

# Opportune News

Summer 2004



The measure of effective interpretative outreach is how well we provide relevant, meaningful opportunities for visitors to make personal connections to the significance of park resources. Here's a summary of Alaska's many opportunities to "Experience your America" this summer.

## Facilitated programs:

This section outlines what each unit is providing this summer, in the way of scheduled interpretive programming:

### ALEU

- Group tours available with advance notice
- Self guided driving booklet available
- Childrens & school programs being developed

### APLIC Anchorage

Daily ranger programs at 2pm, Topics include:

- Captain Cook Walking Tour
- The Last Great Gold Rush
- Alaskan Treasures on Public Lands
- Moose, more than a Northern Exposure
- Live Alaskan Animals from AK Zoo
- Live Bird Demonstrations by BTLC

### AK Films daily

- 9am - Day the Earth Shook
- 10am - Gathering of Bears
- Noon - Alaska at War
- 1pm - Alaska's Coolest Animal
- 3pm - Days of Adventure, Dreams of Gold
- 4pm - Treasures of the Greatland
- "Kids Day" programs every Wednesday
  - Moose and Goose on the Loose
  - Fairy Tale Adventure Puppet Show



Hikers enjoy a guided hike along the Savage River in Denali NP.

### APLIC Fairbanks

- "Explore AK Series", topics include:
- Fairbanks Area Recreation every Saturday 1:15
- Denali NP Orientation talks every Tuesday 1:15
- Bear Safety Program every Thursday 1:15
- AK Films daily, at Noon, 2pm, and 4pm

- Woodland Walks available Sat, Sun & Mon, 8:30am at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge
- Discovery Hikes will occur once daily (either in the East or West district depending on schedule)

- Ranger Programs will occur daily: 10am and 1:45pm at the Denali Princess Hotel, 2pm at McKinley Chalet Resort, and 1pm at Talkeetna Historical Society Museum

- Campground Programs will be held most evenings at one of the park campgrounds (Savage River, Teklanika, or Wonder Lake)

- Sled Dog Demonstrations are held three times daily at 10am, 2pm and 4pm (free shuttle buses run from the entrance to alleviate parking)

### DENA

- Short Guided Hikes are available in the entrance area each day
  - Horseshoe Lake - 1pm, daily
  - Mount Healy - 10am, Mon/Wed/Friday
- Short hikes available daily at Eielson VC
  - Eielson Stroll - 1pm
- Nature walks available Wed & Thurs, 4pm and 7pm at Mt. McKinley Princess Hotel (mile 134 Parks Highway)

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# Interpretation/education facilitates a connection between the interests of people and the significance of the resource.

## GAAR

Coldfoot: NPS and BLM Rangers do daily evening programs in visitor center, 8pm

Also have guest presenters periodically  
 Bettles: NPS staff do orientations at Ranger station periodically, or by appointment when aircraft arrive .

## GLBA

Rangers provide an interpretive program on all cruise ships and tour boats sailing through Glacier Bay by public address commentary, slide program and children's program on board; other daily programs:

Ranger's Choice Hike, 3.5-hour hike, 9am  
 Guided Forest Loop Trail, 1.5-hour walk along Forest Loop Trail, 2:30pm  
 Evening Presentation - 9 pm, every night:

40-minute slide program that explores some aspect of Glacier Bay, auditorium  
 Films located on the second floor of the Glacier Bay Lodge:

2pm - Treasures of the Great Land: Alaska's National Parks (22 min.)  
 5 pm - Glacier Bay: Forever Wild (18 min.)  
 7 pm - Glacier Bay: Beneath the Reflections (28 min.)

## KATM

Brooks Camp:

\* Daily seven-hour bus tour to the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes at 9:00 a.m.

\* Short Guided walk to the reconstructed barabara daily at 2:00 p.m.

\* Nightly Evening Programs in the auditorium at 8:00 p.m.



Visitors crowd 'round the desk at Brooks Camp.



Ranger talks with eager visitors at Exit Glacier.

## KEFJ

Ranger led guided nature hikes daily at Exit Glacier, 11am & 3pm - meet the Ranger at the Nature Center.

Each Saturday in July and August - hike with our SCA students to the top of the Harding Icefield - group meets at the Nature Center, 9am.

