

Educational Trunks available from Flathead National Forest

FireWorks – (Grades K-12) – 2 trunks locally: free from Glacier National Park (laura_law@nps.gov) and free from Flathead National Forest (call the Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us)

Interactive, hands-on material to study the forces that cause change in forests, particularly wildland fire. Activities and lessons in the curriculum are tied to a collection of teaching tools to help students learn about fire ecology in three kinds of forests found in the northern Rocky Mountains. Curriculum linked to national educational standards. For more information and to download the curriculum visit the following web site:

<http://www.firelab.org/con-ed>

Wilderness and Land Ethic Box and Curriculum – (Grades K-8) – free from Flathead National Forest (call the Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us) – Interactive resource to promote awareness and appreciation of the cultural, environmental and experimental values of our natural resources. Activities and lessons in the curriculum are tied to a collection of teaching tools including animal skulls and skins, puppets, books, video and audio tapes, maps and more. For more information and to download the curriculum visit the following website: <http://www.wilderness.net>

Amphibian and Reptile Trunk – (Grades K-6) – free from Flathead National Forest (call the Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us) – Check out this trunk to discover what makes amphibians and reptiles so special. Videos, books, resource guides and a notebook full of suggested classroom activities make learning about the adaptations, conservation, and identification of Montana species fun! Trunk includes six junior size nets.



Bat Box – (Grades K-6) – free from Flathead National Forest (call the Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us) – “Sleep all Day, Play all Night. What kids wouldn't like bats?”— from poster in the trunk. Trunk contains bat puppets, books, posters and lots more to explore the life and history of bats.

Loon Trunk – (Grades pre-K-12) – free from Montana Loon Society (or call the Flathead National Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us) – Meet “Lottie” the Loon, who plays a true loon wail, learn how to identify a loon by dressing up a student, participate in games to learn how pollution is harmful to loons through the process of bioaccumulation, examine topographic maps to determine what lakes would make a good

territory for a pair of nesting loons. This box contains a wealth of fun, hands-on items including a loon egg replica, puppets, scripts, videos, posters and much more to learn about Montana Loons. A three-ring notebook is full of lesson and activity ideas that meet Montana Content and Performance Standards for science, math, social studies, art, and language arts.

Sally Snag – (Pre-K & Primary Grades) – *free from Flathead National Forest (call the Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us)* Bring a “dead” tree into your classroom, with Sally Snag! Sally shows kids how wildlife benefits from dead trees. Sally is easily set up with a fabric piece, tent poles, and hoola-hoops. Sally comes in a suitcase with an assortment of wildlife puppets and script. Sally can also become Sammy Snag depending on who is “playing the snag”.

Wolf Trunk – (Grades K-6) – *free from Glacier National Park (laura_law@nps.gov) and free from Flathead National Forest (call the Forest Supervisor's Office 406/758-5204 or twenum@fs.fed.us)* Includes pelts, skulls, tapes of wolf howls, videos, track casts and activity guide. Great for learning about predator/prey relationships and food chains.