

Amazing Earthfest!

A Community Celebration of National and State Parks, National Forests, Monuments, and Public Lands of the Colorado Plateau.



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Celebration
of Land and
Life on the
Colorado
Plateau

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- Scientific Discovery
- Ecological Understanding
- Resource Management
- Recreation
- Cultural Heritage
- Arts and Entertainment

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- Pioneer History



*"We did not inherit the Earth from our parents.
We are borrowing it from our children." – Chief Seattle*

Third Annual Celebration
May 17-23, 2009

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Welcome to Amazing Earthfest!

Our community is a picturesque small city nestled within striking vermilion cliffs at the southern most central point of Utah. It is the county seat of Kane County and is centrally located to many monuments, national forests, recreational areas, and national parks. Please take the opportunity to enjoy with us the breathtaking views and vistas, the marvelous and ever-changing topography, and the diversity that makes the Kanab area so special.

Kim T. Lawson, Mayor, Kanab, Utah

Thank you for participating in the Amazing Earthfest! Please, remember to visit the Town of Fredonia to enjoy more of the beauty and culture our incredible area has to offer. Whether your interests are hiking, biking, horse back riding, history and more, we have something for everyone!"

Tom Corrigan, Town Manager, Fredonia, Arizona

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Botany and Wildlife

Southwest Wildlife Foundation
P. O. Box 1907, Cedar City, Utah 84721
Contact: Martin Tyner 435-590-1618

BIRDS OF PREY

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Crescent Moon Theater
150 South 100 East, Kanab, Utah 435-644-2350

Description: The Southwest Wildlife Foundation offers "BIRDS OF PREY", an exciting educational program. Martin Tyner, Master Falconer, begins the program with a slide show depicting wild hawks, falcons, owls, and eagles, while speaking about his work in wildlife rehabilitation. His stories are educational, entertaining, and humorous, and include identification, hunting and nesting behaviors, and the environment we share with these magnificent creatures. After the slides, Martin will bring out three of his wild, feathered friends. These include a Harris Hawk named "Thumper", and a Prairie Falcon named "Igor". But he always saves the best for last: his majestic Golden Eagle named "Scout".

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435-644-4300
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GRAND STAIRCASE-ESCALANTE NATIONAL MONUMENT (GSENM) WILDLIFE

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Time: 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM
Location: GSENM Kanab Visitor Center, 745 East US Hwy. 89, Kanab, Utah

Description: Join GSENM Wildlife Biologist Terry Tolbert as he discusses rare and unique species on the Monument. Learn about BLM programs used to improve habitat, and how to monitor wildlife.

Kanab City Shade Tree Committee
Contact: Loretta Clayson 435-616-1020

KANAB CITY ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 5:00 PM
Location: Southwest Applied Technology College, Room 107
733 South Cowboy Way, Kanab, Utah (across from the Kanab Middle School)
435-644-2899

Description:

All ages are invited and encouraged to join with the Kanab City Shade Tree Committee to welcome Meredith Perkins, Urban and Community Forestry Coordinator, Utah Forestry and State Lands, who will offer Mayor Kim Lawson and members of the Kanab City Council the "Tree City USA Designation Award".

Meredith will present "The Right Tree in the Right Place", a multimedia presentation, on selecting the best species of trees to plant, and site criteria, plus "Don't Top the Trees", the facts and myths about owner-inflicted injuries to backyard and sidewalk shade trees.

A drawing will be held for free trees and other prizes for all ages. Five, 4-foot tall "cottonless" cottonwood trees, and two, 2-foot tall blue spruce trees will be given away to the lucky winners in the drawing.

"Each generation takes the Earth as trustees. We ought to bequeath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed." J. Sterling Morton

"We make an immense mistake when we think of trees as solely an aesthetic member of a community. The cut pollution, cool the air, prevent erosion, muffle sound, and produce oxygen. Then after all that, they look good." Dr. Richard Leakey

Go out and celebrate Arbor Day and the Amazing Earthfest by planting an amazing tree!

