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YELLOWSTONE



News

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Next Deadline: April 18

Backcountry Plan Comment Period Extended

Originally scheduled to end March 25, the comment period for the Draft Backcountry Management Plan and Environmental Assessment has been extended through April 9. Copies of the plan are available from the Planning Office. Comments should be submitted in writing to: Superintendent, Attn: Backcountry Management Plan, PO Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, Wyoming 82190.

Congratulations

Karen Houser will be leaving her position as Director of Food and Beverage for TW Recreational Services for her new position as Director of Operations for TW Recreational Services at the State Park Division in Ohio. Karen's last day in her present job will be April 8. Be sure to stop by and congratulate Karen on her new position!

Karen's replacement will be Charles McBride, who will begin his new position as director of Food and Beverage on May 16. Charles was the Assistant to the Senior Vice President/General Manager for the Pratt Management Corporation at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. Some of you may already know Charles when he was employed by the Yellowstone Park Company from 1971 to 1978.

From Yellowstone to Patagonia...And Places in Between

By Ginny Cowan, Park Ranger

As the world's first national park, Yellowstone's impact on the world at large has been far-reaching. Several unique programs here in the park emphasize the international values of Yellowstone, especially as they relate to Central and South American national parks.

Since 1982, North District Naturalist Greg Kroll has trained park rangers and tour guides in Panama, Argentina, Costa Rica, Brazil and Bolivia on subjects ranging from park operations to interpretive skills. Selected for his Spanish skills and park planning experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Colombia, Greg is now known as both a valuable instructor and a seasoned Latin American traveler. "By teaching overseas, we can share what we have learned over the years with people working in park systems which are relatively young," Kroll says.

Most recently, a team of NPS employees from throughout the park system provided two weeks of intensive training for Panamanian park rangers. Organized by the NPS Office of International Affairs, this trip was funded primarily by the U.S. government in support of U.S. foreign policy initiatives. However, most of Kroll's training trips have been funded by private sources, including the Montana-based Fanwood Foundation, the World Wildlife Fund, and the New York Zoological Society, with in-kind support from the individual Latin American countries.

In reciprocation, selected Latin American park employees have come to Yellowstone. Working on a variety of projects, including trail maintenance, fishery surveys, and translations of basic park information, rangers from Argentina, Costa Rica, and Bolivia, have served as volunteers over the past seven years.

Kroll first met Javier Wasserzug, who volunteered as a park interpreter last summer at Mammoth Hot Springs, at an interpretive skills course Kroll taught in Argentina in November 1992. Among the tour guides and rangers attending the course, Wasserzug stood out clearly as an outstanding interpreter with a good command of English," says Kroll.

Subsequently, Wasserzug carried the same weight as any other Yellowstone seasonal interpretive ranger last summer, working the visitor center information desk, giving campfire talks at the Mammoth Campground, and answering visitors' questions while roving the Hot Spring Terraces.

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Plan Your Retirement

Road Map Retirement Guidebooks are still available to anyone interested. Cost of the book is \$10. Contact Laura Long, 344-2039.

Announcements from the Research Library

ALL the tax forms are here!

Every tax form you will ever need is now available at the Research Library. Come in now and avoid the April 15th rush!

It's spring cleaning time! Be sure to return any overdue books, tapes or other materials to the Research Library.

Volunteers Needed

The Greater Yellowstone Conservation Data Center, a cooperative program of the Nature Conservancy with the National Park Service, is developing a database on the distribution and status of rare plant and native animal species in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE). We are seeking volunteers to assist us by entering historic and current animal distribution records from Yellowstone National Park into a computerized database. Interested persons should contact Peter Feigley or Eugénie Drayton at (307) 344-2157.

A Special Thanks

We would like to thank all our friends in RMVP and the Center for the generous contribution to the "Get Well Brandon" fund. The helpful suggestions were all taken into consideration, but we decided to contract Stu's services to engineer Brandon's new Kid Kart into a replica of the Bat Mobile. All kidding aside, it's rewarding to have friends like you. Your support and concern are deeply appreciated.

