse and abundant scavenger community is intimately connected to the ecology and behavior of wolves. Join us on a real scavenger hunt to explore the diverse relationships between wolves and scavengers. We'll discuss feeding strategies and behaviors of wolves, ravens, magpies, coyotes, eagles, grizzlies, and other species, and how they each interact with one another. Each day, we'll attempt to observe wolves and scavengers interacting at carcasses. Participants should be prepared for moderate to strenuous hikes.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end at 4:00 pm on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Wolf Watching In Yellowstone

February 28-March 2, 2003

(#205)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: Norman A. Bishop

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

Yellowstone National Park may be the best place in the world to watch wolves. We will consider the scientific and social

reasons why some Americans have alternately reviled and revered wolves; examine the ongoing process of wolf restoration; find out what the wolves eat and how they kill their prey; and learn what effect the wolves have on other animals. We may ski in wolf country to look for tracks.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end at 3:00 pm on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Wolf Conservation & Management

March 3-5, 2003

(#301)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: Diane Boyd, Ph.D.

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

This course explores the status, conservation, and management of gray wolves, red wolves, Mexican wolves, and European wolves, with a focus on U.S. populations. Discussions will cover topics including livestock depredation, aversive conditioning, hybrids, habituation, and future reintroductions. Class meetings will alternate with wolf watching excursions and field trips. For the field trips, participants should be able to hike 2 miles and snowshoe or ski at a beginner's level.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end at 2:00 pm on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Wolf Social Behavior

March 5-7, 2003

(#302)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: Linda Thurston, M.S. and Pat Goodman, M.S.

\$145 (Member's fee \$135)

Each day, the wolves of the Druid Pack enact a complex social drama expressed in a language of body postures, vocalizations, and scent marks. This course will teach you how to translate these communications as they play out in the field and on video. Classroom sessions will focus on the use of ethograms, the "keys" researchers use to identify and interpret wolf social behavior.

We will meet at the Lamar Ranch area at 4:00 pm on the first day and end at 4:00 pm on the last day. *Fee includes \$10 for a copy of Wolf Ethogram.*



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We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 3:00 pm on the first day and end at 1:00 pm on the last day. *Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Coyote & Raven— Fact & Folklore

March 22-24, 2003

(#306)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 13

Instructor: Jim Garry, M.S.

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

Winter is the ideal time to examine the natural history and folklore of coyotes and ravens, the tricksters. Blending reality and myth, we will learn why Coyote and Raven, creators and destroyers, represent the best and the worst in human, animal, and divine nature. We'll explore folk tales and myths told by various cultures and develop a better understanding of those cultures. In the field, we will explore the Lamar Valley on snowshoes, and attempt to watch coyotes hunting for mice in the snow and ravens feeding on carcasses.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end mid-afternoon on the last day. *Participants must provide their own snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Ripple Effect: The Ecology of Wolf Restoration

March 10-12, 2003

(#303)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Instructor: Norman A. Bishop

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

The restoration of wolves has caused a ripple like a large rock thrown into a small pond and the entire grazer-predator-scavenger food web has felt the effects. At dawn and dusk, we will attempt to observe direct interactions between wolves and other species—particularly elk, bison, coyotes, ravens, eagles, and hawks. In the classroom, we will think together about the interrelationships using illustrated talks and videos.

We'll meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 9:00 am on the first day and end at 3:00 pm late afternoon on the last day.

Snow Tracking: A Window on Winter Wildlife Ecology

March 13-16, 2003

(#304)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 19

Credit Pending

Instructor: James Halfpenny, Ph.D.

\$255 (Member's fee \$245)

To the eyes of the trained tracker, trails provide a story about the comings and goings of animals – their interactions with other animals, their habitat, and their environment—in short, their winter ecology.

Join us to look at winter wildlife ecology through the eyes of a tracker. We will use tracking in a hands-on, research approach to study stories written by animals about their lives in winter. Participants must be able to ski or snowshoe for afternoon field trips. The course begins with a short review of basic snow tracking but some prior knowledge will be helpful.

We will meet in the Lamar Ranch area at 8:30 am on the first day and end at 5:00 pm on the last day. *Fee includes \$20 for course materials. Participants must provide their own ski/snowshoe equipment—see pg 6.*

Wildlife Observation— Winter

March 21-24, 2003

(#305)

Location: Lamar Buffalo Ranch

Limit: 12

Instructor: Gene Ball

\$180 (Member's fee \$170)

Winter offers its own unique wildlife viewing opportunities. The major goal and activity of this introductory course is field observation. Methods of unobtrusive observation and the ethics of interaction with wildlife will be the central themes. The opening session will cover use of binoculars, spotting scopes, and tripods for quality wildlife observation. Discussion will focus on various wildlife topics, issues, and controversies. Be prepared for morning and evening field trips, optional hiking, snowshoe, or ski outings.

