

August 2009



Upcoming Courses:

Youth Adventure Series:
Fire in the Forest - August 21st

Did you know that some trees have bark that is over three inches thick to protect them from fire, while others celebrate fire by having pine cones that burst open to release thousands of seeds in the middle of a raging fire? Have you wondered what happens to forest creatures, like squirrels, elk and bear when fires burn their habitat? We'll answer these questions, play several games, listen to stories and see firsthand the effects fire has on plants, animals and humans.

Glacier's Grizzlies: An In-depth Look - August 29-31st

The Crown of the Continent ecosystem supports about half of the 800 to 1,000 grizzlies estimated to be left in the lower forty-eight states. The rugged backcountry of Glacier National Park forms one of the only large tracts of secure grizzly habitat. This intensive three day course will allow time for outings during the twilight hours to search for bears during their most active times. This class will have a lot of time devoted to the biology of grizzlies and the complex relationship between humans and bears. We will view an extensive array of bear habitat from fire regenerated forest to prairies and open slopes in locations such as the North Fork Valley, Two Medicine Valley, and the Many Glacier Valley.

Why we do what we do...

We hope you believe as we do, that education about our neighboring forests, mountains and wilderness is essential. Our children need and deserve **quality outdoor education** to make responsible decisions in the future. Help us get children outdoors!

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The GLACIER INSTITUTE is celebrating its 26th year of providing field-based outdoor education on the Crown of the Continent ecosystem to people of all ages. The 2009 calendar is available online at www.glacierinstitute.org or to receive a course catalog, please contact: register@glacierinstitute.org.

GEOLOGY AT SPERRY CHALET

The Glacier Institute presents a rare educational opportunity to learn about

[Glacier's Geology at the Sperry Chalet, August 28-30.](#)

The Sperry Glacier area provides an excellent backdrop for understanding glacial processes and climate change in Glacier National Park. This 3-day course includes day hikes to and from Sperry Chalet, 2 nights accommodation at the Chalet, and a tour of the Sperry Glacial Basin with geologist Jeff Kuhn. Few places on earth afford the opportunity to enjoy geo-science discussions in proximity to overnight back country accommodations such as Sperry Chalet. We will explore the area's geology as well as discuss the awesome forces of nature that deposited and later carved Glacier's ancient rock into what we see today. Please call the Glacier Institute at 406-755-1211 today to make your reservations for this exciting look at Glacier's changing geology!

Summer Evening Social

Local artist Marshall Noice has generously donated an original oil painting, *Bowman Lake Shore*, to the Glacier Institute. The Glacier Institute Board of Directors invites you to join us on Monday, August 24th to meet Marshall and be the first to see this original piece that will be available at our Silver Anniversary Gala. The Summer Evening Social begins at 5:30 p.m. at the Marshall Noice Studio and Gallery located at 127 Main Street in Kalispell. Please RSVP to the Glacier Institute office at 406-755-1211.

The Glacier Institute Silver Anniversary Gala

September 26th, 6:00 p.m.

Flathead Valley Community College



Join us for food, fun, entertainment and silent and live auctions with original art by local artist, Marshall Noice. Since 1983, the Glacier Institute, a private nonprofit, has been providing hands-on, field-based educational adventures to youth in nature's wildest places, Glacier National Park and the Flathead National Forest. Your support at this special Gala event provides educational opportunities for the next generation of students. Event tickets are \$75.00/person and can be purchased by calling the Glacier Institute at 406-755-1211 or by emailing register@glacierinstitute.org.

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