
OARS is excited to bring you favorite films from the 2019 Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour.

Emcee: EJ Labb

Festival Introduction (3 min)

A New View of the Moon (3 min)

Filmmakers: Wylie Overstreet, Alex Gorosh

Become reacquainted with awe alongside strangers on the streets of Los Angeles interacting with a telescope trained on the moon.

Grizzly Country (12 min)

Filmmaker: Ben Moore

A story about the relationship between humans and nature, told by a man who was saved by it, and whose life's work is protecting it.

Our National Parks Belong to Everyone (5 min)

Filmmakers: Angela Fichter, Daniel Penner, Nikhil Swaminathan, Amelia Bates

Only 20% of visitors to National Parks are people of color. Learn about the troubling history of public lands and meet the conservationists of color who are trying to change to parks' future.

Mountain Yellow-Legged Frogs (7 min)

Filmmaker: Steven M. Bumgardner

Once the most abundant vertebrate in the Sierra Nevada, mountain yellow-legged frog populations plummeted with the introduction of non-native fish. Restoration efforts in Yosemite National Park are helping to protect this rare and endangered species.

The Last Green Thread (17 min)

Filmmakers: Danny Schmidt, Eric Bendick, Andy Adkins, Dawson Dunning, Phill Baribeau.

Amidst the backdrop of massive development and population growth, three friends embark on an journey through the Everglades Headwaters to survey a fragile wilderness corridor before it disappears forever.

Hear Our Olympics (8 min)

Filmmakers: Palmer Morse, Matt Mikkelsen

The wild Olympics is a National Park, a wilderness area, an International Biosphere Reserve and World Heritage Site. This rare quiet paradise is threatened by the noise of Navy jets, as pilots in training fly overhead.

Think Like a Scientist: Renewal (8 min)

Filmmakers: Jessica Plumb, David Elisco

Featuring an emerging young scientist from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Renewal is a heart-warming story of transformation and restoration.

INTERMISSION - 20 minutes

Tracking Snow (5 min) *Honorable Mention*

Filmmakers: Danny Copeland, Jaclyn Aliperti, J.P. Lawrence, Tanya Martinez
Discover a novel way of studying elusive carnivores - using snow!

Brotherhood of Skiing (10 min)

Filmmakers: T. Wilkinson, R. Arisman, C. Arisman, L. Kantola, F. E. Briggs
By bringing soul and smiles to the mountain, the Brotherhood of Skiers is dedicated to creating a welcoming space for people of color on the slopes and supporting black youth in snowsports.

Defending the Deep (6 min)

Filmmakers: John Antonelli, Will Parrinello, Claire Nouvian
A tireless defender of the oceans and marine life leads a focused, data-driven advocacy campaign against the destructive fishing practice of deep-sea bottom trawling that leads to an EU-wide ban on deep-sea bottom trawling.

Outnumbered in Africa (11 min)

Filmmaker: Clare Fieseler, Gabby Salazar, Katie Schuler
After Zimbabwe's most famous lion, Cecil, was shot, Moreangel's research reveals beauty and tragedy in the world of African wildlife conservation.

Climbing Out of Disaster (8 min) *Best Short*

Filmmakers: Dominic Gill, Nadia Gill
In the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, a group of local climbers bands together to use their skills and knowledge for the greater good of the community.

The Art of Fog Catching (12 min)

Filmmaker: Valeria Cardi
With groundwater levels dropping due to overuse, drought and climate change, the challenge to get enough water was becoming harder each day. A mathematician from the Berber region by Mount Boutmezguida had a eureka moment gleaned from living overseas – using fog to capture water.

Blue (4 min)

Filmmaker: Aly Nicklas *Kids Jury - Honorable Mention*
Dive into the world of a young girl's fantasy and explore the mountains, glaciers, and rivers of Valdez by fat bike with a crew of boundary-pushing female athletes hailing from Alaska and beyond.

Greenland Melts (4 min)

Filmmaker: Jason van Bruggen
Dr. Konrad Steffen, Swiss climate scientist, reveals his alarming findings about glacial melt impacts on global sea level rise and climate change.

What Does it Take (2 min)

Filmmakers: Will Parrinello, John Antonelli, Matt Yamashit
The New Environmentalists share a common goal, safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution. This introduction is a call to action.