Daily Ranger talks in the park's Seward Visitor Center, 10am - subjects vary daily  
 Alaska SeaLife Center audio & video programs presented daily 11am and 3pm by a National Park Service Ranger.

These programs, sponsored by the Ocean Alaska Science and Learning Center (OASLC), discuss two current research projects being supported.

Boat programs: In partnership with the tour boat companies, National Park Service Rangers are on every Major Marine and Kenai Fjords - Marine Science tour boat - at the height of the season, four Rangers on boats each day.

## KLGO

"Days of Adventure, Dreams of Gold" movie in the visitor center auditorium -

Daily at 8, 9, 11, 12, 1, 2, 4pm

Chilkoot Trail Bear Safety Video

Daily in VC auditorium at 5pm

Ranger Talks in Visitor Center auditorium - Daily 10 am and 3 pm

Walking Tours of the Historic District - Daily 9, 10, 11, 2, 3pm

Dyea Townsite Tour - Daily 2 pm

Chilkoot Nature Hike - Friday and Sunday at 10 am

Dyea Campground - Saturday 7 pm

## SITK

Daily programs: 10:00 am and 2pm

Topics vary:

- Carved History: A park ranger will lead visitors on a guided walk through the park that focuses on totem poles and the Native cultures of Southeast Alaska. This program is expected to last approximately 45 minutes.  
 - Battle Walk: Join a ranger for a 45-minute guided walk to the sites of the Kiks.adi fort and the Battle of 1804.

Also, as tides determine/permit - slug talks, inter-tidal walks, programs on bears, and ravens

Russian Bishop's House Tour (every 30min.)

The Russian Bishop's House represents a little known chapter in American history. One of only four Russian period buildings left in North America, the Russian Bishop's House stands as a lasting legacy of the time when the Tsar ruled Alaska. Guided tour of the restored second floor living quarters and chapel. Self-guided exhibits further explain the lifestyle of the bishop. A \$3.00 interpretive fee is collected.



Rangers in costume meet visitors outside the Russian Bishop's House in Sitka.



Walking tour's first stop at KLGO visitor center.

## WEAR

Nome- \*Jr. Ranger Program every

Friday - July 2 to August 13, 2-4pm,  
for ages 6 to 11

- \* "I teach one, you teach one" hikes open to the community every other Saturday morning at 10am starting June 27th
  - \* Partnership with "Discover New Trails" Reading Program by City of Nome Kegoya Kogza Library and NPS Interpretive Rangers will read and discuss at 1:30pm every other Wednesday starting June 16. Open to all children and adults at the Kegoya Kogza Library.
  - \* Local tour providers are partnering with National Park Service to host Ranger-led talks during bus tours for visiting Cruise Ships throughout the summer.
  - \* Partnership with Norton Sound Health Corporation Summercise Program to lead Outdoor Adventure walks with children 6 - 18 yrs, every Tuesday in July, time: 1:30-4:30pm
- Kotzebue- \* Jr. Rangers (every Monday during season, 1:00-3:00pm), for ages 7 to 11. Presented by Linda Jeschke, Education Specialist.
- \*Other ranger-led programs TBA.



Guided activities for children at the Slana Ranger Station in WRST.

## WRST

Copper Center - Evening illustrated programs at Princess Lodge several days per week - Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday 5:30pm

Patio talks, short guided walks periodically throughout the day - daily

Kennecott - Guided talks/conducted activity occur daily (in addition to mill tours); June 13-August 20, starting from the Kennecott Visitor Center

Conducted activity/nature walk on natural history-related themes: 10:30am-noon  
History talk - daily at 2pm

Kennecott (cont.) - Sunday evening lecture series, mid-June to mid-August

Summer Arts and Lecture Series, 5:30pm  
Sundays - Recreation Hall; natural and human history, politics, local concerns, and arts

Slana: Informal evening programs several times week

Nature walks 10am and 2pm 6 days a week (Monday-Saturday) June 14-August 13, then Monday through Friday only through Labor Day. periodically during the day, 3-4 days week

Yakutat: occasional talks early season, July 1-Labor Day, Monday-Saturday, daily talks and walks on natural and cultural history topics

