

YNP@Work

For Employees of Yellowstone National Park

Monday, November 6, 2017



News

White Mountain Hot Springs / Thomas Moran

Kraegel Receives Environmental Educator Award

Long-time seasonal employee, and full-time educator, Bill Kraegel, was awarded the [Marcia Sward Environmental Educator Award](#), presented by ANS Education Director, Diane Lill. Bill taught more than 150,000 children during his years as a nature educator in the Montgomery County Public Schools. He told us that, as a child, he was in the lowest reading group and it hurt. But as he grew up, he learned to read nature, as we've all witnessed, he became an expert teacher along the way! Congratulations, Bill, and thank you for your outstanding service to our children and our community

Yellowstone Veterans – Share Your Story!

The National Park Service wants employees and volunteers with Active Duty Military, Reserve, National Guard, Merchant Marine, or Veterans status to share their stories on a new website about the American Military. Each submission should contain basic info about you (name, current photo, current NPS position, military branch & rank, military status) as well as a narrative that answers questions like:

- How did you make the transition from military to the NPS?
- How does your military experience impact who you are in your NPS career today?
- How did your military service and skills contribute to your role today with the NPS?

View a [published example](#) by James Pierce, or more information [on InsideNPS](#). Please send your photos, text, or additional questions to Neal Herbert at neal_herbert@nps.gov.

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Safety Corner

Last Chance: Discounted Bridger Ski Tickets

Park employees have until November 8 to register for discounted ski tickets. To sign up: P:\Safety Committee (Employee)\Bridger Bowl Tickets. **Payment is due by November 8- no exceptions!** Contact Stefanie Wacker with questions: (307) 344-2151 or email Stefanie_wacker@nps.gov. (continued)

- **Per the rules set by Bridger Bowl:** These discount tickets are for NPS and immediate family only. Please do not jeopardize this program by buying them for other people.
- **Details:** Tickets are \$49 each/day (save \$11), no blackout dates, anticipated season dates: Dec 8, 2017 - April 1, 2018. Tickets will be distributed early if the season opens early.

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Each month, the Employee Safety and Wellness Team (ESWT) vote on awards for nominees! Safety Champions are shared in the monthly ESWT meeting minutes.

Life & Leisure

Library Bazar and Book Sale

Tuesday, November 7, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at the Gardiner Public School, community members are welcome to browse locally handcrafted items such as jewelry, baked goods, knitted items, handmade soaps, cards, photography, and more! A spaghetti dinner, hotdogs, salad, and pies will be available for purchase. For more information or to sign up as a vendor, contact (406) 848-7378.

Veterans Day Celebration

On Monday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m., please join the community as we celebrate our veterans! Gardiner Public School staff and students invite veterans and community members to enjoy music and a light meal in the Gardiner School Multi-Purpose Room to celebrate and honor their service.

Yellowstone Federal Credit Union Notice

Due to a computer software upgrade, Yellowstone Federal Credit Union will close at noon on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. We apologize for any inconvenience; however, this upgrade must be completed before year-end. We will re-open on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. Federally Insured by NCUA.

Young Frankenstein

The Shane Center in Livingston is presenting Young Frankenstein, a live musical based on the beloved Mel Brooks movie. Same story, characters, and gags plus catchy satirical tunes by Mel himself. Ranger Michael Breis will play the role of Igor. Performances are Oct. 20-Nov 12, Friday and Saturday 8:00 p.m., and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. For tickets and a preview video, go to www.theshanecenter.org. The show is rated PG-13 for adult humor and language (plus there's a monster!).

Yellowstone CO-OP Employee Recreation (YCERP)

Looking for a hiking buddy? Wishing you could rekindle your passion for kickball? Look no further than your local YCERP office! YCERP provides recreational opportunities where employees can connect to Yellowstone in fun and meaningful ways. [Visit their webpage](#) to view a full list of events, activities and learning opportunities.

Jobs

USAJOBS.gov connects job seekers with federal employment opportunities. As the federal government's official employment site, USAJOBS.gov provides resources to help the right people find the right jobs. The position listed below is an internal lateral-transfer opportunity.