Kane County Chapter, Utah Native Plant Society
Contact: Walter Fertig 435-644-8129

TEN THINGS YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW ABOUT GRASSES (BUT WISHED YOU DID!)

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM

Location: Meet at the parking area near the new baseball fields on 100 East, north of Jacob Hamblin Park, Kanab.

Description:

Stroll along the BLM Squaw Trail (south flank of the Vermilion Cliffs) with local botanist Walter Fertig, and learn about our least obvious but often most important native wildflowers – the grasses. Members of the grass family (Poaceae) are among the most economically important and interesting plants around, though they often go unnoticed. Grasses are a significant source of human food (such as corn, wheat, and rice), beverages (barley), habitat and forage for wildlife, construction material (bamboo), and help control soil erosion. Learn basic grass anatomy, and how to identify common species.

The Squaw Trail is rocky and steep at the base. Participants should be fit, wear appropriate shoes, and be comfortable standing for a prolonged time, rain or shine.

Culture and Entertainment

Juniper Art - Juniper Fine Arts Gallery
Contact: Cynthia LaBelle 644-3898

MEMBERS EXHIBITION OF FINE ART AND CHILDREN'S CONTEST

Date: May 18 through May 23
Time: M-F, 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM; Sat., 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Location: Juniper Fine Arts Gallery, basement of the Kanab History Museum (the old Kanab City Library), corner East Center St. and 100 East (Hwy. 89),

across from the Parry Lodge)

Description: An exhibition of fine art will be open for viewing, including original paintings, photographs and other works by members of Juniper Arts. Juniper Arts is a cooperative association of artists living in Kanab, Utah, and northern Arizona.

Visitors will have opportunities to create Scratch 'n Sniff greeting cards, and to paint the Earth on a coffee filter. Paints, brushes and watercolors will be provided. Activities for children will also include a circle-drawing contest, for which prizes will be awarded in three categories.

City of Kanab Variety Arts Council
Contact: Kanab City Office 435-644-2534

WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT THE GAZEBO SLICKROCK STRING BAND

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Time: 8:00 PM

Location: At the Gazebo on Center Street (US Hwy 89), between State Bank and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Description: Revel in the sound of authentic dance music as played in barns, parlors, and porches, by the folks who first inhabited the southern Appalachian Mountains. True American folk music - lively, serene, inspirational, it tells the stories of hardships as well as the good times. This is the music that migrated west with the pioneers and was frequently heard in early cowboy camps.

The Slickrock String Band performs with various combinations of fiddle, banjo, autoharp, dulcimer, and guitar; singing with 2 part harmonies, pure and straightforward, as it was *back then*. With tight instrumentals and clean, melodic vocals, their show tells tales of the old pioneers.

In early 2006, Terry began writing, and describes her music as contemporary folk with an old-time feeling. Doug's Old-Time Banjo style is the perfect accompaniment for fiddle and autoharp. They have performed and won top awards at many festivals and events around the Southwestern US.

Crescent Moon Theater
150 South 100 East, Kanab, Utah
435-644-2350

"FARE WELL: THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE KNOW IT OR DANCING YOUR WAY TO PARADISE"

Live, on-stage multimedia/modern dance performance featuring **Maida Rust Withers**, and members of the award-winning Maida Withers Dance Construction Company from Washington, DC. Opening with live acts by local dancers. A presentation of extraordinary choreography, talent and grace, by **Maida Rust Withers**, a native of Kanab that you will not want to miss! Emotionally powerful, and beautiful.

Admission \$5.00.

Date: Friday, May 22, 2009

Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Crescent Moon Theater

OPENING PERFORMANCES BY Local Dancers

Becka West will choreograph and perform a Turkish/Egyptian fusion dance to the high energy, Techno Middle Eastern beat of *Higher Ground* by Oryx. **Meghan Quinn** and students from the Adobe Fitness Center will perform a Zumba-

style fitness dance. Zumba is a dynamic fusion of Latin and International music that combines a variety of Latin dances, hip-hop, raggaeton, and fitness movements.