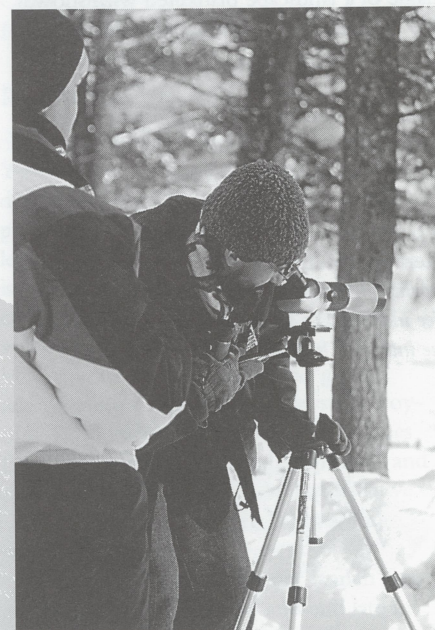


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Gene Ball

(*Wildlife Observation—Winter*) was director of the Yellowstone Association and Institute from 1985–88. He now lives in Meeteetse, Wyoming, and does free-lance projects for a variety of organizations throughout the West.

Norman A. Bishop

(*Wolf Watching in Yellowstone, Ripple Effect: The Ecology of Wolf Restoration*) was the principal interpreter of wolf restoration for the National Park Service from 1985–1997. For his wolf work, Norm received a number of awards including Greater Yellowstone Coalition's 1991 Stewardship Award. Norm co-authored *Yellowstone's Northern Range: Complexity and Change in a Wildland Ecosystem*.

Diane Boyd, Ph.D.

(*Wolf Conservation & Management*) began studying wolves in Minnesota in 1977 with Dave Mech and has since conducted research on wolf populations in Alaska, Glacier National Park, Romania, and Arizona. Currently, she is the executive director of the Teller Wildlife Refuge in Montana's Bitterroot Valley.

Robert Crabtree, Ph.D.

(*Yellowstone Coyotes: Wild Dogs at War*) is chief scientist of Yellowstone Ecological Research Center (YERC) and affiliate faculty member in biology at the University of Montana, Missoula. His current research focus includes ecological applications of remote sensing technologies, predator-prey interactions, and survey methods for carnivores and large herbivores. He has researched Yellowstone's coyotes and red fox for the past 13 years.

Jim Garry, M.S.

(*Raven & Coyote—Fact & Folklore*) is a naturalist and a folklorist, with degrees in natural history and environmental communications. His research and teaching focus on the overlap of natural history, history, folklore, and myth. Jim is the author of *This Ol' Drought Ain't Broke Us Yet* and *The First Liar Never Has a Chance*.

Pat Goodman, M.S.

(*Wolf Social Behavior*) is research associate and curator of Wolf Park in Indiana where she has observed a captive wolf pack since 1974, heads development and revision of the Park's wolf ethogram, and teaches humans to interpret wolf social behavior.

James Halfpenny, Ph.D.

(*Yellowstone's Wolves; Basic Snow Tracking: Winter on a Sliver; Writing About Winter; Snow Tracking: A Window on Winter Wildlife Ecology*) is an ecologist and educator. He and his partner, Diann Thompson, owners of A Naturalist's World, travel North America teaching about bears, wolves, and animal tracks. Jim wrote *A Field Guide to Tracking in North America, Winter: An Ecological Handbook*, and *Discovering Yellowstone Wolves*.

Mary Ellen Haggard

(*Yellowstone Family Winter Adventure*) is a wildlife biologist currently working with the Forest Service conducting bird surveys in north central Washington. Prior to working with the Forest Service, she taught biology at Central Washington University. Aside from

work, she enjoys learning about the ecology of Yellowstone and hiking and paddling throughout the ecosystem.

Doug Houston, Ph.D.

(*Wildlife on Yellowstone's Northern Range: History, Ecology & Management*) served as a National Park Service research scientist in Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Olympic National Parks. Houston specialized in studies of the ecology and management of large grazing mammals. He is the author of *The Northern Yellowstone Elk* and co-authored *Yellowstone and the Biology of Time*.

Chris Lundy, M.S.

(*Level I Avalanche Safety*) earned his degree with a thesis in snow studies. He is a ski patroller at Bridger Bowl where he works on avalanche hazard evaluation and reduction. Chris combines his passions for backcountry skiing, snow science, and education by teaching a variety of avalanche courses each winter.

Tom Murphy

(*Winter Photography*) is the founder and owner of Wilderness Photography Expeditions, a series of natural history photography seminars held primarily in Yellowstone National Park. Tom's work has been published in *The New York Times Magazine*, *Newsweek*, *Outside*, *National Geographic*, and most of the major magazines that deal with natural history. In 2001, Tom published, *Silence & Solitude: Yellowstone's Winter Wilderness*, a book of his photos of Yellowstone in winter.

