

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

For Students

in Grades 7 and 8
with a priority to students
enrolled in Biomimicry

Travel Dates

February 21-27, 2027
(7 days, 6 nights)

Fly into Bozeman, Montana then travel
to Gardiner, Montana and enter
Yellowstone National Park through
the historic Northern Entrance

Cost

\$3,615

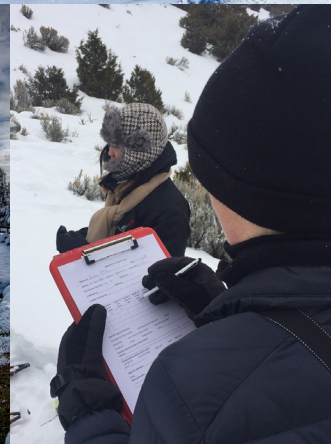
*Includes flights, accommodations
and meals*

Contacts

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Mrs. Body, BodyE@Bolles.org
Mrs. Chandler, ChandlerA@Bolles.org
Mrs. Escudero, Travel
Coordinator, EscuderoK@Bolles.org

APPLICATIONS AND \$500 DEPOSIT DUE AUGUST 31.

*Submit application and deposit by
check, in person, to Mrs. Body.*



LEARN TO TRAVEL. TRAVEL TO LEARN.

Winter in Yellowstone is a dynamic and thrilling season. Bison crowd around thermal pools while the park's predators prepare their own winter survival strategies. When you travel, you'll go beyond what most park visitors see by working with park researchers to study bison and other ungulates, snowshoeing along scenic trails to explore snow science and winter ecology, and head to the iconic Lamar Valley for a morning of wolf observation. During the winter, wildlife gathers in Yellowstone's valleys. Students will use telemetry to track elk, bison and other species as well as measure snow depth and habitat use, and collect fecal samples used to analyze diet as part of Yellowstone's Home on the Range study. Along with the daily programs, we will explore nature's genius through observations and studies in relation to understanding how biological functions can apply to biomimicry thinking and project idea and design.

For more info and to pay deposit, see Mrs. Body in S101.



ECOLOGY PROJECT
INTERNATIONAL

YELLOWSTONE

Explore the Ecosystem | Survey Wildlife | Explore Geothermal Features

WINTER ECOLOGY

Winter Wonderland

Upon entering the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE), you'll immediately appreciate the inspiration it provided for our national parks.

The region's exceptional high-altitude plateau, characterized by its **stunning scenery, diverse wildlife, and captivating thermal features**, makes it an incomparable ecosystem.

Your Fieldwork

By collaborating with the National Park Service and the U.S. Forest Service, EPI offers the opportunity to **participate in ongoing research initiatives**.

You'll engage in **bison grazing studies, visitor use behavior, and snow science investigations** alongside EPI instructors and park scientists in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Immerse in Nature

Although this course involves hard work, there will be ample opportunities for enjoyable activities.

Each day, you'll venture into the snowy terrain, **exploring geothermal features or observing wolves and other wildlife** along the northern range.

On your final day, relax in a developed hot spring located just outside the Park.

INSPIRING STUDENTS WITH NATURE & EMPOWERING THEM WITH SCIENCE

SAMPLE ITINERARY

- **Day 1 | Arrive in Bozeman, Montana**
 - Meet your instructor team and journey to Gardiner, the Park's North Entrance gateway town
 - Settle into the cozy lodge that will be your home for the next week
- **Days 2-4 | Track Wildlife & Collect Data**
 - Develop your snowshoeing skills
 - Utilize radio telemetry to track ungulates and learn to differentiate between genders and ages of each species
 - Apply your newfound abilities to collect snow and wildlife data
- **Day 5 | Explore Geothermal Features & Observe Wolves**
 - Explore the area's geothermal features — colored pools, steam vents, and more
 - Use the data you've collected to develop an independent research question
 - Join a National Park Service wolf team technician and observe wolves in the northern range
- **Day 6 | Soak in a Hot Spring & Celebrate Your Efforts**
 - Present your research findings to your peers
 - Enjoy a soak at a local developed hot spring just outside park boundaries
 - Celebrate your completed course and contributions to wildlife conservation
- **Day 7 | Depart Yellowstone**



Program length | 7 days

Research & Service Hours | 16 hours

Coursework Hours | 24 hours

Focus | Conservation, Biology, Wildlands Management, Scientific Process



START YOUR JOURNEY AT WWW.ECOLOGYPROJECT.ORG | 406.721.8784

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Travel Dates: Sunday 2/21/27 - Saturday 2/27/27

Trip Cost: \$3,615

Please contact the following faculty with questions:

Allison Chandler, chandlera@bolles.org

Bitsy Body, bodye@bolles.org



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Date Received: _____

Signatures: _____

Forms: _____

Paragraph: _____

Payment: _____

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Student Information (include information as it would appear on plane ticket)

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year): _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Street Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Student Email: _____

Parental/Guardian Information (please circle preferred point of contact)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Travel Experience

Please list any previous travel experience(s):

Please include a 100-word paragraph to explain why you are applying for this program:

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Custom Travel Program Acknowledgement Form

Dear Bolles Parents and Guardians,

Your child is applying to participate in a unique program that has been specifically designed by Ecology Project International in Yellowstone National Park. In order to activate your travel application you must submit the following to Mrs. Body, the lead chaperone: the application, a non-refundable deposit of \$500 (which will be returned if student is not selected), and the student paragraph. Parents and students, please carefully read the policies below and sign and date the form below acknowledging that you fully understand all the policies mentioned on this form and in the travel application.

The Application Process: When we process applications, we consider (among other things) interest shown in the subject related to the program and feedback from faculty and advisors. Furthermore, to be eligible for Bolles travel experiences, applicants must not have any major disciplinary infractions in the calendar year before travel. Violations of School policy to the one-year mark will be handled on a case-by-case basis. The list of finalists selected will be sent to the Dean's Office a second time for clearance one month prior to travel. Should you have any questions about the selection process, please feel free to contact Allison Chandler.

***Please note that if a student is not accepted into the program, your travel deposit will be refunded.**

Cost of the Trip: The Yellowstone National Park program fee is based on factors such as group size, itinerary, travel dates and flight arrangements.

Payment: I understand that the price for this custom program is based on group size, itinerary, travel dates and flight arrangements. I acknowledge that if I cancel my child's participation, my \$500 deposit is non-refundable and that additional cancellation charges may apply based on the date of my cancellation. I understand that the airline will determine the refund policy for the airline ticket, and that there may be additional costs that are non-refundable depending upon the size of the group and the date of the cancellation. I understand that no refunds can be made for cancellations postmarked later than **12/11/26**. The deposit is paid via check to **The Bolles School**.

**Travel deviations are not permitted for this program.

**I understand that a 10% late fee will be added to all payments not received in accordance with the dates listed below.

August 31 - \$500 Deposit to The Bolles School

December 11 - Final Balance Due

Refund Policy: Because of the special nature of a custom program and the importance of maintaining the group size, cancellation fees may apply. The airline will determine the refund policy for the airline ticket, and any additional fees may not be refundable depending on the group size. In the unfortunate case that a student should need to withdraw from the program at any time, a letter of cancellation must be given to Allison Chandler.

Participation: I am aware of, and approve of, my son/daughter/ward's decision to apply for participation in the Yellowstone National Park Program. I am aware that his/her participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection process. My child is also aware that his or her participation in this program is contingent upon acceptance into the program according to the established selection process.

Please sign and date below to acknowledge that you fully understand all policies above.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

Application and registration deposit are all due to Bitsy Body by August 31.