FEATURED PERFORMANCE

Maida Withers, **Concept, Director, Dancer, Filmmaker**
Steve Hilmy, **Electronic Composer/Musician**
Ayo Okunseinde, **Visual and Media Artist**
David McAleavey, **Poet**
Alex Caldiero, **Performance Poet**

Fare Well - The End of the World As We Know It OR Dancing Your Way to Paradise! is a project by the Maida Withers Dance Construction Company that brings insight and vibrant critique to the contemporary issue of end time through dance, electronic music, text, and visual installation. End time may be viewed as the conclusion of creation myths.

Fare Well is as extreme in its moods and absurdities as we might think of "extreme weather." We watch hypnotized, immobilized, arrogant, innocent, and powerful - as the fires rage, volcanoes erupt, the Arctic melts, the earth becomes parched, and the seas rise. Fare Well, currently, is a solo dance performance by pioneering choreographer, **Maida Withers** - known locally and internationally for her innovative choreography and her intensity as a dancer. In Ballet-Dance Magazine, Carmel Morgan writes, "Fare Well is a modern Greek-style tragedy, delivered by a warrior goddess." (September 2008)

Maida and the collaborators have explored the idea of end time through choreographic residencies and performances nationally and internationally in New York City, Nairobi, Kenya (Cultural Envoy program with U.S. Department of State, U.S. Embassy in Nairobi, and the GoDown Arts Centre), Salt Lake City for the Utah Arts Festival, and in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Following performances, audience members are invited to discuss views about the end of the world as we know it to bring cultural insight to the issue of end time.

Maida has created over 80 works for stage, site, and video. She has been called the "iconoclast of Washington dance." Maida received the 2005 Washington, DC Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence in an Artistic Discipline and the prestigious 2006 DC Metro Dance Award for Outstanding Performance in a Large Venue (1500 seat theatre). Maida and the Company tour extensively internationally, over seventeen tours worldwide, including Russia, France, Poland, Brazil, Mexico, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Finland, Norway, China, Hong Kong, Korea, and others.

Paria Outpost and Restaurant
US Highway 89, Paria, Utah 928-691-1047
www.paria.com

ALL YOU CAN EAT BARBEQUE BUFFET

Featuring Live Acoustic Music by The Tumbleweedz and Canyon Junction

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009.
Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: Paria Outpost and Restaurant, US Highway 89, (mile post 21) at the Paria River, midway between Kanab, Utah, and Page, Arizona.

Description: Experience the finest in smoked beef brisket, chicken, and ribs, fresh salad bar, fresh dough home-made pizzas, oven baked potatoes and beans, fresh-baked rolls, and desserts, coupled with friendly entertainment. Enjoy delightful outdoor dining on the deck, with music and song by talented local musicians.

Crescent Moon Theater
150 South 100 East, Kanab, Utah
Contact: Jo Anne Rando-Moon - 435-644-2002

PETE KARTSOUNES IN CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUEST

Date: Saturday, May 23
Time: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
Location: Crescent Moon Theater

Description: Award-winning singer/songwriter Pete Kartsounes is known for his strong, soulful voice, prompting the critics to say he is a "must see", and "truly one of a kind!"
The concert will be a fundraiser for Pete's Hike4Cancer Foundation, and the Fredonia Humane Society.

Cycling and Horseback Riding

Knuckle Heads Bicycles and Gear
420 East 300 South, Kanab, Utah (US 89) 435-689-0039

Grand Staircase Road Ride
Date: Sunday, May 17, 2009.
Time: 9:00 AM

ROAD RIDE FOR BICYCLISTS

Location: Meet at Knuckle Heads Bike Shop, 420 East 300 South (US 89), Kanab, Utah.