Lance Riek, M.S.

(*Level I Avalanche Safety*) instructs avalanche classes for the Gallatin National Forest Avalanche Center (southwest Montana) and serves on the board of The Friends of the Avalanche Center. He has authored several articles on avalanche education and earned his M.S. degree with an ice-related thesis.

Paul Schullery

(*Wildlife on Yellowstone's Northern Range: History, Ecology & Management*) has held a variety of positions in Yellowstone since first working here as a ranger-naturalist in 1972. He is the author, co-author, or editor of more than thirty books, including *The Bears of Yellowstone* and *Searching for Yellowstone*. His current research emphasis is wildlife history of greater Yellowstone. Paul is an affiliate professor of history at Montana State University and an adjunct professor of American Studies at the University of Wyoming.

Dale Sexton

(*Exploring Yellowstone on Snowshoes*) is a lifelong resident of Livingston, Montana, and has extensive backcountry experience in and around the Greater Yellowstone area. He is an experienced cross-country skiing instructor and avid snowshoer. Dale owns and operates Timber Trails, an outdoor specialty store in Livingston.

Jennifer Sheldon, Ph.D. candidate

(*Yellowstone Coyotes: Wild Dogs at War*) is the lead biologist on the Yellowstone Ecological Research Center Canid Ecology Project. She has been studying Yellowstone's coyotes for the past eight years. She is the author of *Wild Dogs: The Natural History of the Non-Domestic Canidae*.

Jenny is currently a Ph.D. candidate at Montana State University and her primary interest is behavioral ecology of social mammals.

Christine Smith

(*Yellowstone Family Winter Adventure*) is a high school biology teacher from Gardiner, Montana. She has lived or worked in Yellowstone National Park since 1994 and has traveled widely across the park in both summer and winter. In summer 2002, she taught and helped to develop the Institute's Yellowstone for Families program. She has volunteered with the Yellowstone wolf project since 1999.

Dan Stahler, M.S.

(*Scavenger Hunt: Wolf-Scavenger Relationships*) has studied wolves since 1996 and earned his degree studying the relationship between Yellowstone's ravens and wolves. He is currently the Project Biologist for the Yellowstone Wolf Project where he helps coordinate and direct research on wolves, their prey, and scavenger communities.

Leslie Stoltz

(*A Look Through Winter's Window*) leads natural history trips in and around Yellowstone for Elderhostel, World Wildlife Fund, Smithsonian, and Lone Mountain Ranch. She is a Professional Ski Instructor of America Level III instructor and spends her winters guiding ski tours and teaching nordic skiing.

Linda Thurston, M.S.

(*Wolf Social Behavior*) is a wildlife biologist who worked for the gray wolf recovery project in Yellowstone from 1996 to 2001. For her M.S. thesis, she studied the denning behavior of wolves on Yellowstone's Northern Range. Linda currently works on the Yellowstone National Park bison management team.

Nathan Varley, Ph.D. candidate

(*Wolves—Reality & Myth; The Ecology of Wolf Restoration*) is a naturalist, writer, and guide specializing in Yellowstone ecology. He has studied many Yellowstone wildlife species including gray wolves, mountain goats, grizzly bears, river otters, coyotes, moose, and pine marten. Nathan is currently a Ph.D. candidate in wildlife biology at the University of Alberta studying the effects of wolf recovery on the northern Yellowstone elk herd.

Wilderness Medicine Institute, an institute of the National Outdoor Leadership School

(*Wilderness First Responder; Wilderness First Aid*) has been a leader in wilderness medicine education since 1976. WMI provides all levels of wilderness medicine training for state and federal agencies, colleges, and outdoor programs throughout the West.

Ann Zwinger, Ph.D.

(*Writing About Winter*) is a prize-winning natural history writer and author of *Land Above the Trees*, *Downcanyon*, *The Nearsighted Naturalist*, and numerous magazine essays. As adjunct professor at Colorado College, she teaches "Writing the Natural History Essay." She teaches and travels widely, serves as a natural history consultant, and spends a large amount of her time happily working in faraway places.



The Yellowstone Association

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DATES

- ☐ Male ☐ Female (Please check for cabin lodging.)
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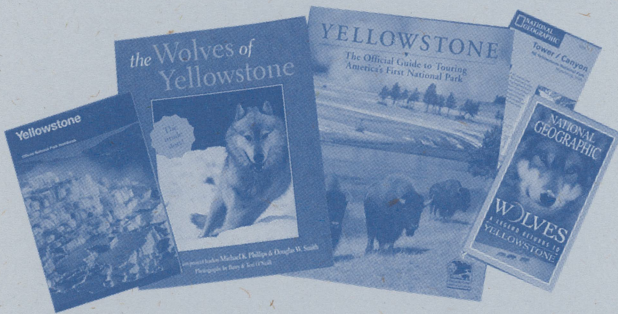
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