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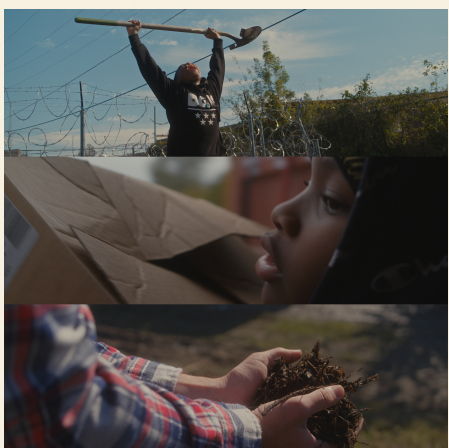
6th-8th Grade School Program Film Descriptions



Mount St. Helens: A Fire Within

11 min.

Mt. St. Helens: A Fire Within' is a captivating documentary that explores the profound impact of the 1980 eruption on the landscape and human lives. Through interviews with individuals connected to the mountain, the film tells a story of transformation, showcasing the mountain's beauty before the eruption, the devastation that followed, and the ongoing regeneration. With stunning visuals and personal narratives, it invites viewers to reflect on their own relationship with Mt. St. Helens and the power of nature's forces. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



4DWN

18 min.

4DWN tells the unconventional and deeply personal story of a South Dallas skatepark whose mission is to change the lives of everyone who walks through the gate. The 4DWN skatepark is a resilience hub rooted in skate culture, tackling the challenges of food insecurity and social justice in one of the city's poorest communities.

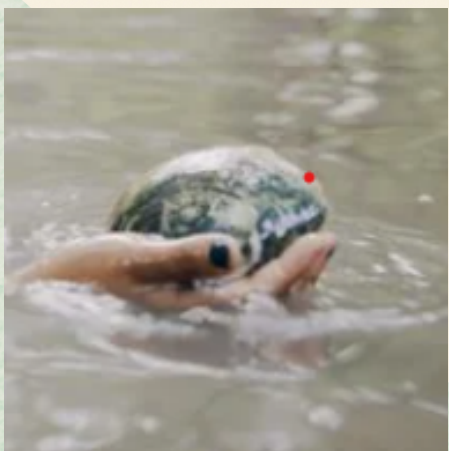


PLACE - People, Lamprey, And Cultural Ecology

8 min.

Follow Cayuse Tribal Member, Gabe Sheoships, into an ancient cultural practice, and discover the connections between migratory fish, urban forests, and community stewardship... and the work one group is doing to re-build the strength of these connections for future generations.

[Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



Mussel Grubbing: A Citizen Science Treasure Hunt

7 min.

Following a citizen scientist's journey of discovery, the film explores the treasure hunt for finding freshwater mussels in the upper Sangamon River. Everyday people in Illinois are supporting science in ways that are important to the well-being of their local environment. Finding a diverse collection of healthy mussels means a healthy river, which in turn means healthy people in the community. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



Finding the Line

13 min.

From slicing through rapids in a whitewater kayak to carving into a plate while printmaking, Alexandra "Chachi" Riesco draws lines between geologic forces and her work and play — but following her own line isn't always easy. As Chachi navigates challenges, her art highlights the importance of our connections to nature.