Description: 37 miles out and back through Johnson Canyon into Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument (all paved). Pre-ride refreshments provided. After refreshments with Darren and Lisa at Knuckle Heads, riders will drive 10 miles East from Kanab on US 89 to Johnson Canyon, where the ride will begin. Johnson Canyon Road, piercing the Vermilion and the White Cliffs of the Grand Staircase, offers matchless scenery, very low traffic, and a gentle grade. Pack your own water. Additional support will be available.
Contact: Rich Csenge, 435-644-3735

High Desert Backcountry Horsemen
Contacts: Noel Poe, 435-644-5694,
Rebecca Vandenberghe, 435-644-2744

CLUB HORSEBACK RIDE

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009.
Time: 10:00 AM
Location: Crocodile Trailhead, access point for Wygaret Terrace, along Johnson Canyon Road, approximately 7 miles north of US 89.

Description:
This equestrian event will be held within Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument. The ride will take about 4 hours and there is no fee. Riders can expect hot, sunny weather, but should be prepared for variable weather conditions. Participants must provide their own horses or mules, tack, transportation to the trailhead, sun protection, sufficient water, and lunch or snacks. Non-members of the High Desert Chapter of the Backcountry Horsemen must sign a liability waiver.

Knuckle Heads Bicycles and Gear
420 East 300 South, Kanab, Utah (US 89) 435-689-0039

Joy Jordan Woodhill Trail Ride (BLM)
Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009
Time: 4:00 PM Utah time - 3:00 PM Arizona Time

TRAIL RIDE FOR BICYCLISTS

Location: Meet and park vehicles at the Fredonia Welcome Center on US 89-A, at the northern edge of Fredonia, AZ. Bathroom facilities are available. Bring your own water and snacks.

Description: Highly scenic, 12 mile non-technical loop on hard-packed natural surface with easy to moderate climbing. Tracking beneath the Chocolate Cliffs of the Grand Staircase, this ride offers expansive views of the Antelope Valley and the North Kaibab Plateau. Along the ridges of the Shinarump Conglomerate, riders will enjoy breathtaking afternoon light on the colorful cliffs of the Grand Staircase. Out and back option yields 22 miles.
Contact: Rich Csenge, 435-644-3735,

Dinosaurs, Rock Art and Hiking

Bureau of Land Management - Kanab Field Office
318 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah 435-644-4600
Contact: Tom Christensen or Misti Haines

HIKING TOURS OF NORTH MOCCASIN MOUNTAIN DINOSAUR TRACK SITE AND SOUTH FORK INDIAN CANYON PICTOGRAPHS

Date: Monday, May 18, 2009
Time: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM (dinosaur tracks), 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM (pictographs)
Location: Gathering area will be on the south shoulder of the Yellowjacket Road (aka Sand Dunes Road), approximately 3.5 miles west of the entrance to the Coral Pink Sand Dunes visitor center. The gathering area for the Pictograph tour will be on the south side of the Hancock Road, approximately 6 miles west of Hwy. 89, where Sand Spring Road (aka Lamb Spring Road), intersects with Hancock Road.

Description: BLM staff will guide both tours. Neffra Matthews, geographer with BLM's National Operations Center, will lead the dinosaur track site tour. Limited vehicle space will be available for people unable to provide their own 4-wheel drive access. Car-pooling to the gathering area along Yellow Jacket Road is highly encouraged. The dinosaur track site itself is located approximately 2 miles south of the Yellow Jacket Road gathering area. Deep sand along the access road usually necessitates 4-wheel drive capability.

To also join the pictograph tour, the site is located approximately 5 miles south of the Hancock Road gathering area. Matt Zweifel, archaeologist for the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, or Misti Haines, Park Ranger for the Kanab Field Office, will lead the pictograph hike. A lunch stop will be provided at the pictograph trailhead. Participants will need to furnish their own food and beverage. The hike to the pictograph panel is only about ¼ mile in length, but is extremely steep for a brief segment. Parking space at the trailhead is limited so car-pooling in 4-wheel drive vehicles is again highly encouraged.

Maps of both sites will be available at the BLM Kanab Field Office, 318 N 100 E, in Kanab, prior to the day of the tours.

