



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

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3rd-5th 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.



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



Tule

5 min.

Tule is a poetic 2D animated mixed media short film championing awareness and hope. A young Pomo girl serves as the narrator of our project. Her poetic contemplations ring true with convictions shared by her Pomo community at Clear Lake, California. She revels in the local nature's glory, but dread strikes when she faces today's careless pollution damage that impedes cultural practices.



Metamorphosis

2 min.

Metamorphosis is a metaphor for the challenges everyone experiences during adolescence... FROG wants to be stronger, AXOLOTL doesn't want to grow up, LADYBUG is going through "phases" and CATERPILLAR wants things to move more quickly.

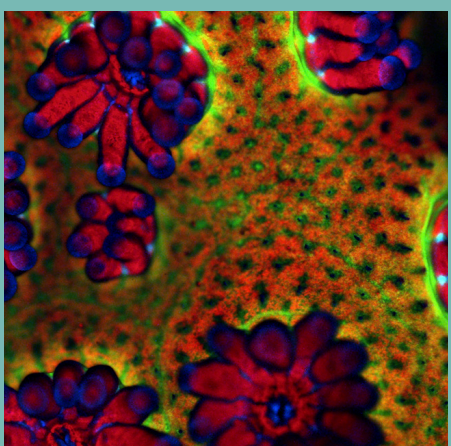


Here The Wild Things Are

9 min.

Each year, Aotearoa New Zealand joins a high-stakes global competition where thousands of ecologists and enthusiasts scour cities, photographing wildlife and hoping to discover new species. What starts out as a playful quest ends up raising a serious question: Can these snapshots help save the planet, one photo at a time?

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



Wild Hope: Coral Comeback

11 min.

Corals around the world are threatened by rising ocean temperatures that risk bleaching reefs and decimating entire marine ecosystems, but researchers in Hawaii are helping these marine architects beat the heat. With their help, coral reefs may have a better chance to survive — both now, and in the future.



Freya

5 min.

Feel inspired by 9 years old Freya, who shares how she uses climbing as a practice to lean into discomfort and fear to help her navigate her neurodiversity. The strength she gains through both are applicable and inspirational to us all.

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