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News

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NPS Employee Newsletter

Next Deadline: September 27

Yellowstone Thermophile Conference: 1995

There will be a conference on biodiversity, ecology and evolution of thermophiles in Yellowstone National Park: Overview & Issues on September 17-20, 1995.

The conference will be held at the Old Faithful Lodge Recreation Hall and all park staff is invited to attend. This symposium will address the following topics specific to Yellowstone: recent advances in microbial ecological research, biotechnological potential of microbial resources, and policies and initiatives for microbiological research at Yellowstone National Park.

The conference will bring together scientists, biotechnologists, and NPS managers working on different aspects of microbiology in Yellowstone. It is hoped that this symposium will foster new collaborations, target specific areas of research, and clarify park service objectives and policy for microbial resources. For more information on the conference contact Bob Lindstrom at the Yellowstone Center for Resources at 344-2234.

Quotable Quotes...

"Accomplishing the impossible means only that the boss will add it to your regular duties." Doug Larson

Feeding Time at the Wolf Pen by J. Laye

Feeding hungry wolves may sound like a thrilling and once in a lifetime dream come true. Yes, the wolves were beautiful and watching their behavior in the pen interesting, but dragging a smelly bison leg up the trail and walking behind a biologist hauling over 70 lbs. of odiferous elk and bison meat was something I couldn't have even dreamed of. Don't get me wrong, the experience was well worth all the effort and just being a part of this whole operation was something to remember always. Wednesday morning I entered the truck loaded with road killed, partially frozen meat and realized what I was in for.

I stood ready at the trailhead to haul whatever load Doug Smith could pack on my back. As it turned out I was the only one not loaded for the short hike to the acclimation pens. I took up the rear of our small procession and stopped to snap a photo of the others straining from the weight of about 100 pounds of the smelliest meat I ever want to get that close to again. Our group consisted of Wolf Biologist Doug Smith, Jonathan Storm from Cornell, hoping to record natural wolf sounds for the archives, Jim Halfpenny, author and institute instructor, Melissa McAdam, YCR Budget Analyst, and myself.

About halfway up the trail Halfpenny's bag of meat opened and out spilled a rather grotesque looking black leg of a large bison. I reached down and picked it up to carry the rest of the way. It was heavier than I imagined and the odor very significant. Knowing that there have been grizzly bear sightings not far from the pens made me slightly wary and I rehearsed a scenario that would include heisting the leg at the bear as hard as I could while hoping it would rather have the smelly thing than any of us.

We continued our trek up to a point where Jonathan could set up his sound recording equipment and as Doug howled, we waited for a reply from the wolves. Nothing happened. Doug thought perhaps it was too late in the day for them to want to respond, so we continued on with the wolves' lunch. On the way, Doug showed me the infamous mud hole where he wiped out and made a lasting impression on the First Lady who had traveled behind him on the trail. Arriving at the pen, we dispersed the meat and left some outside for the three errant wolves cavorting somewhere nearby. There was no sign of the pups outside the pen, except clean, white bones, with all the meat chewed

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Bike Ride a Success

This year's Tri-State Century Bike Ride was another great success. 11 riders participated under beautiful blue skies. Dan Carty, Lisa Coleman, Rob Danno, Mona Divine, Luanne Hallagan, Dennis Lojko, Steve Mazur, Mary Beth Martinec, Rick McAdam, Bob Seibert, and Dennis Young are among the proud! Seven prizes were raffled off during lunch break at the Earthquake Lake Visitor Center. We would like to thank the following merchants for their support. TWR Services, donated a dinner for two at Old Faithful Inn, YPMS, a physical exam, West Yellowstone Bike Shop, 20 water bottles, Marge's Hair Fashions, a beauty care basket, First Security Bank of West Yellowstone, a \$50.00 savings bond, Out West of Gardiner, MT., a \$20 gift certificate, Conoco in Gardiner, a case of 10W-30 oil, and Yellowstone Parkwide Recreation, a refreshing two cases of soda.