Bureau of Land Management - Kanab Field Office
318 North 100 East, Kanab, Utah 435-644-4600
Contact: Tom Christensen or Misti Haines

INTERPRETIVE HIKE ON THE SQUAW TRAIL / TOM'S CANYON TRAIL LOOP

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
Location: Gather in the parking lot of the BLM Field Office, 318 N 100 E, in Kanab. Wear appropriate hiking clothing and provide your own water, snacks, and sunscreen.

Description: The entire 6-mile loop, starting on the Squaw Trail and coming out along the Tom's Canyon Trail is about a 3 to 4 hour hike. A vehicle shuttle will be optional for those who would like to shorten the hike to 4 miles, by forgoing the 2-mile walk through town between the trailheads. To begin the hike, we will ascend the Vermilion Cliffs, which rise about 800 feet above the north end of Kanab City. The upper hiking section is sandy in spots, and there are several steep, rocky segments on both trails. Impressive and very scenic views abound on this hike.

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ESCALANTE RIVER WATERSHED RESTORATION

Date: Tuesday, May 19, 2009
Time: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Location: Meet at the Escalante Interagency Visitor Center, Utah Hwy. 12, Escalante, Utah. Carpool to the trailhead. This is a moderate, 6-mile hike.

Description: Join GSENM Botanist Amber Hughes for a short presentation on restoration work occurring along the Escalante River. We will then head out for a hike along the upper section of the Escalante Canyon to observe restoration efforts. Bring lunch, water, appropriate gear, and sunscreen. Call GSENM at 435-644-4680 for information and reservations. Limited to 12 participants.

U. S. Forest Service, North Kaibab Ranger District
430 South Main St., Fredonia, Arizona
Contact: Bill Torres 928-643-8137

NATURE IN ART – ART IN NATURE HIKE INTO SNAKE GULCH

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2009
Time: 8:00 AM Arizona time (9:00 AM Utah time)
Location: Gather in the parking lot at the North Kaibab Ranger District Office, 430 S Main St. Fredonia, AZ. Transportation to the trailhead is not provided and carpooling is encouraged. The drive from Fredonia to the Snake Gulch trailhead will take about 30 minutes. The route is paved for the first 19 miles followed by four miles unpaved gravel and is accessible by passenger car.

Description: This guided hike will offer participants a glimpse of Snake Gulch, a tributary of Kanab Creek where ancient Native American inhabitants left pictographs, petroglyphs, and structures that today confirm their once thriving culture. The route is a scenic 6-mile loop hike from the trailhead to a pictograph site and back. The hike can be extended for any participants wishing to venture further on their own into Snake Gulch, which cuts into the western slope of the North Kaibab Plateau.

Although this is a relatively level, easy hike with little elevation change, it is in full

Sun, with no shade. Be prepared for the possibility of warm temperatures. Bring plenty of water, appropriate shoes and clothing, and a lunch. There are no bathroom facilities at the trailhead. Kaibab National Forest staff will guide and offer information on "leave no trace" ethics.

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SEEKING STARLIGHT ARCH

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: Meet at GSENM Kanab Visitor Center, 745 East US Hwy. 89, Kanab, Utah. Carpool to the trailhead. This is a strenuous 9-mile roundtrip hike.

Description: Join Geologist Charlie Neumann on a strenuous day-hike to Starlight Arch. This hike includes a difficult ascent of the Vermilion Cliffs, and a bit of steep scrambling. Come prepared with food, water, appropriate gear, and sun protection. Call GSENM at 435-644-4680 for information and reservations. Limited to 12 participants.

Managing Land and Wildfire

Wild Mountain Fire and Forestry Inc.

1739 South, Hwy 89-A, Kanab 435-644-3526

Contact: Roger Hoverman, Fire and Fuels Specialist
435-644-2574

WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE FIRES AND FIRE-WISE LANDSCAPING

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009

Time: 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Location: GSENM Kanab Visitor Center, 745 East US Hwy. 89, Kanab

Description:

Should wildfire strike your neighborhood, which homes are written off by firefighting agencies, and which ones are protected? This program will begin with an 11-minute video on mega-wildland fires in the West, followed by a video on Fire-Wise Assessments.

