



# WILD & SCENIC<sup>®</sup> FILM FESTIVAL

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## 6th-8th Grade School Program Film Descriptions



### Yuba Salmon Dance

2 min.

Yuba Salmon Dance is a captivating short film that follows the incredible journey of Chinook salmon as they return to the Yuba River to spawn. The film captures the resilience and determination of these majestic fish who have navigated obstacles, both natural and man-made, to reach the place of their birth. Through breathtaking drone and underwater footage, we get an intimate and up-close-up look at the spawning grounds. This is the final dance for these fish as they select a mate, perform the spawning rituals, and lay their eggs and milk. After the dance is complete the Salmon will die and give their bodies and nutrients back to the river ecosystem. Salmon are one of the most giving species on earth and the greatest purveyor of ocean nutrients to the inland environment.



### Friends of the Frogpool Lane

7 min.

Follow a group of vigilante crossing guards as they help frogs and salamanders navigate a busy road through a rainy Spring night, so these driven amphibians can arrive safely to the unique wetland that is critical for their life cycle. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



### Sandcastle: Secret Life of Potter Wasps

13 min.

Join a courageous potter wasp on an enthralling journey! Witness this fascinating insect's tenacity and perseverance as it navigates its dangerous realm teeming with challenges and predators. The secrets of its hidden world are revealed in this short documentary.



### 2 Legs 2 Easy

7 min.

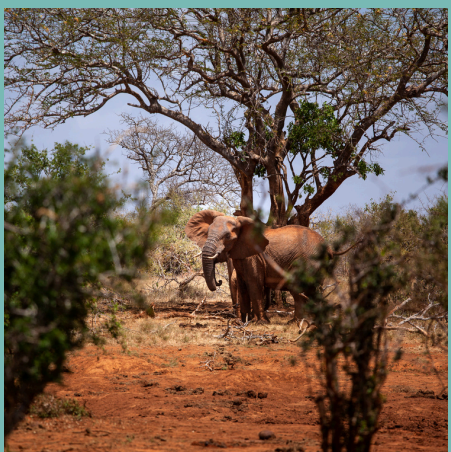
In Colorado's Roaring Fork Valley, 2 Legs Is 2 Easy follows Steve Karczewski as he defies expectations as an outdoor athlete. Born with bone cancer in his left leg and undergoing an above the knee amputation as a child, Steve has never known life with two legs. From skiing the steepest slopes with one ski to hitting the biggest jumps on his mountain bike, 2 Legs Is 2 Easy captures Steve's resilience highlighting his role as an inspiring figure who feels right at home in his mountain community.



### Reforesting California after Wildfire

9 min.

Large, severe wildfires are reshaping California's landscape – burning important ecosystems and threatening communities, wildlife, water and recreation. Today, millions of acres need to be reforested. This short film follows efforts underway in the Sierra Nevada, home to the world's population of giant sequoias, as American Forests, the USDA Forest Service and others race to return healthy forests to the landscape. [Student activity included to accompany this film](#)



### Healing Giants

4 min.

A conservation pilot in Kenya responds to an injured elephant caught in the growing human-wildlife conflict with local communities. As drought forces elephants onto farms in search of food, rangers and vets work to heal the elephant and address the challenges of coexistence, highlighting the urgent need for conservation in a rapidly changing environment.

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



### Above Sinai

13 min.

Join us as we blend culture, action and heart while visiting professional kiteboarder, Sarah Sadek at home on the Sinai peninsula of Egypt. In a world where women are not often found in athletic roles, nor in the water, Sarah shows us how she is opening the eyes of her local community and pushing the boundaries in a gracious yet badass way (and yes, the two go hand in hand!)