Road Repair Schedules

To All Park Employees:

The following is the road construction schedule for the weekend of September 15-18, 1995:

Madison to Old Faithful:
OPEN

Friday, at 1800 hrs. to
Monday, at 1000 hrs.

East Entrance Road:
Continued daytime and
nighttime construction with
OPEN WINDOWS
at 0700 - 1000 hrs. and 1800
hrs.- 2100 hrs. each day

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Jan Laye, Editor, 344-2003

Pen Visit Continued...

off. Inside the pen, the mother and three of the five captive pups were running along the back, watching our every move and perhaps also scoping out the meat we had brought them for their next meal. I wondered whether they preferred elk to bison, but judging from the bones which were picked clean inside the pen, the preference was just **MORE** food. Doug mentioned that the food probably wouldn't be touched until sometime that evening and assured me that the outside pups would devour theirs because no other animal tracks had ever been found around the pen.

We stood outside the enclosure and took photos of the two, shiny black pups and one brown one, calmer now, trotting along a well worn path at the back of the pen. The mother, sleek and wary, would stop occasionally and stare at us. The pups, tongues lolling, would gather around her, sniff, tussle, and continue their exercise. The pups are about 60 percent of the mother's size and look capable of keeping up with her should the pack be let out of their temporary housing any time soon. As we made our way back down the trail after spending only about ten minutes at the pen, I asked Doug how he thought they looked. "They seem in fine shape." he replied, " We'll give them maybe another few weeks to grow bigger and then net capture the ones in the pen, and the others, give them a few more shots, and release them. The wolves are very durable, they'll come through this ordeal just fine."

As I walked down the high ridge that held a breathtaking view of the Lamar River, I hoped the next time I would see the the fiery, sharp eyes, flash of dark fur, and the now familiar gait of the wolves I just met, would be of them running free in that beautiful valley.

♀ ♂ ♀ *New Arrivals* ♂ ♀ ♂

Congratulations to Charissa and Tim Reid and their new baby Anna Grace. Anna arrived on August 12 and weighed 7 lbs. and 6 ozs.

From the Safety Office...

Fitness is having a healthy heart and lungs, strength, endurance and flexibility—Your body is in shape. Fitness helps you do more, feel better, look better, and have more fun. Some of the rewards of fitness are: weight and cholesterol more easily controlled by diet and exercise; improved sleeping, able to handle stress; fight off disease; and better self-esteem. There are many ways to attain fitness, choose one or two that fit your lifestyle and begin getting fit. Choose from activities such as walking, bicycling, jogging/running, aerobic dancing, swimming, rowing, basketball, volleyball, hiking, and tennis to name a few. Before you begin a fitness program be sure to consult your doctor, set reasonable goals (this could be a real setback if you set unreasonable goals), choose a good time for you, and choose the proper equipment. Eat healthy, don't smoke, and limit alcohol use, reduce stress, and get enough rest. Start slow and work up. Be patient and enjoy yourself.

Monica Jolley has announced her engagement to Michael Fritsch who is a Tour Bus Driver for TWRS. Plans are underway for a spring wedding which will take place in South Carolina. Congratulations to Monica and Michael.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale:

1984 Ford Bronco II, 4x4, high miles but very good condition. \$2600.

Leave message for Ed Humphries at Canyon Maintenance at 242-2530.

For Sale:

Schwin Airdyne with reading rack. Excellent condition, \$385. Call 344-7788.

Wanted to Borrow:

Car seat for 2 year-old visiting niece, from September 27 through October 8. Call Jean Donaldson at 344-7452 if you can help.

For Sale:

1983 Toyota Tercel, 4-spd, looks/runs good, new tires, high miles, \$900. Car top luggage carrier by Voyager, enclosed, gray/white, \$50. Call Lynne at 344-2160 days, 344-7755 eves.

Wanted:

Acoustic guitar for beginner. Call Dayna McClure at 848-7291.

