

VOICES OF THE FOREST

The Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center will offer five film presentations in this year's event, "Voices of the Forest," with a series of nature films depicting some of our planet's outstanding organisms. These are free programs that will be presented in the Center theater at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday afternoons in February.



"Showdown at Grizzly River" Feb. 1st

Ever ponder about true survival? For most grizzly bears at McNeil River Falls in Alaska, food is abundant and tends to satisfy the "hanger" of grouchy grizzlies after six months of slumber ... Until one year is different when the salmon are scarce, and the competition is fierce. What does that mean for the bears? Watch as a sow and her cub fight with several other alpha males to compete for limited food! Will they survive? Showdown at Grizzly River depicts the breathtaking and spine-tingling confrontations of these graceful giants.

Run time: 56 minutes



"The Salmon Forest" Feb. 8th

Join us for a massive migration! This film provokes a deeper understanding of the complex connection between salmon and the Tongass, America's largest National Forest. The Lewis and Clark expedition frequently noted this connection as they spent a lengthy winter along the Pacific coast. Highlighting one of the last great and wild homes for salmon on earth, this film gives a fisheye view of the profound impact of the circuitous course of this creature.

Run time: ~ 45 minutes

"Fox Tales" Feb. 15th

On a high ridge in Newfoundland, Canada, a Red fox braves the elements to bring new life into the world. Follow along as this experienced vixen and her newest set of pups learn to form their own family dynamic, adapt and survive. Do survival strategies vary based on surroundings? Hear from scientists about their studies on as to how urban foxes are facing much different challenges than their Canadian counterparts.

Run time: 53 minutes



"What Plants Talk About" Feb. 22nd

Come gain a new perspective in which hardcore science is integrated with a light-hearted view at how plants behave, revealing a world where flora are as busy, responsive, and complex as we are. From the impressive heights of the Great Basin Desert to the lush coastal rainforests of west coast Canada, scientist J.C. Cahill takes us on a baffling and remarkable journey into the "secret world of plants," revealing an astonishing landscape where plants monitor each other, communicate with their allies, call in insect mercenaries, and nurture their young. Rather than a muted timberland, it is truly a world of pulsing activity, where plants communicate, co-operate and, at times, wage all-out war.

Run time: 60 minutes

"Walking with Giants: The Grizzlies of Siberia" Feb. 29th

The thought of running into a ten-foot-tall, 1,500 lb. grizzly bear is definitely daunting to most, but not for master naturalists, Charlie Russell and Maureen Enns. In fact, to these naturalists, this well-known predator is an incredibly intelligent social animal that does not tend to be instinctively hostile towards humans. Through a combination of careful studies and personal bravery, Charlie and Maureen are pressing people to reexamine an age-old image of the grizzly bear as a merciless man-eater who will never live in harmony with people. Watch this remarkable story of how this human couple went about unexpectedly raising a trio of bears in one of the world's last true wildernesses, as they demonstrate that it is indeed possible to forge a respectful relationship with these seemingly fierce giants.

