

Wild and Scenic Film Festival On Tour Dec. 10 in Weed



Alaskans stand up to protect their livelihoods from open-pit mining at the headwaters of major salmon rivers in British Columbia in the film Xboundary, part of the Wild and Scenic Film Festival coming to College of the Siskiyous in Weed Saturday, Dec. 10.

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A film festival featuring 16 short films that explore human relationships to the environment, community activism, and outdoor adventure is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 10, in College of the Siskiyous' Ford Theater in Weed.

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Doors to the Wild and Scenic Film Festival On Tour open at 5 p.m. and films run from 6 to 9 p.m. with an intermission.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase and a raffle will be held for many prizes from local donors.

"The festival is a natural extension of our work to encourage engagement and concern for the natural world through community events, education and

hands-on restoration," said Phoenix Lawhon Isler, program director for the Mount Shasta Bioregional Ecology Center, which is hosting the event. "We've got a diverse selection of films that deal with locally relevant issues including wildfire management, river protection, and sustainable agriculture. There are also

some really fun outdoor recreation films that will inspire us all to get outside and connect with nature."

Adventure films to be screened include a father-daughter ski expedition to Antarctica in An Education, the first ascent of the Baatara gorge in Lebanon in Avaatara: The First Route Out, and a beautiful look at slacklining (tightrope walking) in nature in To Slow Down and Breathe.

The films Mother of All Rivers, XBoundary, and One Woman Roadblock highlight the struggles of indigenous people and their allies to protect precious landscapes and waters from destructive dams and mining development.

Several films are related to our food system: from Kauai, *Ë»Ä€INA: That Which Feeds Us* tells the story of the dirty little secret this beautiful island has been a testing ground for GMO crops and chemicals. *Soil Carbon Cowboys* shows how sustainable grazing builds soil, saves water, and even store CO2.

The relationship between coffee and climate change is the subject of *Kew Gardens: Beyond the Gardens - The Forgotten Home of Coffee* - is your daily caffeine fix at risk? Find out at the festival.

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival is a collection of films from the annual festival held by the South Yuba River Citizens League held in Nevada City each January, now in its 14th year. Wild and Scenic focuses on films which speak to the environmental concerns and celebrations of our planet.

The home festival kicks-off the international tour to over 150 communities around the globe, allowing SYRCL to share their success as an environmental group with other organizations.

"Films featured at Wild and Scenic give people a sense of place," said Tour Associate Director Amelia Workman. "When we realize that the change we need in this world begins with us, we start making a difference. Come get inspired!"

Tickets are \$15, adults; \$10, students with ID. Tickets can be purchased at Directions and Couch Critics in Mount Shasta or online at www.mountshastaecology.org.