

Frog Jumping and Sammy Salmon: Just Another Day at School

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In our commitment to community education, Juneau Ranger District and Admiralty National Monument personnel recently completed our annual education week at the schools of Angoon. This year's topics were amphibians and introduction to spruce root basket weaving. Wilderness Ranger Barbara Lydon and I gave fish and wildlife presentations. We presented various topics about amphibians to the elementary school. Classes were capped off with frog origami that resulted

in a heated frog jumping contest. To the middle school and high school, we discussed wilderness ethics and work projects we have been doing around Angoon.

Archaeologists Myra Gilliam and Rachel Myron began teaching about spruce root basket weaving. This year, they introduced basket weaving and next year they will begin harvesting and preparing spruce roots for weaving. Of course, no trip to Angoon would be complete without a visit from Sammy Salmon.



Above: Wilderness Ranger Barbara Lydon talks about the difference between toads and frogs with Angoon students. Right: Sammy Salmon welcomes Angoon students to the Forest Service's annual education week at their schools. By Chad Hood.

