



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

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2026 3rd-5th Grade Curriculum Overview

Discussion Questions: Discussion questions for each film are included to engage the class in conversations around the themes present in the films.

Lesson 1: A Toad-ally Awesome Adventure

Accompanying Film: *Risky Routes*

Standard Alignment: NGSS-3-LS4-3, NGSS-5-ESS3-1

Lesson Overview: The film *Risky Routes* follows toads on their migration crossing scary challenges like busy roadways and twisting forests. Students will learn about what toads need to survive. They will then play the “toad-ally awesome adventure” boardgame in small groups to further develop their understanding of challenges toads face in their migration and lives.

Lesson 2: Clean Up Our Water

Accompanying Film: *A Little Story About Forever*

Standard Alignment: NGSS-5-ESS3-1

Lesson Overview: The film *A Little Story About Forever* discusses PFAS or forever chemicals and their impact on our environment. This activity has students learn about PFAS and other water contaminants through conducting a water contamination clean up experiment.

Lesson 3: Build a Hurricane-Resistant Building

Accompanying Film: *Little Stories Big EChOes: Beads of Hope*

Standard Alignment: NGSS-3-ESS3-1, NGSS-4-ESS3-2, NGSS-3-5-ETS1-1, NGSS-3-5-ETS1-2, NGSS-3-5-ETS1-3
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Lesson Overview: The film *Little Stories Big EChOes: Beads of Hope* tells the story of how Hurricane Katrina impacted a community in New Orleans. In this activity, students complete a STEM activity where they work together to build a hurricane-resistant building.