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# **Interpretation and Education Records** **1920-Present** **Bulk dates: 1970s-1990s**

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## ***HISTORY***

1916 – National Park Service created

1920 – Milton P. Skinner becomes Yellowstone's, and the National Park Service's, first appointed naturalist. He establishes the park's first museum in Fort Yellowstone's bachelor officers' quarters (today's Albright Visitor Center).

1920 – Isabel Bassett Wasson becomes Yellowstone's first female (seasonal) naturalist

1924 – Yellowstone School of Natural History established

1928 – Planning begins on a series of trailside museums

1931 – Herma Albertson Baggley becomes Yellowstone's first full-time female ranger naturalist

1943 – Clyde Max Bauer becomes the park's first Chief Park Naturalist

1946 – David deLancey Condon becomes Chief Park Naturalist and serves until 1959

1947 – Ranger Naturalist Mildred Erickson starts Yellowstone's first interpretive programs for children, the Junior Nature Explorers program

1966 – Mission 66, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service

1972 – 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of Yellowstone National Park

1977 – Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) established

1985 – Yellowstone's first Junior Ranger program started

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## ***SCOPE AND CONTENT***

Interpretation and Education Records  
1920-Present (bulk dates: 1970s-1990s)

*CATALOG NUMBER* YELL 203196

*VOLUME* 125 LF

*DESCRIPTION* This collection contains materials related to the operations of the Division of Resource Education and Youth Programs, formerly known as the Division of Interpretation.

Records relating to interpretation and education can include, but are not limited to: studies; plans; reports; correspondence; youth programs and classroom curricula; brochures and other publications; and exhibits and wayside documentation. These records document the park's interpretation and education programs which aim to foster the development of a citizen stewardship ethic, promote safety, and instill an understanding, appreciation, and enjoyment of the significance of the park and its resources.

Researchers may find these records valuable when studying the development of interpretation as a professional discipline and the development of interpretive programming for children.

*ORGANIZATION* Organized into seven series:

Series I, Planning and Reports  
Series II, Communications  
Series III, Interpretive Planning and Training  
Series IV, Youth Programs  
Series V, Museums, Exhibits, and Waysides  
Series VI, Publications and Brochures  
Series VII, Photographs and Films

*PROVENANCE* Transferred to the archives by various park offices and staff, often as part of a larger group of records.

*RESTRICTIONS* NO

*ASSOCIATED  
MATERIALS*

History Program Records, Series III, Museum Management,  
Yellowstone National Park Archives

Yellowstone National Park Collection of Maps and  
Drawings, Series IV, Interpretation and Education,  
Yellowstone National Park Archives

Herma Albertson Baggle Papers, Yellowstone National  
Park Archives

Also additional manuscript collections of former park  
employees, Yellowstone National Park Archives

## ***SERIES DESCRIPTIONS***

### *I. Planning and Reports*

This series contains administrative planning documents and reports for the Division of Interpretation, often from the office of the superintendent or the chief park naturalists. Records include establishment of the Yellowstone School of Natural History (1924), Interpretive Master Plans (1930s-1950s), Mission 66 planning, and monthly, quarterly, and annual reports.

### *II. Communications*

This series contains logbooks kept by visitor center and warming hut employees and correspondence of the Division of Interpretation. Logbooks document daily operations and are organized alphabetically by location and then by date. The Mount Washburn logbooks were kept as an example of a relatively complete set of visitor guest books and include a hiker survey (1997-2001). The correspondence contains details about administrative activities.

### *III. Interpretive Programming and Training*

This series contains records pertaining to interpretive programming (e.g. campfire talks, guided hikes, living history, etc.) and training of interpretive staff. Highlights include ranger naturalist manuals (1926-1945), and Arts Yellowstone and Artist in Resident programs (1990s).

### *IV. Youth Programs*

This series contains materials relating to youth programming. These programs are designed for age groups ranging from 4-24 and include curriculum-based programs, art and essay competitions, and conservation work-study initiatives. Noteworthy programs include the Yellowstone Children's Fire Trail, Imagine Yellowstone (both developed in response to the 1988 fires), the Young Adult Conservation Corps (YACC) and the Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) programs, Expedition Yellowstone, and the Junior Ranger program.