## YUCH

Eagle - Evening campfire programs and guided nature walks occur periodically throughout the week through the summer  
Topics include cultural history and geology  
Town Historical Tour - Tuesdays at 9am  
Tapes from the Peregrin Falcon "nest-cam" show throughout the day at the visitor center

## Other Regional Outreach:

### Bear Safety & Awareness

Terry Debruyn will be presenting on 'Brown and black bear natural history and bear safety' at a several locations this summer: Kennecott/McCarthy and Copper Center around July 25<sup>th</sup>, and with Clara Wooden at the Mt. View Boys and Girls Club Summer Program in July. Also, Terry is linked in w/ANHA as a 'bear expert' on their web-site where the public can ask all of their bear-related questions and 'experts' answer on-line, <http://www.alaskanha.org/bears.cfm>. Terry and Jane Tranel have also recently developed the new regional bear safety brochure 'Bear Safety in Alaska's National Parklands,' as well as two new portable displays which are available for parks and programs to check out (although they've both been booked up for this summer already).



### Archeological Mentorship Program

An archeological mentorship program, designed to provide young people (ages 16 - 21) from villages in Northwest Alaska with an opportunity to learn and apply archeological skills, has been funded by the Shared Beringian Heritage program for the summers of 2004-2006. The youth will be mentored by adult members of their own communities (Village Coordinators) and by professional archeologists from the National Park Service in the Alaska Region. For each of these summers, four students will be chosen to participate in the program, which will involve a two-week stint of fieldwork in the Western Arctic National Parklands or Gates of the Arctic National Park. Each year, Russian University students will be invited to participate in the fieldwork segment of the program. A 20-minute video, highlighting the students and their project accomplishments, will be produced at the end of the third year.

During the 2004 field season, the students will be involved in fieldwork at the Tuktu-Naiyuk site, radiocarbon-dated between 2500 and 6500 years old, and located just north of Anaktuvuk Pass. Pictured below is Cindy Williams, a graduate student in Anthropology at the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA). She has worked on several NPS archeological projects since 1999, and will also be involved in the fieldwork at the Tuktu - Naiyuk site.

# Special Events - Summer 2004

This part of the newsletter outlines just a few of the special events and activities which are taking place around the region during the summer months.

## APLICs

Guest speakers provide programs several times a week, including Rich Capitan for AK SeaLife Center, Katie Larsen from the Alaska Zoo, and Erin McLarnon, sled dog musher.

Live bird demonstrations by BTLC educators also are scheduled for every Saturday, 2pm

## DENA

Denali Discovery Camp, June 21-24, in partnership with the DenALEU The Aleutian World War II NHA Visitor Center is open daily, 11:00am - 8:00pm  
Phone: (907) 581-9944

## APLICs

Anchorage Visitor Center open daily, 9am-5pm, Films shown on the hour  
Phone: (907) 271-2737

Fairbanks Visitor Center open daily, 9am-6pm, Films shown at Noon, 2, 4pm,  
Phone: (907) 456-0527.

## GAAR

Coldfoot Visitor Center open daily, 10am-10pm, Phone: (907) 678-5209  
Bettles Ranger Station open Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm, Phone: (907) 692-5494  
Fairbanks HQ, 8am-4:30pm weekdays.  
Phone: (907) 457-5752

## GLBA

Visitor Information Station hours: 7:00am-9:00pm daily June 1-September 19; All campers are required to attend a free camper orientation which is given on demand near the dock. Campers may obtain their backcountry permit



Computers talk to the wireless bus in DENA.

## GAAR

The Dedication/Opening of the Arctic Interagency Visitor Center in Coldfoot, a partnership between BLM, NPS and FWS, occurs on June 29<sup>th</sup>.



Circumpolar exhibit greets visitors to the AIVC.

## GLBA

Glacier Bay Discovery Days, a day camp for children 8-12 on 6/10, 6/11, 7/1, 7/15, 7/29, 8/12

## KEFJ

There was a grand opening of the Exit Glacier Nature Center with visiting dignitaries from WASO/ AKRO on May 29.

They will also celebrate the park's birthday, August 25th with a cake for the public in the Nature Center.



Supt. Anne Castellina/dignitaries cut the ribbon.

