Program Description

- This program is geared toward outdoor enthusiasts interested in participating in outdoor adventures and field studies in the Rocky Mountains.

- The excursion will share the ecological legacy of predation by large megafauna in Yellowstone National Park.

- The geographical area of concentration is the famed Lamar Valley in the NE corner of the Yellowstone National Park, one of the sites of the 1995-96 wolf reintroductions.

- There will be hiking, fly fishing, traveling to nearby towns, historic sites & natural areas as well as wildlife observation and photography.

- Participants will experience:
  ◦ Daily wildlife observations using sophisticated optics & modern cameras equipped with telephoto lenses.
  ◦ Interpretive programs by noted wildlife specialists, photographers, wolf watchers, park biologists.
  ◦ Visits to notable sites such as geyser basins, habitat recovery areas, wolf reintroduction pens, old wolf dens, and lodges that are of interest to the ecology, natural history and culture of the Yellowstone ecosystem.
  ◦ Fly fishing instruction and several additional excursions into remote areas of special interest to fly.

- Guest speakers include:
  ◦ Dan Hartman, Wildlife Photographer-National Geographic Society
  ◦ Rick McIntyre, Yellowstone Wolf Project, NPS
  ◦ Doug Smith, Yellowstone Wolf Project Director, NPS
  ◦ Kira Cassidy, Yellowstone Wolf Project, NPS

Cost, Reservations and Registration

Cost: $2100 per person based on limited enrollment of 12 and includes all lodging, admission to the park, equipment rental, guest speakers, 3 special event meals, transportation from Bozeman as well as within and around the park. Total capacity for this program is 12 participants. Transportation to Bozeman, MT is not included.

Reservations: To reserve your place on this trip, a $500 deposit is due by March 1, 2016 (refundable up to May 1, 2016) with the remaining balance by June 1, 2016. Transportation to Bozeman, MT, as well as food (outside of the 3 special meals) is not included.

Send Payment and Registration to:
Earth Spirit Educational Services
PO Box 261
Orchard Park, NY 14127

or call
716-941-6267 to register by phone.

If you have any other questions about this trip, please do not hesitate to contact:

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bluegrassquitar@gmail.com or
jcallen@buffalo.edu

or

Jon Roth at 716-796-1387
jroth1828@gmail.com

Or visit our Website:
www.buffalo.edu/~jcallen

Earth Spirit Educational Services

Megafauna and Predation in Yellowstone National Park
July 18-27, 2016

100th Anniversary of the National Park Service
Accommodations

We will be staying at Silver Gate Cabins for 9 nights. Each cabin has a kitchen with cookware. The Silver Gate Cabins/Pine Ridge Cabins complex has a general store with maps, snacks, ice and lots of wolf/predator sightings and information.

Silver Gate Cabins are equipped with outfitted kitchens.

Food

Food is not included except for 3 meals, usually set around a speaker or special event. This is due to the numerous dietary idiosyncrasies of the participants. There are numerous restaurants in both Cooke City and Silver Gate as well as each cabin has a kitchen.

Typical Activities and Schedule

Schedule is variable depending on the weather, forest fire conditions, wildlife observational opportunities, travel time & tourist traffic congestion.

- 5:00-9:00 Wildlife observations and photography
- 9:15-10:15 Breakfast
- 11:00-5:00 Exploring, hiking, fly fishing and visiting areas in the park - Lunch
- 5:00-7:00 Dinner (three group meals will be included)
- 7:30-10:00 Evening Activities (wildlife observations, guest speakers) and free time

Trip Leaders

Joseph Allen,
Instructor and Trip Leader

Jon Roth,
Assistant Trip Leader

Photographic Activities

There will be a very unique opportunity for you to use some high-end photographic equipment and experience it with one of the most sought after wildlife photographers, Dan Hartman. A GoPro 4 Hero Silver will travel with us and is versatile at both video and stills. We will also be using the Canon 6D full-frame cameras with several different telephoto and super-telephoto lenses (70-300mm f4-5.6 IS USM, 400mm f5.6 IS USM and 100-400mm f/4.5-5.6L IS USM) with 1.4x and 2x extenders with tripods for our long distance observations. The Canon 6D is equipped with not only video capability but has built-in Wi-Fi and GPS allowing users to stream photographs directly into your phone or pad, in the field using a Canon application on your device. Swarovski spotting scopes with tripods will be used in our daily observations and may also be outfitted with a camera.

Fly Fishing & Instruction

By employing simple, primitive, lightweight equipment involving difficult operational techniques and using artificially prepared enticements resembling insects in various stages of maturation-a special Yellowstone National Park or Wyoming Non-resident License is required to participate in this artistic activity. I will provide instruction and equipment in this pristine riparian environment along the Clarks Fork of the Yellowstone River, Wyoming's only federally designated Wild and Scenic River. Ernest Hemingway had a cabin here and was a frequent visitor to the region to fly fish and write.
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Registration Form

Name:__________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________State: ________________Zip________

Cell Phone: ________________________Home Phone:___________________

Email:__________________________________________________________

_____ Register me for Megafauna and Predation in Yellowstone National Park.

Enclosed is my $500.00 deposit. Once trip is a go—deposit is non-refundable

_____ I would like additional information. Please contact me as soon as possible.

Waiver and Assumption of Risk:

This program is offered to healthy persons. It should not be construed as having curative effects nor should it be used as a source of therapy for any medical conditions without first obtaining clearance from a physician. I understand and agree to the refund policy which applies to the fee-based programs. I hereby release Earth Spirit Educational Services, the University at Buffalo, its employees and agents for liability for injury, death or property loss suffered by me resulting from the ordinary negligence, its agents or employees in any way associated with participating in any and all activities now or in the future. I acknowledge that I know, understand and appreciate the inherent risks of outdoor pursuits. I know that these risks range from minor scrapes, strains and bruises to significant injuries such as broken bones, eye injury or loss, concussions, paralysis and even death. By the execution of this agreement, I fully assume the inherent risks associated with outdoor activities and assert that I am voluntarily participating in such activities. I have read this waiver of liability and indemnification agreement and fully understand its terms. I understand I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to compensation for injury. I acknowledge that I am signing this agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability for ordinary negligence to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Date: _____________________Signature: ___________________________________

LIMITED registration to 12—your deposit secures your spot.
HURRY! DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR ADVENTURE!
RE: Megafauna and Predation in Yellowstone National Park-2016