-Roy, Diane, Caitlin & Brandon Renkin

Patagonia, cont'd

Wasserzug has also transported ideas from his Yellowstone experience back to his home—Nahuel Huapi National Park near San Carlos de Bariloche in Argentina. For example, he is developing a slide program—on the value of national parks—for tourists staying in local hotels.

Though not a formal NPS exchange program, Kroll emphasizes the value of actual time in Yellowstone for these international park employees.

"Yellowstone means more to people throughout the world than we will ever know," he says.

Recycling Program in the Administration Building

There continues to be problems with the recycling program, so your help is needed.

Each office should have two centrally located boxes for the recycling of paper. One box should be for computer "bar" paper, which is the computer paper with wide bars (usually red or green). The second box should be for white or colored paper. Post-It Notes can be recycled. NOTE: No bright colored paper, envelopes, or glossy paper can be recycled.

Paper will be picked up from the offices on Mondays and Thursdays. If the paper is mixed up, it just goes into the trash, so please make certain to keep it separate. It would be most helpful if everyone who has a recycle box by their desk would empty it into the centrally located boxes.

Each office has a centrally located container for the collection of aluminum cans. These are picked up every two weeks. It would help if the liquid was emptied from the cans before putting into the container.

Glass at the present time is not picked up from the offices. If you have glass bottles, please take them to one of the marked containers in the housing area.

Newspapers should either be taken to the recycling shed—two rows behind the Carpenter Shop—or put into your waste paper basket. It can not be put into the office recycling boxes, as it must be kept separate.

The cardboard baler is now in operation in the Supply Center so boxes should be taken there.

Thank you for your help in making the recycling program successful.

Join the Celebration!!!

All are welcome to join Matt and Christy Sankey in celebration of their marriage. A Mexican potluck has been planned for Saturday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. (The location will be announced in the next newsletter.) Bring yourself, a Mexican dish to share, and table settings. Cake and punch will be provided. Come casual and plan to have an enjoyable evening with everyone. Stay for dinner or just pop in to say "congratulations." If you have any questions call Barbara Bush at 344-7928, or Maria Gifford at 344-2032.

PUBLIC NOTICE
(in effect until October 1994)

**Mammoth and Old Faithful Water Systems
Collect Too Few Nitrate Samples for 1993**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency requires water users to be notified when a water system fails to collect the required number of nitrate samples, as mandated by the Drinking Water Act. Federal drinking water regulations require public, community systems such as Mammoth Hot Springs (PWS # 5680092C) and Old Faithful (PWS #5680085C) to submit four nitrate samples per year. Due to oversight, only three nitrate samples were submitted for 1993. However, all three of those samples showed acceptable nitrate levels-well below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) allowed for public drinking water.

The Mammoth Water Quality Laboratory regrets these errors in meeting the monitoring requirements for nitrates and will take steps to insure that adequate monitoring will be performed in the future. For further information, contact Environmental Health Technician Janet Lewis at the Mammoth Water Quality Laboratory at (307) 344-2353 or the National Park Service Maintenance Office at (307) 344-2301.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

► **Annual Scholarship Fund Basketball Tournament**

The second annual Gardiner Scholarship Fund Basketball Tournament will be held at the Gardiner High School April 15, 16, and 17. The eight teams competing are comprised of locals, and players and alumni from Rocky, Eastern, Montana Tech, and MSU.

Dave Visher and his team from KCTR radio in Bozeman will kick off the tournament when they play the local "Over the Hill" team on Friday, April 15, at 6:30 p.m. Six games each to be played on Saturday and Sunday will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Last year's tournament raised \$1,500...Come see some great basketball and help support the Scholarship Fund!