### *V. Museums, Exhibits, and Waysides*

This series includes photographs, negatives, proofs, correspondence, reports, architectural drawings, design drawings, logbooks, and plans relating to acquisitions and loans, building and exhibit planning and design, visitor centers, wayside planning and design, and wayside artwork. Major topics include the Canyon Visitor Education Center building and exhibits, the Museum of the National Park Ranger, and artist Edmund Sawyer's wildlife drawings/paintings.

Additional information can be found in the History Program Records including documents pertaining to museums acquisitions, inventory reports, loans, as well as correspondence

related to exhibit materials and planning. Information about the construction and maintenance of buildings can also be found in the Facilities and Maintenance Collection.

#### VI. *Publications and Brochures*

This series contains publications and brochures such as Yellowstone Nature Notes, Trailside Notes, Yellowstone Today, Discover Yellowstone, trail maps, and similar items. It also contains administrative files and correspondences about various publications and brochures.

#### VII. *Photographs and Film*

This series contains photographs, photographic slides, glass lantern slides, negatives, 16mm film, and photo index cards on park subjects such as wildlife, people, buildings, and special events. It also includes correspondence about the photographs, film production, acquisitions, and loans. Special events include photos of visits from First Lady Pat Nixon and President Bill Clinton. The glass lantern slides were used by park staff for interpretive lectures and presentations, the precursor to the modern park slide file.

Additional photographs of visiting dignitaries and celebrations (i.e. anniversaries, dedications, etc.) can be found in the Management and Accountability Records, Series IV, Special Events.

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05	Educational Handouts and Programs, 1950-1984
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15	Ranger Conducted Program Posters, 1966-1974

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02	Eyes on Yellowstone (Windows Into Wonderland and On the Scene in the Yellowstone Hotspot), 2000-2005
03	Expedition Yellowstone: Logbooks, Status Reports, News Clippings, Lottery Information, 1987, 1992-2011
04	Expedition Yellowstone: Thank You Notes, Student Projects, 1992-2011
05	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, March-May 2003
06	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, September-November 2003
07	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, February-May 2004
08	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, September-December 2004
09	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, February-May 2005
10	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, September-December 2005
11	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, February-May 2006
12	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lessons Plans, September-December 2006
13	Expedition Yellowstone: Schedules, Rosters, Lesson Plans, 2007-2008
14	Expedition Yellowstone: Curriculum Layout, undated
15	Imagine Yellowstone: Proposal, Reports, Photographs, 1988-1993
16	Imagine Yellowstone: Brochures, Programs, Entries, 1988-1995
17	Imagine Yellowstone: Visitor Logs, Entries, Awards, Correspondence, circa 1989-1994
18	Imagine Yellowstone: Audiovisual Materials (slides, carousel, cassette tapes), circa 1989-1994
19	Junior Ranger, Essay Contests (Why Yellowstone and I Remember), 1985-2010
20	YACC: Dedication Program, Enrollee Lists, Correspondence, 1972-1982
21	YACC: Dorm Construction Plans, Photographs, Scrapbook pages, circa 1977
22	YACC: Newspaper and Magazine Articles, Training Information, Project Requests, 1977-1981
23	YACC: Position Descriptions, Council Minutes, Project Plans, circa 1977-1981
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27	YACC: Dorm Logs, 1980-1981
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37	YCC: Camp Logs, 1992-1997
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17	Exhibits, Edmund Sawyer Hand-Colored Drawings, 1920s-1930s
18	Exhibits, Edmund Sawyer Hand-Colored Drawings, 1920s-1930s
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20	Wayside Exhibit Planning and Design, 1971, 1989
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03	Yellowstone Nature Notes, 1952-1958
04	Map Publications, 1954-1960
05	Trailside Notes, 1926-1964
06	Reports for Ranger Naturalist Manual, 1928
07	Nature Notes, 1920-1936
08	Yellowstone Today, 1991-2006
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10	Discover Yellowstone, 1987-1995
11	Discover Yellowstone, 1995-1996
12	Nature Notes, 1930-1960s
13	Interpretive Education Publication, 1950s-1971
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18	Yellowstone Newsletter, 1976-1986
19	Bulletin Board Information, Old Faithful, 1990s?; Yellowstone Newsletter, 1985
20	Annual Statement, 1985-2000s
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