## KLGO

Frequent guest "lecturer" throughout the summer for evening presentations in the VC auditorium - examples include Buckwheat Donahue (Skagway tourism director) reciting Robert Service poems; or Jeff Brady (Skagway News editor) reading Stroller White (newspaperman during gold rush). Contact the visitor center for exact dates.



Secretary Norton, Tommy Joseph and the panel.

## SITK

Two hundred years ago this fall, the Kiks.ádi Tlingit, along with members of other clans present at Sitka, defended their homeland against Russian colonization in a battle at Indian River. Two extremely important objects were present at that battle - the distinctive Raven helmet and blacksmith hammer carried into battle by Kiks.ádi leader K'alyaan. In late May they were brought together for a special exhibit at Sitka National Historical Park, the scene of the Battle of 1804. The idea for the exhibit emerged during discussions between Kiks.ádi clan leaders on how to appropriately commemorate the bicentennial anniversary of the battle, which is acknowledged as a turning point in Tlingit-Russian relations. At the request of the Kiks.ádi, the Sheldon Jackson Museum (an Alaska State Museum) agreed to loan the helmet that has been at the museum since 1905. The hammer was repatriated from the park to the Kiks.ádi clan in 2003 and is presently cared for at the park at the request of the clan.

On May 28, after a brief ceremony at the museum, a small procession followed Eagle clan leaders as they hand carried the helmet for the Kiks.ádi clan from the museum to the Sitka National Historical Park Visitor Center. Upon the helmet's arrival at the visitor center, representatives of both Raven and Eagle clans sang songs, made speeches, and performed dances acknowledging the history of the helmet and the hammer. The helmet, the hammer, and another Kiks.ádi ceremonial hat known as the Frog Hat, will remain on exhibit in a specially constructed case through the summer. Other commemorations will include a formal ceremony at the Fort Site in the park in the fall, and a presentation of a red cedar panel commissioned by the park and carved by Tommy Joseph of the Southeast Alaska Indian Cultural Center. The hammer, K'alyaan aayi tákl', is an iron Russian blacksmiths hammer head. Prior to the exhibit the Kiks.ádi commissioned a replacement handle for the hammer, also carved by Tommy Joseph.

## WEAR

- \* Innaigvik Reading Hour, for ages 5 to 8, June 18 through August 20. Presented by Georgina Cagle, Visitor Use Assistant.
- \* Fourth of July NPS float and information booth, July 4th, Kotzebue Fairgrounds.
- \* Katigvik (Trade Fair), July 5th, Kotzebue Fairgrounds. NPS will have an information booth and show an informational video on past trade fairs from Qiqiktagruk and Sisaulik.
- \* Visiting researchers may present evening topics on their research as they pass through town, date and subject TBA.
- \* Cultural sharing through craft classes will be occurring, about one per month, date and subject TBA.
- \* Midnight Sun Folk Fest booth and informational contests at Festival June 19.
- \* Fourth of July Parade Jr. Rangers will march with Reindeer.
- \* Hike into Bering Land Bridge Preserve at Serpentine Hot Springs, open to the community, time and date TBA.
- \* Visiting researchers may present evening topics on their research as they pass through town, date and subject TBA.



WEAR Resource and Education staff doing outreach in local communities.



Nabesna Culture Camp participants.

## WRST

- Artist in residence program: Jill Fitterer, from August 7-25, will present programs in Nabesna, Kennecott, and Headquarters Districts and donate a piece of art to the park.
- Culture camps: Day Camps about traditional ecological knowledge on June 10 and August 6 in Nabesna (NPS coordinates), and Culture Camp week of July 12-16 on private property/native allotment (NPS participates).
- University Field Studies course: Fisheries technician Field Training Program, July 7 - 28, topics include salmon monitoring; fish weir operations; fish sampling; fisheries management issues; certification in first aid and CPR, and motorboat operation; subsistence; outdoor stewardship.
- Teachers Workshop, through Wrangell Mountains Center, June 7-12; teaches teachers how to use experiential outdoor education in a curriculum standards-based setting, takes place in McCarthy.
- Alaska Wildlands Studies, through Wrangell Mountains Center, June 27-August 8; integrates environmental policy studies with environmental science field studies, taught primarily in the backcountry, out of McCarthy.
- Wrangell Mountains Writing Workshop (not a university field studies course), through Wrangell Mountains Center, August 11-17, based in McCarthy. <http://www.wrangells.org> for details.
- Guest lecturers on natural and cultural history topics, coordination of Earth Discovery Day activities.