Relevant topics covered will include triage for homes in the path of a wildfire, and what you can do as a homeowner to improve the odds that your home will survive. The Blue Ribbon Panel Report and Wildland-Urban Interface statistics will be discussed.

Grand Canyon Trust

2601 N. Fort Valley Road, Flagstaff, Arizona 86001
928-774-7488

Contact: Season Martin 970-640-3288

BEST OF THE BEST – MEADOWS AND PONDEROSA PINE COMMUNITIES IN THE DIXIE NATIONAL FOREST

Date: Saturday, May 23, 2009

Time: 8:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Location: Meet at GSENM Kanab Visitor Center, 745 East US Hwy. 89, Kanab. Carpool to Cedar Breaks National Monument, an hour's drive.

Description:

Explore some of the best meadows and Ponderosa Pine communities in southern Utah. Grand Canyon Trust has identified potential reference areas, or "gold star standards", for seven habitats in the three units of the Dixie National Forest. The Trust is working with the Forest Service to create protection for these areas from human-induced impacts. Once protected, they can be compared over time with similar habitats that have been heavily impacted, in order to inform possible future management decisions.

Two reference areas will be visited. One site is a nearly pristine meadow in Cedar Breaks National Monument that borders the Dixie. This will be compared with a meadow in the Dixie National Forest that has been grazed by cattle. The second is a Ponderosa Pine community, with a native grass and forb under story. While exploring the two meadows, we will look at native grasses and forbs as well as pollinators. Then we will drive 20 minutes to Seaman Canyon, to wander the Ponderosa Pine community and have lunch. Sites being surveyed are within a mile from the road. Be sure to bring closed-toe shoes, hat and sunscreen, water, rain jacket, warm clothes, and a lunch.

Science, Ethics, and Astronomy

Wildfire Foundation

1739 South, Hwy 89-A, Kanab 435-644-3526

Contact: Laurel Anderson / Media-Research for Wildfire Foundation
415-640-5973

REVELATION IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL HISTORY

Date: Sunday, May 17

Time: 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Location: Crescent Moon Theater

150 South 100 East

Kanab, Utah

435-644-2350

Wildfire Foundation and The Kanab Archaeology Project present "The Amazing Anasazi Speak Back" – a program on current excavations in Kanab dating back to 1 A.D., and presenting a new archeological foundation serving the community.

The first ancient cultures of the American Southwest may have converged along Kanab Creek, within a site that might prove continuous Anasazi occupation from the Basketmaker through the late Pueblo period ending about A.D. 1200. Experts will speak on findings right in Kanab, potentially making our community the heart of America's earliest civilizations as they went thru the crucible of change.

The Kanab Archaeological Project creates a novel partnership with a private landowner and the Wildfire Foundation. This new cooperative model for developers in the region is focused on preservation of Kanab's unique cultural history. Its mission is to explore the sites, excavate, curate, and display artifacts in a museum and repository that respects Native history, and provides professional training in archeology.

The project is supported by Southern Utah University, with a field study scheduled for June 15- 22, 2009. According to Barbara Frank, Southern Utah University's Curator of Archeology and Co-Director of Field Studies, "This may become the greatest learning experience for decades to come – a superior location that hasn't been looted - an amazing intensive learning experience for everyone involved".

The Wildfire Foundation is supervising the Kanab Archeological Project in association with Savage Point Development

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DARK SKIES

Date: Monday, May 18, 2009
Time: 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM
Location: GSENM Kanab Visitor Center, 745 East US Hwy. 89, Kanab, Utah

Description: Spend an evening with astronomer Mike Satter for an exciting night of astronomical wonder. Listen to star stories, learn about constellations, galaxies, meteor showers, and more.

U. S. Forest Service, North Kaibab Ranger District
430 South Main St., Fredonia, Arizona
Contact: Andres Ceballos 928-643-7395

LEAVE NO TRACE ETHICS

Date: Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Time: 9:30 AM Arizona time (10:30 AM Utah time)
Location: North Kaibab Ranger District Office Conference Room, 430 S Main St. Fredonia, AZ.

