

6th - 8th Grade School Program

Film Descriptions



Reclaim Your Water

Natasha didn't grow up believing that "Black people don't do that," was going to be a limiting factor in her life. Along with her friends at Ebony Beach Club, Natasha is reclaiming waves, introducing others to the ocean, and spreading a love of surfing through her community. EBC is creating an inclusive space on the beaches of Los Angeles which is making waves in their community.

4:41

16:33

3:32



Eco-Hack!

Biologist Tim Shields has watched Mojave desert tortoise populations plummet since the 1990s. Tired of "taking notes on a catastrophe," Tim exchanges observational biology for direct intervention. Building drones, rovers, laser cannons, and exploding tortoise shells, Tim wages technological war on ravens in a final effort to save the species..



Big Basin Speaks

On August 16, 2020, a rare, dry lightning storm that produced over 11,000 bolts of lightning, ignited hundreds of fires across California. Of the areas touched by these devastating wildfires, was Big Basin Redwoods State Park, a place dearly loved by so many across the world for its lush beauty and impressive old growth forest.



Giant Sequoias - Yosemite 8:56

Giant sequoia trees are impressive for their great size, old age, and stoic resilience, but this resilience is being tested by bugs, drought, and catastrophic wildfires. These challenges offer opportunities to research these wonderful trees and develop better ways to support their ability to thrive and survive in the face of a changing climate.



Wood Hood

16:18

Wood Hood features DeVaughn, a 15-year-old kid from New York City who loves skateboarding and craves a "quiet place" to escape the chaos of his home, the city, and kids that steal from him. The film follows DeVaughn on a weekend-long group camping trip with Camping to Connect, a BIPOC-led mentorship program that teaches leadership, brotherhood, and inclusion in the outdoors. As the film weaves between the city and the woods, a space that is unfamiliar and historically inaccessible to these kids, we witness the joy and growth that is possible when kids have an opportunity to find that "quiet place."

Total Run Time: 49:47

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