

Waterton Lakes National Park Education Programs

- Since the last meeting in October, the only programming park staff has done is continued work with schools across Southern Alberta. Park staff deliver three different school programs aimed at different grade levels:
 - 1) A Bug's Life – Aimed at Grade 2 and 3 students that examine the life cycle of a mountain pine beetle
 - 2) National Parks of Alberta – Aimed at Grade 4 students, examines national parks found in Alberta and some Species at Risk found in each national park in Alberta
 - 3) Canada's National Parks – Aimed at Grade 5 students, the program examines different national parks across Canada and how each park demonstrates “ecological integrity”
- Our Public Outreach Education Officer, Waneeta Fisher, delivered programs all across southern Alberta as far east as Taber, as far north as Claresholm, and as far west as Joffrey, B.C. reaching well over 2,500 students.
- For the summer, we have a very exciting program taking place in Waterton. Robert Bateman, the famous wildlife artists, runs a program called “Get to Know” (if members are unfamiliar, I will bring them up to speed). Part of this program involves an art contest, and winners from both Canada and the US will have a chance to come to Waterton and take part in art and learning activities. We will be supported by the Pallisades Learning Center staff from Jasper National Park to help run this program.
- Will be organizing a “Bio Blitz” event in conjunction with the UN’s International Day of Biodiversity on May 22nd. Spring plant count will be taking place May 29th and 30th and spring bird count will take place on June 5th and 6th.
- Other than that, we will have continued volunteer/citizen science opportunities throughout the summer such as the “Loon Survey”, “Knapweed Rodeo”, “Whitebark pine restoration”, etc.