

As of: 24 May 2024 **Will's Hope Draft Detailed Schedule 7 June – 15 June 2024 – Men Veterans' Program**

Note: Times & schedules may change based on events, availability of certain persons, weather, road construction, wildlife sightings and other considerations; Earlier programs may have to contend with snow still being present which can affect accessibility.

Friday 7 June 2024 Depart for Yellowstone

Logistics Notes: Please bring your items to the pick-up point in a soft sided bag.

6:00 AM - Vans Depart 320 Cheshire Court Colorado Springs

6:30 AM – 6:45 AM Pick up remaining personnel at McDonalds at I-25 & North Academy (8120 Voyager Parkway)

We will be taking periodic rest stops (every 3 hours or as needed) for restrooms, lunch, fuel, etc.

8:00 to 8:30 PM – Estimated Arrival at Yellowstone River Lodge, Assignment of Rooms

Upon Arrival at the Lodge – Introductions, Dinner & **Orientation**

Lodging is at Yellowstone River Lodge 1037 US Highway 89 South and 10 miles north of Gardiner, Montana (Take US 89 South from Livingston (Exit 333 on I-90). The Lodge is located 20.7 miles past the Sinclair Station at Emigrant, Montana which you will pass enroute to Gardiner, MT from Livingston).

8:15 PM – Dinner

- Discussion of the following in conjunction with or immediately following Dinner
 - General safety briefing when around the cabin, pavilion and Crow Lodge
 - Equipment issue instructions
 - Optics cleaning instructions
 - Orientation on layout of cabin for emails, cameras, cleaning supplies, optics cleaning items, etc.
 - Assign volunteers for receivers, optics, infrared guns, security checks, cleaning van windows, etc.
 - **Presentation sign-up**
 - Discuss Reflections
 - **Sign-Up for kitchen duty** & putting away items after breakfast (breakfast & sack lunch items)
 - Cleanliness & food handling during breakfast and lunch preparation
 - Quiet Hours in dining and kitchen areas
 - If necessary – discuss
 - Clorox wipe down of bathrooms after each use. **PUT WIPES IN THE TRASH NOT DOWN THE TOILET**

9:30 PM – Lights out

Be careful using all equipment such as scopes, receivers, etc. they are expensive to replace and the individual damaging or losing them may be responsible for any damage/loss!!

Logistics Notes for the program: Appropriate clothing includes a good pair of hiking boots, polarized sunglasses, cap/hat, spare socks, wet weather gear and layers of clothing – either worn or in the backpack. Items in the backpack should include water, lunch, sunscreen, snacks, and clothing that is not being worn. Quick dry pants are the preferred clothing on water and fishing days. On person items may include binoculars & receivers (and compasses if desired). **Take sketch/journal books when you leave the cabin. Pre-briefs for the following day will be provided at dinner as required.**

During Travel during the day the following are pertinent to each participant and the group

- Check that you have the right clothing and equipment for each activity before leaving in the morning
- Stay alert and observe what is going on around the van or if we are at a lunch spot what is going on around the lunch area to include helping the group locate wildlife and other significant natural features
- Instructors, especially Shauna, use the van as a classroom so please be courteous and respectful
- Periodic rest stops will be made at public restrooms as necessary
- As the itinerary develops during the day the group will be kept informed by the instructor/program leader
- Instructors will ask for input if there are choices as to where to go
- Lunch is typically near a public restroom with good view of the surrounding areas
- Anticipate that lunch stops may be no talking zones to allow individuals to observe, sketch, draw, journal, etc.
- Periodic gear checks are made to ensure no equipment, sensitive items or other items are misplaced or lost

There will be open time each day and the following are some of the activities you may want to consider:

- Bonding and discussions
- Outdoor activities (e.g., horseshoes)
- Indoor activities (e.g., games)
- Camera downloads
- Use of computer for emails, etc. (please limit your time)
- Chores (see duty sign-up rosters)
- **Make lunch for the next day (for early wildlife day)**
- Journaling
- Preparation for Individual Presentations & Reflections
- Terrace Mountain
- Recon for and or getting Wildlife Tracks
- Jack Baronette Bridge and Cable Car that crosses the Yellowstone River
- Hike Behind Roosevelt lodges
- Hike to the Wiki Up
- Beaver Ponds Hike
- DIY Fishing
- OTO Ranch Hike and or Cedar Creek Trail
- Aldridge Lake Hike
- Owl Pellets Dissection at the Cabin
- Tom Minor Hike
- Eagle Creek Hike
- Observe Wildlife at Mt Washington

Saturday 8 June 2024 Delayed Start – Terrace Mountain Hike

0830 - Breakfast, make lunch, complete household chores, issue equipment, backpack ready, help put breakfast/lunch items away

0900 - Issue Equipment – receivers, binoculars; Pre-briefings for the day's activities, etc.