► **Kindergarten Registration**

If you have a child who will be five years of age by September 10, 1994, and lives in the Mammoth community, please register your child by calling Yellowstone Park School at 344-7464. Give your name and your child's name to John Whitman or Joan Marty. Or, if you know of anyone, please pass this information along. Thanks!

► **Sweet Corn Ski Festival**

The Cooke City Ski Club will host the Sweet Corn Ski Festival to benefit the Southwest Montana Avalanche Center. Activities begin Friday, April 8, with an avalanche ski program at 7:00 p.m. in the firehall. Registration begins on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the firehall; lift service to powder eighters from 9:30 a.m. until noon; backcountry powder eighters in men's and women's mixed divisions at 1:00 p.m.; and a chili feed at the firehall at 6:00 p.m. On Sunday at 7:30 a.m. there will be a AYCE pancake breakfast at Joan and Bill's, followed by registration for the adult/kid's race, to be held at 10:30 a.m. The adult race will be 15K. For more information call (406) 838-2412.

► **Volleyball Benefit**

A luncheon will be held to benefit the Gardiner Girls' Volleyball team on Monday, April 18th, in Canteen Room A. Soup, salad and homemade rolls will be served from 11:00 to 1:00 for \$3.00.

► **Bozeman Symphony Orchestra Presents**

The Beethoven Trio - clarinet, piano, and cello - will be performing at the Yellowstone Park Elementary School, Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Everyone is welcome!!! (Funded in part by a grant from the Bozeman Symphony, Wyoming Arts council, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Yellowstone Park School.

► **Parenting Together Brown Bag Discussions**

Please join us for a parent discussion group, meeting six Thursday lunch hours. We will view and discuss videotapes and read the book entitled "How to Talk So Kids Will Listen and Listen So Kids Will Talk." Topics include:

April	14	Helping Children Deal with Their Feelings
	21	Engaging Cooperation
	28	Group will not meet in lieu of Take Our Daughters to Work lunch
May	5	Alternatives to Punishment
	12	Encouraging Autonomy
	19	Praise
	26	Freeing Children from Playing Roles

All sessions will meet from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Canteen Room A. For more information call Ginny Cowan at 848-7008. This program is sponsored by Little People's Learning Center and is funded with a Wyoming Childcare Block Grant.

► **1994 Parenting Speaker Series**

Please join us for the next workshop in our *Parenting Together* speaker series: "Parents: Teachers First and Always," at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, April 21, at Little People's Learning Center. Explore the parent's role in child development and education with Billie Warford of the Early Child Project, Montana State University. This program is brought to you by Little People's Learning Center and is funded by a Wyoming Childcare Block Grant. Call Ginny at 848-7008 for more information.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Moving Sale:

Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Houser residence, Upper Mammoth next to Ham's Christmas Store.

Weight bench, weights, rowing machine, windsurfer, skis, clothes, kitchen items, and crummy novels among other things. Multi-household sale...something for everyone ...see you there!

For Sale:

1980 Honda Goldwing motorcycle, full dress, with extras. 29,000 miles, excellent condition. \$1,100. Call 344-2070 (W) or 344-7446 (H).

Wanted to Buy:

Good used ladies mountain or general purpose multi-speed bicycle. Also, children's bicycle helmet and seat. Call 545-2717.

For Sale:

1981 18' x 81' Gallatin Chateau mobile home. Located 3½ miles north of Gardiner on the river. Leave it there or move it. If interested call 848-7348, evenings after 5:30.

For Sale:

*18' river raft w/rowing frame, oars, 10 life vests, excellent condition, \$3,000.

*1976 Chevy Suburban, \$500.

*Pick-up bed trailer, \$100.

*Apple 2C Plus Computer, color monitor, Panasonic printer, assorted programs (dBase, spreadsheet, integrated word processor, kid's programs/games), works great, \$300. Call 848-7348 after 5:30 p.m.

