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Interpretation and Education Division Highlights for Winter 2008-2009

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1. New Noxious Weed Education Trunk for Elementary School Teachers - The Crown of the Continent Research Learning Center and the Interpretation and Education Division worked together to create a noxious week field trip for elementary students in the fall of 2008. An educational trunk was developed with the materials from the field trip. The trunk is free to borrow but must be picked up in West Glacier. Call Laura Law, 406-888-5837.
2. New Student Guide CD – Beginning this spring, students who write to Glacier National Park for information to complete a class projects will be receiving a CD with photos, fact sheets, podcasts, maps, and much more.
3. Indian Education For All – The entire “Work House- Glacier National Park Science Program” is now on-line on the Glacier National Park website at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/forteachers/indian-education.htm>
4. Glacier Songs - Deb Gerace, the 2008 Artist in Residence, wrote lyrics to common tunes and the songs can be heard on our website at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/forteachers/songs.htm>
5. Blogs – Many staff from Glacier now have blogs on our website at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/parknews/blogs.htm>
6. Glacier is well on its way in planning for the park’s Centennial in 2010. Applications for programs are still being taken and information about upcoming events can be found at the Centennial Website. The Centennial Coordinator’s blog has information on all of the events/planning at http://www.nps.gov/glac/parknews/blogs_hardy.htm
7. Glacier has a new volunteer coordinator. His name is Brook Linford. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities at Glacier, contact Brooke at 406-888-7851.
8. Partnerships – Glacier NP partnered with Flathead National Forest and the Flathead CORE to host Jim Halfpenny as a guest speaker during our winter ecology training in January. Glacier also participated with other Flathead CORE organizations in National Winter Trails Day in January. This spring, on June 13, many of the Flathead CORE participants are planning to come together for National Get Outdoors Day.
9. Upcoming Teacher Workshops – April 15, 4-7 p.m. **Climate Change Trunk WS**; July 26-August 1, 2009, **Divide Ice Core Project Outreach WS**; August 6, 2009, **Science and History Day**; August 20, 2009, “**Glacier 101**”; August 20, 2009, “**Science Level 1**”; and on October 15, 2009, **Flathead CORE Trunk WS**. Information about all of these workshops can be found at <http://www.nps.gov/glac/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm>
10. Connecting Children and Nature Grant from the Glacier Fund– we will be piloting a program with low income schools in Kalispell to do 3 Saturday family workshops in May to discuss information from Richard Louv’s book but to also show easy ways for low income, urban families to get children out playing in nature. Participating families will receive annual passes to Glacier NP and a chance to attend a weekend family program with the Glacier Institute. They will also be invited to come to the park for a day of ranger-led programs and group camping in July 2009.