

September 15 - 19, 2009

Land of Fire



Overview

Those who have experienced a Science School Invitational know that these unique multi day programs offer a small group of individuals the best in guided natural and cultural history explorations to places of interest. Each adventure is led by Science School staff and features local experts.

Limited to 12 guests, our next Invitational will take place in the northwest corner of Yellowstone. We will base on an incredible 600 acre private ranch that borders Yellowstone National Park and enjoy the solitude and majesty of this exceptional place. With the Gallatin River running through the property and majestic mountains framing it, we will explore the geology, animal life, ecology and diverse landscape both on the property and the Park.

This Invitational includes:

- 4 nights 5 days
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners, featuring local fresh produce, as available, and healthy choices at each meal
- Lodging on the Ranch. Rooms are double occupancy and most have a private bath
- Horseback riding
- Fly fishing guide
- Wildlife Expeditions of Teton Science Schools biologists, Montana Outdoor Science School naturalist and Gore Range Natural Science School staff
- Entertainment, beer and wine
- All transportation during the Invitational
- Park entrance fees

Not included:

- Transportation to and from the Ranch

Cost:

\$1,600/per person, of which \$500 is a tax deductible donation to the Science School.

Reservations:

Please reserve your spot with Natalia Hanks:
nataliah@gorerange.org, or, 970.827.9725 ext. 30

This Invitational includes a very full schedule and requires that participants be able to hike 2 – 3 miles round trip.



Register Today

www.gorerange.org

970-827-9725

Itinerary

Day 1, Tuesday

6 pm
7 pm

Arrive at Black Butte Ranch anytime after 3 pm
Meet at the Main House for wine, apps and introductions
Dinner and program overview. Dan Patten will share some Black Butte Ranch history and give us a flavor of this magical part of Yellowstone.

Day 2, Wednesday

8 am

12:30 pm
4:30 pm
6 pm
7 pm

Breakfast and welcome. We will meet Montana Outdoor Science School staff, who will spend the day with us, and learn about the menu of activity options, including:

- A half day hike identifying birds, recognizing medicinal and edible plants and learning why this ecosystem is unique
- A full day, more strenuous hike
- Guided horse back riding on the ranch
- Fly fishing on the Gallatin River with a guide

Lunch in the Main House for those not participating in day long activities
Free time on the ranch to hike, fish, or read
Cocktails
Dinner and conversation with ecologist Duncan Patten and Eva Patten, Chair of the Montana Outdoor Science School. Meet our biologist/guides from Wildlife Expeditions of Teton Science Schools and learn about the next two days in the Park. Make your lunches for an early departure the next day.

Day 3, Thursday

6 am
6:30 am

Breakfast
Departure. You are welcome to enjoy the rest of your breakfast on the road, as we travel in comfortable vans (equipped with picture windows and binoculars) to Yellowstone National Park. Spend the whole day in the Park discovering the diverse and abundant wildlife of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Learn to search for wildlife and interpret their behavior. Predators are a vital part of an ecosystem and Yellowstone is the only place you will find a complete, intact ecosystem in the U.S. Expect to view elk at the peak of mating season, bison, moose, and if lucky, wolves and grizzlies.

6 pm
7 pm

Cocktails
Dinner and entertainment by a Montana vocalist and cowboy poet.

Day 4, Friday

7 am
8 am

Breakfast and make your lunches
Depart to Yellowstone National Park to explore the natural and geologic history of the Yellowstone Lake area and the spectacular Yellowstone River and its Grand Canyon. Learn about the Yellowstone volcano and why this area is one of the most unique in the world.

5 ish
6 pm
7 pm

Free time to fish, horseback ride, hike, read, or ... nap?
Cocktails
Dinner and discussion with Teton Science School staff to review our last two days in the Park. Campfire and sing along to follow.

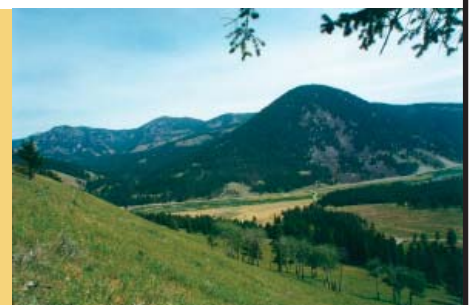
Day 5, Saturday

8 am

Breakfast and departures



Main house at the Patten Ranch



Scenic views from the Ranch