Description: Historic, archaeological, and fossil sites are special places that tell the story of our past. Learn why fragile and irreplaceable heritage resources often are not readily visible. Andres Ceballos will lead a discussion identifying principles embodied in Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics to help enhance public understanding, and minimize impacts from recreational uses in the Kaibab National Forest.

Award-Winning Documentary Films

Crescent Moon Theater
150 South 100 East, Kanab Utah
435-644-2350

PRESENTED FREE OF CHARGE

Arrive 10 minutes early before each documentary film, to see images of regional landscapes captured by archaeologist Steve Stacey.

Fighting Fire with Fire

4:00 PM, Sunday, May 17
Topic: Dealing with Wildfire in Western North America

Monster forest fires, big enough to be seen from space and hot enough to create their own weather, used to occur once in a decade. Now, they're an everyday summer reality across the globe. Taking viewers into the fire line, face-to-face with raging, unstoppable wildfires, this film questions conventional methods of firefighting and explores "prescribed burns" as a fire-prevention and restoration strategy.

Thirst

7:00 PM, Sunday, May 17
Topic: Globalization and Public Stewardship

Is water part of a shared "commons", a human right for all people? Or is it a commodity to be bought, sold and traded in a global marketplace? Global corporations are rapidly buying up local water supplies. Communities suddenly lose control of their most precious resource. **Thirst** tells the story of communities in the United States, Japan, Bolivia, and India that are asking these fundamental questions, as water becomes the most valuable commodity of the 21st century.

Extra Features For Discussion: Interview with the Directors, and Poetry on Water.

Silent Sentinels

4:00 PM, Monday, May 18
Topic: Coral Bleaching and Global Warming

Are coral bleaching and global warming connected? Coral reefs are the jewels of the ocean. Communities of organisms as rich and diverse as any above or below the surface of the planet, they encircle the tropics like an azure necklace. Coral reefs around the world are dying. **Silent Sentinels** examines the claims and looks at the coral organism and how it has coped with climate change over time. It's a story of a polyp and a plant – one of the most successful biological relationships in the history of the earth.

Weather Report

7:00 PM, Monday, May 18
Topic: Climate Change

Climate change is irrevocably altering the world as we know it, challenging our sense of the future and the fundamental values of our industrial societies. But today, the rapidly industrializing economies of India and China are forcing a reckoning with the western model of development as climate disruptions and global warming are hitting harder and faster than anyone predicted. **Weather Report** takes us on a journey to the front lines of our climate-changing world, visiting communities and ordinary people whose lives and livelihoods are being impacted in the most dramatic ways.

Rising Waters

4:00 PM, Tuesday, May 19
Topic: Global Warming and the Fate of the Pacific Islands

For 7 million people living on thousands of islands scattered across the Pacific ocean, global warming is not something that looms in the distant future: it's a threat whose first effects may have already begun. Through personal stories of Pacific Islanders in Kiribati, the Samoan Islands, the atolls of Micronesia including the Marshall Islands, and Hawaii, as well as researchers in the continental United States, **Rising Waters** puts a human face on the international climate change debate.

Deconstructing Supper

8:00 PM, Tuesday, May 19
Topic: Genetically Modified Food and Natural Biodiversity

An eye-opening journey into the billion dollar battle to control global food production. Starting with a gourmet meal in his five-star restaurant, Chef John Bishop travels the world, on a personal quest to find out what our food choices are today. Explore genetic engineering, giant biotech corporations, and organic farming with scientists, farmers, and activists. This is a trip that every contemporary eater will want to take – into the revolution in modern food production, and its effects on our lives.

Before the film, come early at 7:30 PM, to learn about the **Kanab Community Garden**, a small-scale farmers and gardeners collective creating opportunities within our own community to grow our own food.



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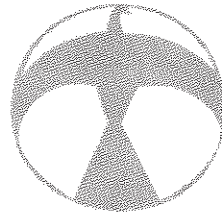
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