0930 – Depart for Terrace Mountain

1030 – Safety Briefing at Trailhead

1230 – Summit on Terrace Mountain

1230 – 1330: Lunch Journaling Exercise – Sit apart from one another, no talking, no cell phones; Journal include sketching the landscape, animals/birds, thoughts, flower imprinting (Carrie/Sarah), Etc.

1345 – 1415: Each person reports on their journaling

1630 – Vans return to Gardiner & Yellowstone River Lodge

1830 – Dinner

1900 – Open time & optional activities

2130 – Lights Out

Sunday 9 June 2024 – Mammoth Terraces

0715 - Breakfast, make lunch, complete household chores, issue equipment, backpack ready, help put breakfast/lunch items away

0800 – Load Vans

0830 – Pick Up Shauna

Site visit Backside of Mammoth Terraces and related natural features at Mammoth Terraces

1500 – Drop off Shauna (6.5)

1600 – Vans return to Yellowstone River Lodge

1600 – 1800 Open Time

1800 – Dinner

1900 – Optional Activities

2130 – Lights Out

Monday 10 June 2024 – Southern Yellowstone National Park

0615 - Breakfast, make lunch, complete household chores, issue equipment, backpack ready, help put breakfast/lunch items away

0700 – Load Vans and Depart

0730 – Pick Up Shauna

0945 – Arrive in general area for **Wildlife viewing, classes and hikes**

1600 – Depart southern area of YNP

1800 – Drop off Shauna (10.5)

1930 – Arrive Yellowstone River Lodge

1945 – Dinner

2015 – Optional Activities

2130 – Lights Out

Tuesday 11 June 2024 – Lamar Valley & Wildlife

0400 Quick Breakfast – everyone needs to be complete as soon as possible so that everything can be put away prior to departure.

Make lunch the night before.

0430 - Depart to pick up Shauna

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0500 to 1130 - **Wildlife & other natural features viewing**

1200 – Drop off Shauna (7)

1300 – Vans return to Yellowstone River Lodge

1430 to 1800 Open time/Downtime

1800 – Dinner

1900 – Individual Presentations

2130 – Lights Out

Wednesday 12 June 2024 – Native American Day

0730 - Breakfast, make lunch, complete household chores, issue equipment, backpack ready, put breakfast & lunch items away

0830 – **Dr. Shane Doyle, Crow Tribe, Native American Educator;** If possible, Jason Baldes (Eastern Shoshone) and or Patti Baldes (Northern Arapaho) will join Dr. Doyle.

Presentations will include talks, songs and site visits

1800 – Dinner (Grace will be said by our Native American guests)

After dinner – Open Time or Optional Activities

9:30 PM – Lights Out

Thursday 13 June 2024 – Fly Fishing

0700 - Breakfast, make lunch, complete household chores, issue equipment, backpack ready, put breakfast/lunch items away

0745 - Load Vans

0815 to 0900 – Draw Fishing Gear at Parks Fly Shop

1000 – Arrive at Fishing Site

1000 – 1500 – **Fly Fishing with Evan Stout**

1500 – 1600 Clean Fish & Return to Yellowstone River Lodge

1600 – Take down tipi – **Michael Sweeney**

1800 – **Dinner**

1900 – **Individual Reflections and Group Reflection** with simultaneous videography

9:30 PM – Lights Out

Friday 14 June 2024 – GWDC

0700 - Breakfast, make lunch, complete household chores, issue equipment, help put breakfast & lunch items away

0745 – Depart for Old Faithful

1000 – Arrive at Old Faithful, view **OF Geyser, tour Old Faithful Inn and visit Tribal Heritage Center (Miracle Seminole, Northern Arapaho – Handmade Star Quilts from start to finish)**

1200 – Depart Old Faithful for West Yellowstone

1300-1330 – Arrive at West Yellowstone, Lunch and tour the **Grizzly & Wolf Discovery Center**

1515 – 1600 – Shopping in West Yellowstone

1600 – Depart West Yellowstone for Yellowstone River Lodge Facility

1830 - Dinner

1900 – Clean cabin, load vans, prepare for departure in the morning

2130 – Lights Out

Saturday 15 June 2024 – Return to Colorado Springs

5:30 AM – Wake-Up, pack remaining items, thoroughly clean the cabin & surrounding area inside & outside*

7:00 AM – Depart for Colorado Springs (Breakfast will be in Livingston, MT at the McDonalds)

Stops in Colorado Springs will be the same as those on the trip departure day.

8:00 PM – 8:45 PM - Estimated arrival at Colorado Springs; Traffic may cause additional time delays

* Will's Hope policy is to return lodging facilities and equipment such as vans in just as good of shape and cleanliness as when we first used the property.