

September 2009



**Upcoming Courses:**

Cattail, Pine Needle and Willow Basket Weaving - November 6-8, 2009

Basketry is one of the oldest known crafts, providing inspiration for both pottery and cloth weaving. Join us as we follow the basket making process from identification and harvesting of several types of materials to the creation of beautiful baskets. You will learn the simple and elegant techniques of plaiting, twining and coiling.

**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 Gazette

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](http://www.glacierinstitute.org) or to receive a course catalog, please contact: [register@glacierinstitute.org](mailto:register@glacierinstitute.org).

## The Glacier Institute Silver Anniversary Gala September 26th, 6:00 p.m.

Join us to celebrate our first twenty-five years of successful outdoor educational programs which have reached over 20,000 elementary school students.

Enjoy this gala benefit featuring live entertainment by Grant Sorley, Glacier Park history by Bill Dakin, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, silent and live auctions featuring unique items and experiences.

View our web site at [www.glacierinstitute.org](http://www.glacierinstitute.org) for a complete list of auction items.

Saturday, September 26th, 2009 ~ 6:00 p.m.

Flathead Valley Community College Arts & Technology Building

Event tickets are \$75.00/person and can be purchased by calling the Glacier Institute office at 406-755-1211 or by emailing [register@glacierinstitute.org](mailto:register@glacierinstitute.org)

# Fall Mushroom Foray

Want to hang out with some fungi's? Join us for this thorough introduction to the enormous number of fungi and their role in the northern Rockies ecosystem as the source of nutrition for the entire forest. Fall mushroom species are as diverse as the many shades of fall leaves, and include such gourmet natives as shaggy manes, puffballs and an assortment of boletes. We will begin learning how to use a botanical key to identify fungi, and then venture into prime mushroom habitat, taking short hikes to seek out many of our local species. You will gain a foothold into the crucial skill of discerning between edible and poisonous mushrooms in the field. Those familiar with mushrooms outside of the northern Rockies will discover a plethora of new species that are unique to this area. Beginning and experienced mushroom lovers welcome. All collection will take place in the Flathead National Forest. To register for the Fall Mushroom Foray course call the Glacier Institute office at 406-755-1211.



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