For Sale:

RCA 19" color television, 1987 used two years, like new, \$100 OBO. Call 848-7244 after 3 p.m.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 1994 GARDINER DUCKS UNLIMITED BANQUET:

WHERE: Gardiner Eagles Hall

WHEN: April 30, 1994

TIME: No-Host Cocktails @ 5:30 p.m.

The **DUCKS UNLIMITED** Special Edition print, featured above, will be available as an Early Bird incentive. This print will be added -- **FREE** -- to the first 30 MEMBERSHIP AND BANQUET TICKETS purchased. The signed and numbered print by artist Mark Perry is a collector's item.

YOU WILL RECEIVE:

1. Buffet Dinner
2. Ducks Unlimited Membership and Magazine.
3. 1993 Montana Ducks Unlimited Special Edition Print by artist Mark Perry -- AVAILABLE ONLY WITH THE FIRST 30 TICKETS AND MEMBERSHIPS SOLD.
4. An evening of FUN and PRIZES, including many auction items, like the ones listed below:
 - ** BROWNING MODEL A-500R DU. COMMEMORATIVE 3" MAGNUM \ 12 GAUGE.
 - ** A BLACK LAB PUPPY FROM THE DIAMOND R KENNELS OF BELGRADE.
 - ** TERRY REDLIN'S "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" SERIES PRINTS, CAN BE VIEWED AT THE FIRST NATIONAL PARK BANK IN GARDINER.
5. All for only \$40 for a single ticket or \$60 for a couple.

Tickets are available from any of the Gardiner Ducks Unlimited Committee Members or by calling Bob Olig at 848-7309 or Eric Robinson at 848-9410. Please get your tickets early, limited seating available.



15th ANNUAL PARK-TO-PARADISE RACE APRIL 30, 1994

Celebrate the "Rites of Spring" by **PADDLING, BIKING, and RUNNING** along the beautiful Upper Yellowstone River.

The **Park-to-Paradise Race** starts at the Carbella fishing access 17 miles north of Gardiner, MT, and finishes at the Gardiner Depot in Gardiner MT. The race has two categories: racing and recreational. Participants must choose one category regardless of equipment used. Participants in the recreational division will compete in the Men Women Mixed class. Please preregister by mail if you can. You can also register on race day between 9 am and 10 am.

The race begins at 10:30 am with the **boating** segment; boaters paddle north from Carbella fishing access to the Meditation Point rest area (8 miles). **Bicyclists** then ride south from Meditation Point to the 5-mile marker on Highway 89 (18.5 miles). **Runners** continue south from the 5-mile marker into Gardiner and finish at the Roosevelt Arch near the entrance to Yellowstone National Park (5.5 miles). **Total distance is 32 miles.**

ENTRY FEE: \$5 per team member before noon on Apr 29; \$6 per team member on race day.

T-SHIRTS: This year's shirt is 100% cotton and will sell for \$10.

MORE FUN AFTER THE RACE: Gala cookout (food and beverages supplied), award ribbons, and door prizes at the Gardiner Depot near the finish line. **Don't miss it!**

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MAIL ENTRY TO:

David Thoma
Park-to-Paradise Race
P.O. Box 525
Yellowstone NP, WY 82190

Checks payable to: Park-to-Paradise Race

INFORMATION: David Thoma, (307) 344-7758

TEAM NAME & ADDRESS:

PHONE: _____

TEAM MEMBERS: NAME & T-SHIRT ORDER

BOATER(S) _____ S M L XL

_____ S M L XL

BICYCLIST _____ S M L XL

RUNNER _____ S M L XL

Division (circle 1)	Class (circle 1)
Racing	Men Women Mixed
	Men Solo
	Women Solo
Recreational	Men Women Mixed

Waivers of liability must be signed on race day by all team members!

****BOATERS MUST WEAR LIFE JACKETS! BICYCLISTS MUST WEAR HELMETS!****

-- RACE FOR FUN --