Students from throughout the Copper River valley gather at WRST for Earth Discovery Days 2004.

# Hours of Operation – Visitor Centers

The official hours of operation are summarized here for all of the primary visitor centers and contact stations located around the region this summer.

## ALEU

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Visitor Access Center at DENA.

## DENA

HQ Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 8 pm, and a 20 minute slide program is presented throughout the day. Theater Programs offered daily at 6:30pm  
Additional porch talks may be presented as well.  
Phone: (907) 683-1266.  
Eielsen VC: open 9am to 7pm daily.  
Talkeetna Ranger Station open 8am to 6pm daily, Phone: (907) 733-2231.



1000+ visitors a day at the APLIC in Anchorage.

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## GLBA

Visitor Information Station hours:  
7:00am-9:00pm daily June 1-September 19; All campers are required to attend a free camper orientation which is given on demand near the dock. Campers may obtain their backcountry permit and check out a bear-resistant food canister at this station (both are required and are free of charge). Phone: (907) 697-2627  
Visitor Center desk is open daily from noon to 8:45 p.m. May 28-September 6; Exhibits open 24-hours, located on the second floor of Glacier Bay Lodge in Bartlett Cove, Phone: (907) 697-2661.

## KATM

The Brooks Camp Visitor Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. (no phone)

## KEFJ

Seward Visitor Center open daily 9am - 6pm - various films relating to the park resources, research, and the area are scheduled throughout the day.  
Phone: (907) 224-7500  
The Nature Center in the Exit Glacier area of the park is open daily from 9am - 6pm.

## KLGO

Visitor Center (2nd and Broadway) open daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Phone: (907) 983-2921  
Adjacent museum-open same hours  
Mascot Saloon open daily 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Moore House open daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



KLGO front desk in Skagway.

## SITK

The Visitor Center is open daily, 8am - 5pm, SE Alaska Cultural Center is also open, continuous traditional crafts demonstrations, \$3.00 interpretive fee collected, Phone: (907) 747-6281.  
The Russian Bishop's House open daily, 9am - 5pm, \$3.00 interpretive fee collected.



Interior pan view of Sitka NHP Visitor Center.

## WEAR

Kotzebue - The Innaigvik Education and Information Center is open daily from June 7 to August 21, 2004. Hours are 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Phone: (907) 442-3760. Map talk and park resource film screening (daily around 9:30 am and 11:15 am). Additional talks and video screenings may be arranged by calling the number above or by requesting them in person at the center.

Nome - The Interpretive Center is open Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm. Phone: (907) 443-2522. Map talk and park resource film screening daily. Alaska Natural History Association books are available to purchase. Additional talks and video screenings may be arranged by calling Kaci Fullwood at (907) 443.6116 or by requesting them in person at the center.

## WRST

Copper Center Visitor Center is open daily, 8am-6pm, "Crown of the Continent" film shown all day on the hour, Patio talks, short guided walks periodically throughout the day - daily

Phone: (907) 822-7440

Kennecott Visitor Center open daily, 9am-5:30pm

Chitina Visitor Center open

Thursdays - Mondays, (closed Tues-Wednes), hours: 10am-4:30pm, phone: (907) 823-2205

Nabesna (Slana) Visitor Center open daily, 8am-5pm (907) 822-5238

Yakutat Visitor Center open Mon-Sat, 8am - 5:30pm, phone: (907) 784-3295.

## YUCH

Eagle Visitor Center open daily, 8am-5pm, Phone: (907) 547-2233.



Backcountry hikers re-group in front of the Nabesna (Slana) Visitor Center at WRST.

# Other Regional Outreach (continued from page 3):

Ocean Alaska Science and Learning Center (Jim Pfeiffenberger) has installed an exhibit about Aialik Bay archaeology at Fox Island. Kenai Fjords Tours was looking for something with a cultural angle to have in their salmon bake facility for their guests to look at during their hour-long meal stopovers. The exhibit is a three-sided kiosk featuring photos, text and quotes from those involved in the dig. There is also a small television with a short video of Dr. Aron Crowell explaining the sites and some of the artifacts found there.