None at this time

Training

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January 8: Winter First Responder Course

Yellowstone National Park Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will host a 10 week EMR class beginning on January 8, 2017. For details on class dates, pre-requisites and for information on how to apply, view the full message and course syllabus from Lloyd Kruger.

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Lyon Geyser and Heart Spring, October 2017 / Jake Frank

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#MeToo Webinar

November 16, from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. join a parkwide webinar to hear the Federal Employment Law Training Group (FELTG) professionals explain - in clear terms - the law on sexual harassment in federal agencies. Topics include:

- Why victims often don't come forward, until one person does
- Hostile Work Environment and Tangible Employment Action claims
- Time limits for filing sexual harassment claims
- Discipline for coworkers and supervisors who engage in sexual harassment
- Agency defenses and liability in sexual harassment claims
- Corrective action - what will stop harassment from continuing?

[Register by November 14](#), to participate in a conference room near you, or request to view the webinar from your own computer. A member from the Innovative Leadership Network (ILN) will send you a confirmation message and instructions for participating prior to November 16.

Contracting 101

The Northern Rockies Major Acquisition Buying Office (NR MABO) will host contracting training for Yellowstone employees on Tuesday, December 12 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Garage. The agenda covers the entire acquisition process from planning to closeout. Contracting Officer Reps will receive eight continuous learning points for the session. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Mary Kay Woodin to reserve a spot at mary_woodin@nps.gov.

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November Employee Safety and Wellness Meeting

Wednesday, November 15, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. the Employee Safety and Wellness Team will meet at the Mammoth Fire Cache for their monthly meeting. All employees are welcome to attend; please contact Britton Gray (x2190) if you would like to be added to the agenda.

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Life & Leisure

Friends-Giving: Community Potluck and Food Drive

Saturday, November 18 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. join the Mammoth community at the MCC for a [fall spice potluck and turkey raffle](#)! Please bring a main dish, side dish, or drink to share. Donations will be collected for the Gardiner Food Pantry, please bring any unexpired food items for donation. Cake will be provided, as a thank you to Larry Glickman for his time served as the MCC board chair.

Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive

The [Pajama Program](#), is a nonprofit organization which provides new pajamas and books to children and teens in need—especially those living in group homes, shelters, foster care, and orphanages. If you are able to participate, please arrange a drop-off or pick-up with Mary Kay Woodin x2469. Some simple guidelines for the pajamas are:

- Brand-new, tags attached
- All sizes are welcome (newborn to adult)
- Pajamas in children's sizes must be manufactured as pajamas, as this ensures that they are flame-retardant and safe.

Last year, the community donated 74 sets of pajamas for those in need in Park County, which means this year's goal is to donate 75! Thank you for helping share the gift of a good night's sleep and a great book with those in need!

Gardiner FFA Dinner and Dance

Saturday, November 18 support the Gardiner High School's Future Farmers of America (FFA) club with an [evening of dinner and dancing](#)! Admission is \$10 per person over the age of ten with dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the live and silent auctions ending at 8:15 p.m. The band Western Skies will be playing live from 8:30 - 11:00p.m.

Flannel and Flapjacks

"[Don We Now Our Plaid Apparel](#)" on December from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Community Center (MCC) to support MCC and Snoopy Cooperative Preschool. Wear your plaid and indulge in flapjacks, hot chocolate, carnival games, live music and more. Admission is \$5 a person, children under 2 get in free!

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Need to Purchase?

Do you know how to upload a purchase request for supplies or services? Intermountain Region Purchase Requisition Site and Process Training will host a training session that provides instruction on the purchase request process which includes:

- SharePoint Navigation
- Completing the purchase request form
- How to complete purchase request packages
- How to receive and what is included in a purchase acknowledgment

[Please register](#) for the date and time that works best for you. Participants only need to register for one session. You will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar after registration is complete.

YNP@Work will be going on non-pay status! Look for your next issue on December 5, 2017.

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