



**June 23-27, 2019 · Chico Hot Springs · Montana**

## **Draft Conference Agenda**

*Preliminary Schedule Subject to Change*

### **Sunday, June 23 – Arrival Day**

3pm Check in  
6pm Dinner on your own  
8:30 Hospitality suite  
9pm Bats of the West!

### **Monday, June 24**

6:30am Optional morning bird walk  
7:30am Breakfast  
8:30am Opening welcome from AFWA and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks  
9:30am Break and group photo  
9:45am Project WILD Updates and Business Meeting  
10:45 Group Agreements: A Setup for Facilitators  
11am 60 Seconds of Fame – coordinator introductions and round robin  
Noon Lunch  
1pm WILD inside and out!

We spend a lot of time communicating about Project WILD to people outside of our organization: educators, facilitators, and other partners. How do you position or communicate about Project WILD within your own organization to highlight Project WILD's value and alignment to your organization's mission? This session will involve a discussion on including WILD in agency/organization priorities and will highlight diverse strategies to include Project WILD in a broad range of programming.

- Project WILD and R3 – the Recruitment, Retention, and Reactivation of Hunters and Anglers
- Hooked on Fishing-Not On Drugs...It's Not Just About Fishing!
- Introducing L.O.L.E. - Landmark Outdoor Learning Experiences

2:30pm Land conservation with the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation  
3pm Break  
3:15pm Lions and Wolves and Bears, Oh My! (Gregg Losinski, retired from the Idaho Fish and Game Department)

Learn more about the charismatic and sometimes controversial mammals in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem in this strand that will continue throughout the conference. Participate in WILD adaptations and learn about educational tools and resources that different agencies use to

help learners understand these species, how to live with them, and associated management challenges.

4pm	Rotating outdoor education stations: archery with the Boone & Crocket Club, fly-fishing, and more!
6pm	Dinner
8pm	Hospitality suite

## **Tuesday, June 25**

6:30am	Breakfast
7am	Leave Chico
8am	OTO Historic Ranch site hike (paved road) - Trailhead of Cedar Creek US Forest Service/ Rocky. Hike and learn about Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation land acquisition and management.
10am	Climate, geology, and physical science of Yellowstone with Ann Rodman, NPS Yellowstone Center for Resources.
11am	Travel to Mammoth Hot Springs Introduction to Yellowstone National Park Education programs with Bob Fuhrman, Youth Program Manager YNP Hike Mammoth Thermal features Lunch (boxed lunches from Chico)
2pm	Travel into the park Blacktail Creek Trail (includes hike) - Expedition Yellowstone Activities
6pm	Dinner
10pm	Hospitality Suite

## **Wednesday, June 26**

7am	Optional morning bird walk
8am	Breakfast
9am	Guest presentation with the Safari Club International Foundation
10am	Break
10:15am	Diversity, inclusion, and climate adaptation
11am	Digging in to the terrestrial guide. Continue exploring content in the revised edition of the Project WILD guide, with a particular emphasis on how it connects to science standards.
Noon	Lunch and conference book club gathering
1pm	Guest presentation with the Project WET and National Wildlife Federation
2pm	Bear Fare: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• WILD About Bears, Idaho Style</li><li>• Montana Fish Wildlife &amp; Parks: Grizzly Bear Distance Learning Program</li></ul>
2:45pm	Break
3pm	Concurrent Sessions 3-3:30 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What Does BearWise Look Like in North Carolina?</li><li>• Field Equipment on a Budget</li></ul> Concurrent Sessions (continued) 3:30-4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wildlife Forensics</li></ul>

- WILD About Fishing, Idaho Style
- 4pm Rotating outdoor education stations: Archery with the Boone & Crocket Club, Fly-fishing, and more!
- 4:30pm Coordinator networking
- 6pm Awards Banquet
- 8pm Silent Auction Closes - Live Auction begins!
- 9:30pm Hospitality Suite

**Thursday, June 27 – Departure Day**

- 7:30am Breakfast
- 8:30am Regional Roundtables
- 9:15am Concurrent sessions
- WILD Advanced Educator Workshops: *Bring Out Your Dead* in Pennsylvania
  - Providing NGSS Focused Professional Development
- 10:15am Evaluation and wrap up, including “Snowballs: A Program Check-in”
- 10:45am Adjourn

*See you next year!*