Moving/For Sale:

19" color TV, \$110; 4-speed Plymouth Champ, \$200; Browning 16-gauge automatic, \$300; Montgomery Ward double barrel 16-gauge, \$200; beige insulated curtains, fits picture window, \$20. Welbilt bread machine, \$30; Bridgestone RB-T Touring bike, 56 cm, \$325. Call Dan Carty at 242-2441 (weekdays), or 344-7758 (weekends), leave message.

Wanted, Students:

Ballet classes (4 years and older) for girls and boys will begin in October. For more information call Dayna McClure at 848-7291 evenings.

Housemate Wanted:

Looking for a Housemate to share a large, two bedroom trailer in Gardiner starting October 1. Rent is \$225/mo. and includes water, gas, electricity, and wood. The trailer is furnished including a washer and dryer. Sorry no pets. If interested or ??, call Elton at 344-7901, ext. 4605 or 4667.

For Sale:

1985 Ford Ranger, 5-speed, 4x4, dual tanks, sliding rear window, engine block heater, Glasstite Topper, AM/FM stereo w/cassette deck. \$2,700. Call 848-7941.

For Sale:

1980 Suzuki GS 850-shaft drive, full faring and saddlebags. New tires. \$800. Call 344-2803 or 646-9295, leave message.

For Sale:

1987 Dodge van, 110,000 miles, fair condition. \$2,000. Call Glenn at 242-7238 (h) or 242-2432 (w).

Wanted to Buy:

Used crib that meets safety standards. Call 545-2716.

Wanted to Buy:

Good, used infant car seat and "Little Tykes" toys. Call 545-2717.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

* Symphony To Perform

The Bozeman Symphony will present a Clarinet, Piano, and Cello Ensemble performing at the Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel Map Room, on Monday, September 18 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited! Free admission. Funded by the Bozeman Symphony and the Yellowstone Park School.

* Vet Visit

Veterinarian, Dr. Jim Murray, will be at the Gardiner Exxon on Friday, September 22 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Housecalls available upon request. Next visit: October 6.

* New Landis Film

Bob Landis' new film, "Yellowstone, Realm of the Coyote" will air on National Geographic Explorer on Sunday, September 24. Check local listings for time and channel.

* Institute Offers Courses

The Yellowstone Institute, operating on behalf of the park, will be conducting a variety of courses this winter in natural history and humanities topics at various locations in Yellowstone. By learning about Yellowstone's winter world through in-depth experiences in the field, visitors can greatly enhance their vacation and grasp the true value and meaning of the Yellowstone area. For more information call 344-2294.

BIG SKY SEASON PASSES

BIG SKY RESORT is once again offering Yellowstone employees and their families, and permanent residents of Gardiner, Montana, the opportunity to purchase an annual ski pass at a very good rate. With the new tram to the top of Lone Mountain, BIG SKY will offer the most vertical gain of any ski area in the U.S.

Last year we had a great time skiing at BIG SKY!!! This year the adult daily lift tickets will be \$43.

The SEASON SKI PASS rates for the 1995/1996 ski season are as follows:

	<u>Adult</u>	<u>*Juniors</u>	<u>**Child</u>
Unlimited	300	200	Free
Weekender	235	150	Free

*Juniors: Age 11 through High School

**Child: All children 10 and under

The pass is good for all ski lifts (including night skiing). If you are interested in obtaining a pass, submit one of the application forms (reverse side) to me by October 10, along with a check made out to BIG SKY RESORT.

WHEN FILLING OUT THE FORM:

- families use one form. List each family member's name, and age for children.
- use your park or Gardiner address.

QUESTIONS? Call Dan Sholly, or Gardiner residents can also call Chris McIntosh at 848-7945.

Send completed form and check to Dan Sholly, P.O. Box 512, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190 (or give to Chris or me).

You can pick up your pass at BIG SKY the first day you ski. Take last year's picture to speed up your processing.

