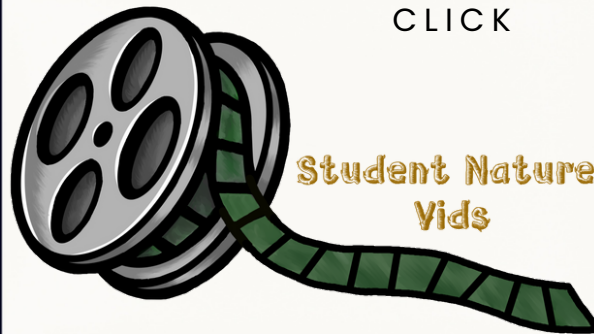


NATURE FAIR & FILM FESTIVAL

MAY 2, 2024
LORY STUDENT CENTER

12-1:15 PM | FILM VIEWING
1:30-3:30 PM | FESTIVAL



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Student Nature Vids

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024

I. Welcome: 12 p.m.

Lory Student Center, Theatre

Welcoming Students

Overview of HDNR / Film Fest / WCNR /

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II. Natural Wonder Finalists: 12:10 p.m.

11 Vids/Awards

III. Adventure Vid Finalists: 12:45 p.m.

9 Vids/Awards

IV. Closing: 1:10 p.m.

Thank Yous / Transition to Nature Fair in LSC

Courtyard

V. Nature Fair: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Music, Pizza (First Come, First Serve),

Networking, Nature-based Organizations, Grad

School Career Fair, Giveaways





NATURAL WONDER FINALISTS

12:10 P.M.

1. 67 Degrees South (Maricela Alaniz)

In January 2023, I traveled to Antarctica on an expedition cruise. Born out of a desire to study abroad on the White Continent, but restricted by the pandemic year after year, I decided to travel solo to Antarctica during my gap year between university and grad school. Video will never truly capture the beauty of Antarctica, but I still had so much fun putting this together. Hope you enjoy!



2. The Election Day Earthquake (Ryan Connor)

After learning about the geological past of Colorado, I wanted to make a documentary that shows why Colorado is no stranger to geologic change. This led me to center this vid on the November 7th, 1882, earthquake of Colorado. With expert help from Associate Professor of Geology at CSU, Dr. Jerry MagLoughlin, the video explores how earthquakes happen and why Colorado is susceptible to really big ones.

3. Climate Change (Ella Peters)

We are the only ones who can save the earth. The time to act is now if we want our grandchildren to be able to experience the adventures we've come to love.



4. Go to Nature, Seek Peace (Guan Long)

Get rid of the hustle and bustle of work and hard study, put aside the distractions in your mind, and go to SIX different nature reserves to find rare peace while enjoying the beauty of nature.



NATURAL WONDER FINALISTS (CONT.)

5. Invaders of the Rockies (Ryan Connor)

This short documentary shows us the dangers inconspicuous invasive species pose to the world around us. Born out of my interest in Zoology (my major at CSU), it highlights the destruction that Cheatgrass and other invasive species can have on Colorado's nature, from their impacts on Colorado's wildfire resilience to their impacts on some of Colorado's most iconic species like the American Pronghorn and the Bighorn Sheep.



6. Slow Growth (Chloe Miller)

This vid highlights changes to the Poudre after the Cameron Peak fire in 2020, as well as actions being taken by CSU Watershed Science students. The process of regrowth is happening now - both with humans and without. Featuring Watershed Technician Jed Lichtensztajn.

7. The Secrecy Behind Caving (Adam Carlson)

Caves are highly secretive places that require many precautions for protecting the health of the cave and the individual. As a result, cavers are hesitant to share information about their caves, making it difficult for beginners to get into caving. This vid talks about these challenges and offers tips to those who still wish to still enter.



8. Where Are We? (Jaden Busnardo)

This vid is a compilation of top content from my backpacking trips last summer. Truly beautiful footage and inspiring memories that are cemented forever.



NATURAL WONDER FINALISTS (CONT.)

9. Why Biodiversity is Important (Shelby Cunningham)

Living in San Diego, CA, I had the honor of experiencing many types of unique ecosystems and the plants and animals in them. This vid explains the importance of biodiversity protection.

10. Life Along the Poudre (Ryan Connor)

This short documentary story follows the magnificent Cache la Poudre River, the river that brings life to Fort Collins' Natural Areas and offers a home to unique and exciting animals that interact in its streams and along its banks. Born out of my interest in Zoology (my major at CSU), I have come to find a deep appreciation for outdoor hobbies like birding and filming along the Poudre River and Natural Areas. I hope the vid sparks Fort Collins residents to recognize the immense natural beauty these Natural Areas offer, and why they are so important for nature and ourselves. Enjoy!



11. Little Island Life (Rebecca Wilson)

I am a dual citizen of New Zealand and finally had the chance to explore the country north to south in spring 2023. This vid represents a collection of the most beautiful sights I saw when traveling with friends and family. Everything from beaches to mountains to fjords!





ADVENTURE FINALISTS

12:45 P.M.

1. 13 Days in Thailand (Blakeley Bennett)

This video is about the two-week experience I recently had in Thailand. It focuses on cultural, nature, and adventure-based moments that made my trip unforgettable. Thailand is a country that has changed my heart and life and helped me feel connected to the world around me more than ever before.

2. Skiing Summer Boot Camp (Ella Peters)

Most people think ski season only lasts for several months, but the ones who do it best (and the longest) know how to train year-round to keep up their shredding skills.



3. Nature's Classroom: The CSU Experience (Ruby Scott)

We wanted to make a documentary about how you don't have to be somewhere extravagant (or even leave your own backyard!) to enjoy nature.

4. Finding Balance Facing Death (Mila Garelle-Essam)

A film empowering people to face their fears using pattern and high lining as an image to spark change and confidence.

5. Climbing at Horsetooth (Adam Carlson)

This vid explores the feelings you might experience while climbing. It centers on a daytrip with bouldering and top rope at the Piano Boulders and Duncan's Ridge.



ADVENTURE FINALISTS (CONT.)

6. Charming China - Spicy Capital (Adam Carlson)

I'm Chinese and love China. Faced with a mountain of tasks while living in China and completing a Colorado State University graduate program there, I and my friends arranged a short trip to Chongqing and Sichuan for a moment of freedom. This vid shows not only China's magnificent natural scenery, but also its rich and colorful cultural customs. By participating in this competition, I hope to share China's beauty with the whole world so they can appreciate it too.

7. 105 Degrees West (Ella Peters)

The mountains are an unknown place. They allow you to see sights that take your breath away, build friendships that last a life time, and create memories you will never forget.

8. An Adventure in the Bahamas (Becca Lewis)

This Marine Ecotourism-Bahamas (NRRT321) class project showcases the incredible experiences I and 15 classmates had for one week traveling through the Exumas. Aboard the Beacon Won (a large sail boat), we traveled to many different islands while eating popular bahamian dishes and learning about the local people and wildlife that surrounded us. A truly life-changing experience.

9. One Year Travel in 155 Seconds (Jack Kranz)

One year ago, I acted on an overwhelming urge to begin travelling and creating videos. With drone and GoPro in hand, I fell in love with capturing videos of incredible landscapes and sea life and made this compilation of my favorite clips to inspire others to see and appreciate the natural world and all that comes with travelling. I hope it helps others feel a fraction of the excitement I have in exploring and appreciating our world!



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