WISE/BLM Hikes and Activities
Summer 2020

Yes! We will be leading outdoor adventures for youth this summer, but things will be a little different.....

- Hikes and activities will be available by request for families and small groups of up to ten people.
- Request an activity from the list below by calling or emailing the WISE office. We will work with you to schedule the time, date, and location for your small group.
- WISE and BLM staff will provide leadership, educational activities, and safety support. Unfortunately will not be able to provide transportation, food, or overnight camps.
- Please see the back of this page for the practices we will be following to help prevent the spread of Covid19. We will be asking our participants to also respect these guidelines.
- Suggested Donation $5 per person, hikes free for WISE donors.

“Menu” of Activities

Boreal Forest Hike- Tree ID, forest ecosystems, and how to read the story of a tree’s life in the rings.

Aquatic Ecology- We will meet at a pond or stream to learn about macroinvertebrates, the water cycle, and fish ecology. 2 hours to full day.

Mud Volcanoes- The somewhat rugged one mile hike to this local geological oddity is well worth it! Bubbling methane, animal tracks, and LOTS of mud!

Leave No Trace Hike- We will learn about the wonders of the Copper River Watershed, and how to be good stewards of the land with Leave No Trace games and activities.

Ten Essentials Hike - What should you pack for your adventure? We will explore ways to be prepared for any outdoor trip while enjoying a hike.

Outdoor Art- We will combine a hike with an art project to grow creativity and observation skills.

Tracks and Scats- Learn how scientists and naturalists use tracks and scat to read the story of the natural world.

Skins and Skulls- Using WISE’s collection of skins and skulls, we will learn about local mammals, then explore the nearby forest looking for signs of their presence.

Other Ideas? Ask, we can probably figure something out!

Contact WISE to request an activity for your family or small group.

(907) 822-3575  contact@wise-edu.org
COVID19 Risk Management

Our first priority is the safety of our staff and program participants. Here are the procedures we will be following, and what we will be requesting of our participants. Working together, we can help keep everyone safe while learning and adventuring outdoors.

- WISE and BLM staff will wear face coverings whenever we are in close proximity, and as much as possible stay 6 feet away from others. Participants will be encouraged to also follow these practices.
- We will be limiting sharing of items, and using wipes and hand sanitizer to clean throughout the program.
- Participants will need to provide their own transportation and food.
- Everyone should be free of any new or unexplained symptoms associated with Covid19, including fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, digestive upsets, or loss of sense of taste/smell.
- Participants should not have travelled outside Alaska within 14 days, or had close contact with anyone who could be carrying Covid 19.
- Adults accompanying youth may be asked to help with activities to minimize close contact between WISE/BLM staff and participants.
- If the local Covid19 risk or State of Alaska mandates change, we will cancel or adapt programs as necessary.
- Please don’t hesitate to contact WISE if you have questions or concerns, we want to work with our communities!

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What to Bring Checklist

◊ Daypack
◊ Appropriate Footwear (Sturdy shoes for hikes, mud boots for water activities)
◊ Raincoat and warm layers
◊ Lunch, snacks, full water bottle
◊ Medications and 1st Aid Needs
◊ Sunscreen, Sunglasses
◊ Insect Repellant
◊ Optional: Camera, binoculars
◊ Enthusiasm and Curiosity!

Support Outdoor Education in the Copper River Basin!

As a locally based nonprofit organization, WISE welcomes your donations to continue making these adventures possible for our youth. Expenses for summer programs include staff time, vehicle costs, insurance, equipment, and supplies. WISE requests $5 per person for summer activities to help offset costs. We don’t want cost to be a barrier for kids getting outdoors, so please ask for an exemption if this is a hardship for your family.

Your donation of $25 or more entitles your family to free hikes and day activities for the summer of 2020.

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Partners in Education and Stewardship!

Since WISE was founded in 2002, the BLM Glennallen Field Office has been a valued partner, providing expert assistance with education programs. BLM also contributes essential funding, shares equipment, and supports logistics. Most importantly, BLM and WISE staff work closely to plan and implement programs that are safe, educational, inspiring, and fun.