Archeology exhibit at Fox island .



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This newsletter is a seasonal product of the Alaska Regional Office, Interpretation/Education team. Every attempt has been made to include regularly scheduled outreach activities that are being performed in the Alaskan parks during the summer season. For inclusion in future editions, please contact:

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## Fire Education (Morgan Miller)

On June 17<sup>th</sup>- June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Alaska NPS Fire Management and Firewise display will be up at FAPLIC for the Midnight Sun Festival. FAPLIC will have a fire information center up all fire season.

On June 23<sup>rd</sup>, we'll be involved with Denali Discovery Days at Denali NP/P, Fire Succession Program for Tri-Valley 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade students and their teachers; they'll learn about wild land fire/role in the boreal ecosystem.

On June 28<sup>th</sup>- July 2<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a Digital Storytelling at Denali NP/P, Fire Succession Plot Methodology Program, for 25 students, ages 12-55, from across the United States Science and Storytelling camp. The curriculum for this camp centers around standards-based, technology rich learning in outdoor settings. Students will learn about technology skills, wireless learning clouds and much more. While learning about new types of technology, they will be active in collecting data during one of two research programs. One of the programs is entitled, "Fire Succession, Plot Methodology Program." During this program, students will learn about the fire triangle, fire succession and the boreal ecosystem. Students will also visit a low-intensity burn that ignited in 2002. At the site, students will be instructed on how to do a plot, identify plant species within that plot and input that information into a data sheet. Ultimately, students will learn about wild land fire as a recurring, significant natural process in the boreal ecosystem.

We'll be in Coldfoot, June 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Arctic Interagency Visitor Center grand opening, and on July 18<sup>th</sup>, at the Wrangell Mt. Center in McCarthy/WRST, NPS AK Fire Management presentation about Firewise and WRST fire history. Also in July we will be at the Circle Science camp, for residents near to Circle and Yukon-Charley - wildland fire program with YUCH (tentative) Also - two wildland fire trunks (each weighs near 100lbs) are available to the parks for use and to the public who have participated in the "Fire In Alaska" workshop. Contact : <http://165.83.62.205/epr/fire/fire.htm> and click on Fire Communication/Fire trunk for a list of trunk contents.

## National History Day (Darrell Lewis)

This summer, 17 students from around Alaska are heading off to a national competition in Washington, DC, celebrating National History Day. This year's national conference takes place June 13-17 and features projects that students developed around the theme of "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History". Alaska's 17 regional winners will be representing the 105 students from all around the state who competed for the honor earlier this Spring. Darrell Lewis, statewide coordinator for National History Day in Alaska, and Frank Norris will be accompanying them and facilitating their logistics during the trip. National winners will be featured on the NHD web-site following the competition. Next year, the theme of "Communication in History" may draw even more interest; the Anchorage School District recently added NHD to their regular curriculum for their junior high and high schools.

## Community Outreach (Lisa Holzapfel)

NPS is co-hosting Alaska Trail Building School in June - teaching sustainable multi-use trail design and construction/restoration in the field; also publishing the Alaska Trails annual report. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, at Campbell Tract, RTCA was involved in a trail project on the black bear trail at the Campbell Tract in Anchorage. Staff worked together with the WOMBATS (Woman's Mountain Biking and Tea Society), and in conjunction with BLM's national trails day projects.

## Western Airborne Contaminants

**Assessment Project (Bud Rice)**, a multi-agency and multi-region project researching persistent pollutants that bio-accumulate like DDT, PCBs, mercury, and other airborne chemicals deposited in high latitude and high elevation parks in the western USA. They will be sampling in and near lakes in the Noatak River Basin and DENA this summer between July 27 and August 15. They will make one presentation at Camp Denali on August 14. Additional public presentations and journal articles will occur after field and lab results are back. Web site for the project: [www2.nature.nps.gov/air/Studies/air\\_toxics/wacap.htm](http://www2.nature.nps.gov/air/Studies/air_toxics/wacap.htm)