

YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION SPRING FORUM 2010
Presentations Schedule – Yosemite Theater and East Auditorium

9:00 a.m.

Climate Change at Yosemite: Glaciers, Fires and Waterfalls

(East Auditorium; program repeats at 11:30 a.m.)

- Jim Roche, Hydrologist; Division of Resources Management and Science, Yosemite National Park
- Leland Tarnay, Air Resources Specialist, Division of Resource Management and Sciences, Yosemite National Park
- Greg Stock, Ph.D. Geologist, Division of Resources Management and Science, Yosemite National Park

Climate change could bring pronounced physical and biological changes to Yosemite, and some effects are already being seen. Yosemite's glaciers have decreased in size more than 50% over the past century, and are retreating rapidly. Decreasing snowpack and earlier spring runoff could alter water-dependent ecosystems. Fires could burn more intensely, determining what Yosemite's forests will look like and how much carbon they store over the next century. Join National Park Service staff for an in-depth, but understandable, presentation on the possible effects of climate change in Yosemite, along with ways to be part of the climate-change solution.

Yosemite Park Update

(Yosemite Theater; program repeats at 10:15 a.m.)

Participate in an informative discussion with new Yosemite National Park Superintendent Don Neubacher. This is a great opportunity to ask about current projects, programs and plans in Yosemite.

10:15 a.m.

Yosemite Connections to *America's Best Idea*: Wildlife Protection and the Legacy of George Melendez Wright.

(East Auditorium; program repeats at 2:00 p.m.)

- Sarah Stock, Wildlife Biologist
Division of Resources Management and Science Yosemite National Park
- Pamela Wright Lloyd
Daughter of George Melendez Wright

Wildlife have not always enjoyed protection in our National Parks. Park managers routinely killed predators of all kinds, fed scraps to bears, elk and bison to amuse tourists, and even crushed eggs to reduce the number of birds. That all changed thanks in large part to the pioneering vision and work of biologist George Melendez Wright, who was the first to conduct a study of wildlife conditions in the parks. Wright -- featured in *America's Best Idea* -- worked in Yosemite as an assistant naturalist from 1927-1929, when he wrote articles published in the Association's Nature Notes.

Wright's daughter, Pamela Wright Lloyd, will provide an overview of the work of her father. Sarah Stock, Wildlife Biologist, will make a link between George Melendez Wright and current wildlife biology practices at Yosemite.

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(Yosemite Theater; see program description above)

11:30 a.m.

Arts in Yosemite National Park and Beyond: Travels with Ansel Adams

(East Auditorium; program repeats at 2:00 p.m.)

- Michael Adams, M.D.
Son of Ansel Adams, Yosemite Fund Council Member

Michael Adams grew up in Yosemite, and began travelling with his famed photographer father Ansel at an early age. Join Michael for a first hand look at his travels with father in Yosemite and other National Parks, as well as a look at Ansel's early years and work in the Southwest.

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2:00 p.m.

Arts in Yosemite National Park and Beyond: Literature of the Sierra Nevada (Yosemite Theater)

Authors of the new Heyday Books publication, *The Illuminated Landscape*, will discuss literature of the Sierra Nevada placed in a historical context, featuring readings from their engaging anthology of Sierra Nevada writing. Selections from the dawn of recorded history until today will be presented, including Native Sierran origin mythology, Chief Winnemucca, Bret Harte, Mark Twain, Dame Shirley, Clarence King, John Muir, Marie Potts, Ansel Adams, Gary Snyder, Sally Carrighar, Jack Kerouac, David Brower, Robert Louis Stevenson, Grace Greenwood, and many more.

- Gary Noy, anthology co-editor; Director, Center for Sierra Nevada Studies; Editor-In-Chief, Sierra College Press, Sierra College
- Rick Heide, anthology co-editor; author and publisher of many books, including *Under the Fifth Sun: An Anthology of California Latino Literature*, recipient of the prestigious American Book Award

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3:15 p.m.

Yosemite Association and Yosemite Fund: Looking Back, Looking Forward (Yosemite Theater)

- Mike Tollefson, President, Yosemite Fund/Yosemite Association
- David Guy, Special Advisor, Yosemite Association/Yosemite Fund

Mike and David will celebrate the proud and stories histories of the Yosemite Association and Yosemite Fund, while sharing exciting plans and possibilities for generating even greater support for Yosemite in the years to come.