



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

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9th-12th Grade School Program Film Descriptions



Paddle Tribal Waters

9 min.

When the largest dam removal project in history begins, a group of indigenous youth learn to whitewater kayak in hopes of becoming the first people to paddle the restored river from source to sea. With jaw-dropping aerial cinematography and moving storytelling, Paddle Tribal Waters is a fully immersive experience, showcasing the unbreakable bond between people and their ancestral lands. The film gives viewers a bird's eye view as an unforgettable group of young people training for the adventure of a lifetime. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



The Quest to Save Parasites

12 min.

You may have seen a "Save the Whales" t-shirt, but what about "Save the Parasites"? Most people are familiar with parasites as a scourge to humans and livestock, and rightly so. Those parasites need to be controlled. But a vast unseen world of parasites has evolved along with wildlife -- the "dark matter" of ecosystems. These parasites have evolved with their hosts over millions of years and are in a delicate balance with nature. They need to be studied and treated as endangered in some cases, according to researchers who are on a quest to save parasites. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



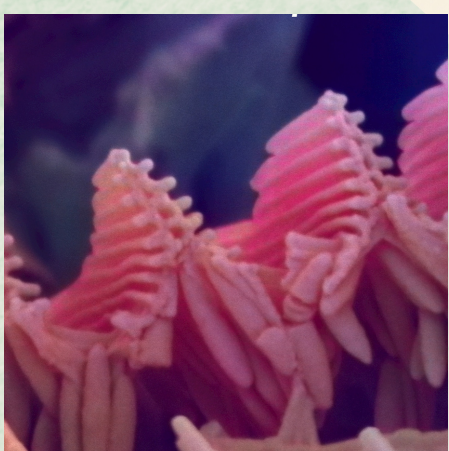
African Voices for Africa's Forests - Gender, Indigenous Rights, and Restoration 10 min.

It's our responsibility as African climate justice activists to fight for our forests and create awareness around sustainable forest and soil management, restoration, and protection as carbon sinks and to inspire people to use nature-based and people-centred solutions. This is exactly what ACRP's latest short film showcases. Ewi Lamma, a young climate activist from Cameroon, has committed her life and work to changing the status quo by working with local communities, women, and youth. Her work is inspiring people to speak up and take part in local decision-making while protecting the environment and Indigenous knowledge.



Spear, Spatula, Submarine: Floridians Fight to Take Back Their Waters 13 min.

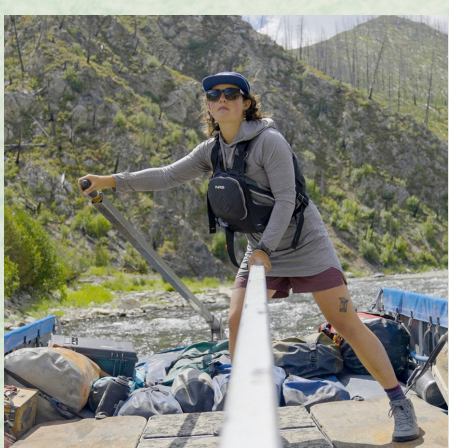
With an avaricious appetite, rapid reproduction rates, and no native predators, the lionfish invasion is one of the ocean's greatest eco-disasters. But a community of passionate Floridians use creative removal methods to save the waters they love.



Nanoscapes

4 min.

Images of butterfly wings at the microscopic scale are stunning, and at the nanoscopic scale they become otherworldly. Shot at two cutting-edge research labs, the pictures of Nanoscapes were taken with light and electron microscopes at magnifications up to 50,000x. The elaborate nanoscopic topography of butterfly wings has produced a wealth of data on structural coloration. The film is an artistic rendering of exciting new research on how butterflies build these remarkable, infinitesimal landscapes. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



Driving Sweep

10 min.

Few river guides ever get the chance to drive Idaho's iconic sweep boat. Driving Sweep follows Katie Veteto as she learns how to "drive sweep" down the Middle Fork of the Salmon River. She's learned the rapids and the river. Now she learns to drive a 4,000lbs sweep down steep rocky rapids.