This is a great deal. PLEASE do not brag about it to people who are not eligible...

Dan Sholly, Yellowstone Ski Program

BIG SKY RESORT
1995/95 Season Ski Pass
Yellowstone National Park Ski Club

Qualification Criteria

Those year around and permanent residents of Yellowstone National Park or Gardiner, MT (as defined by the sewer and/or water district) and/or active full-time winter season employees of Yellowstone National Park, TW Services, Hamilton Stores and other official YNP concessions shall qualify for membership.

Proof of Residency

One or more of the following documents may be required to prove residency requirement before or after pass purchase:

1. Drivers license
2. Voter registration information
3. Employment documentation
4. Sworn affidavit by applicant
5. School registration information

Subject to Revocation and Criminal Charges

Individuals who misrepresent their membership qualifications are subject to pass revocation without refund at any time. **WARNING:** Individuals who misuse pass privileges by allowing their pass to be used by others, misuse at ticket reader turnstiles, skiing recklessly, out-of-bounds, or in an otherwise unsafe manner shall be subject to pass revocation without refund and criminal charges under Montana state law.

Those having misused skiing privileges will not be eligible for a season pass during this or future seasons. Lost or stolen season passes must be reported immediately to the Lift Ticket Sales Office (995-5000, ext. 5740). There will be a replacement fee of \$25 charged. Passes which are lost or stolen and not reported immediately will be handled the same as misused passes. On occasion, passes become damaged which causes rejection at the turnstiles. These passes will be replaced free of charge at the ticket office.

Release of Liability

Purchaser assumes all risk of injury, loss or damages resulting from use of Big Sky of Montana, Inc. property or equipment, and releases Big Sky of Montana, Inc. from all liability thereof. Riding lifts can be hazardous to your clothing. Big Sky of Montana, Inc. is not responsible for stains, including oil and/or grease on any kind of clothing. No refunds or transfers are allowed.

I have read and understand the above, meet residency requirements fully, and wish to apply for a Big Sky Resort Season Ski Pass.

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

____ Adult
____ High School (Age 11 through grade 12)
____ Child (Ages 10 and under)

If you checked high school or child, please submit the name and signature of parent or guardian:

Signature _____

Name _____

END OF SUMMER

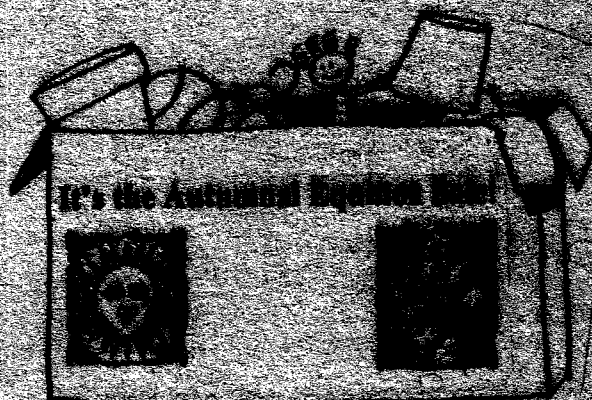
SWAP

Date: Saturday, September 23 Autumn Equinox
Time: 9:00am - 3:00pm
Location: Mammoth Hot Springs Recreation Hall

—All other information is listed below—

Buy it - Sell it - Barter it!

The Yellowstone Co-Op Employee Recreation Program is sponsoring an *End-of-Summer Swap*. All Park employees (and family) are welcome to bring items to either the Mammoth, Lake, or Old Faithful Recreation Halls before 4pm Friday, September 22. With your item(s) please include an asking price, as well as a low dollar should someone wish to offer less, and any other information - how it works, year purchased, ...and special features. We will issue you a ticket for each item, then you may stop by the Recreation Office you delivered your items to on the following Monday, or thereafter, to collect your money or unsold item. The Recreation Department will retain 5% of each item sold for services.



Questions Please Phone the Park-Wide Recreation Office
(307) 344-5225

