



Journeys School of Teton Science Schools

Integrating ecology, culture and community to ensure academic excellence and personal success in a Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade college-preparatory, independent school setting.

3rd-5th Grade Fall Journey to Teton Science Schools Kelly Campus – October 4-6, 2010

Dear Parents of Grades 3-5 Elementary Students,

This fall, 3rd-5th grade students will journey to Kelly, Wyoming from October 4-6. The journey will support this year's theme, "Mountain Communities" with specific emphasis placed on the fall strand of "Our Mountain Community." The 3 day, 2 night journey will provide experiential lessons that integrate the trimester's topics in science, social studies, reading and writing, math, and art. These lessons will include investigating ecosystems in our mountain community, studying historical geology and animal habitats while working with experts, developing naturalist skills, and outdoor exploration. We are looking forward to a challenging and exciting week filled with rich learning and successful community building.

Academic goals: *Students will understand that...*

- Inquiry skills can be used to learn about the landforms and plants in our mountain community
- We can develop empathy for characters and emulate Sam Gribble's experiences in the book My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George through field activities
- By using basic tracking skills, we can gather information and "learn the story" about animals in an area

Personal Responsibility goals: *Students will...*

- Take precautions for personal safety; be prepared for excursions by bringing proper academic supplies and outdoor equipment for the changing weather conditions
- Keep belongings organized and share space well with others

Community Building goals: *Students will...*

- Include/look out for other students; take care of others
- Contribute to group activities in positive ways
- Give students an opportunity to apply their problem solving skills to solve open ended questions in cooperative groups
- Celebrate life, learning, and community

Outdoor Skill Development goals: *Students will...*

- Practice "leave no trace" principles while hiking
- Pay attention to the surroundings to notice animal signs and protect the environment
- Provide service with a habitat restoration project on the Teton Science Schools' Jackson Campus

Students should bring their packed bags with all of their gear and clothing to school on Monday, October 4. We will load vehicles and depart from the Welcome Center at 8:15am. They will need to bring their **day pack and a non-microwaveable, field-ready lunch** for the day. All other meals will be provided. We will spend Monday and Tuesday nights at the Kelly Campus of Teton Science Schools and will return to Journeys School on Wednesday afternoon in time for the regular 3:30 pm dismissal. **You are invited to share in the celebration of our learning on Thursday, October 7th at 12:45 p.m.**



Teton Science Schools: People, Nature, Place, Education

700 Coyote Canyon Road • Jackson, Wyoming 83001 • Ph. 307.733.3729
Fax 307.733.3340 • www.journeyschool.org • email: info@journeyschool.org



Date	Location	Activities
Monday October 4 th	Kelly, WY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ Beaver Natural History with local experts ✳ Riparian exploration and Beaver Scavenger Hunt ✳ Murie Museum artistic interpretation
Tuesday October 5 th	Kelly, WY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ Ecosystem exploration based upon <i>My Side of the Mountain</i> ✳ Full day spent in the field ✳ Group presentations
Wednesday October 6 th	Gros Ventre Slide and National Museum of Wildlife Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ Science and Social Studies historical geology projects ✳ 'Focus on Habitat' program with museum curators
Thursday October 7 th	Journeys School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✳ Journey reflections ✳ Service learning habitation restoration project ✳ Celebration of learning at 12:45 (parents invited), optional 1:30 dismissal ✳ Viewing of the film <i>My Side of the Mountain</i>

Accommodations:

We will be staying at Teton Science Schools' Kelly Campus in Grand Teton National Park. Students **must bring a sleeping bag, a pillow case and a bed sheet** on this journey. Sleeping pads are not necessary. Please consult the gear list for additional supplies and clothing. We will have meals prepared at the Kelly Campus and students will have Hands to Work responsibilities in their cabins.

Gear List:

Enclosed you will find a list of gear needed for the journey. Please review and help your child pack what is needed. A **non-microwaveable, field lunch will be necessary for Monday**, but all other meals and snacks will be provided. In addition to plenty of warm clothing, students may also bring a small stuffed animal no larger than a loaf of bread for the nighttime.

Activity Line:

For daily updates and highlights from our journey, please call 307-734-3775.

Contact Information:

Sydney Daniels: 307-699-0442 (cell)
 Nate McClennen: 307-413-5654 (cell)
 Journeys School main office: 307-733-3729
 Kelly Campus main office: 307-734-5659

Thank you for helping make this journey possible and for making sure your children are prepared! If you have any additional questions, please contact Sydney at 307-734-9853 or sydney.daniels@journeysschool.org or Kjera at 307-734-9852 or kjera.henrie@journeysschool.org

Warmest Regards,

Sydney, Ashley, Jill, Kjera and Bart