



YELLOWSTONE FOREVER

STAR STORIES: DISCOVERING THE NIGHT SKY

Itinerary & Details

FIELD SEMINAR – SUMMER 2024

INSTRUCTOR: Angela Tempo, M.A.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY: Angela is a naturalist and photographer who specializes in the GYE (Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem) and night sky photography. She graduated from Boston University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and social communications, a master's in photojournalism from the same institution, and a master's in public relations from Kent State University. Before Angela moved to Yellowstone, she worked at Georgetown University in Washington DC. She also worked as a first responder with FEMA, and U.S. Coast Guard as a rescuer diver.

In Angela's free time, you'll find her rafting, painting, and hiking. She currently lives in Gardiner, MT, allowing her to immerse in the area year-round and keep learning about Yellowstone National Park, Grand Tetons National Park, and surrounding public lands.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: This course is activity **level 1** and students enrolled in this course are expected to be active participants. Be prepared to hike up to 1 mile per day, comfortably, through relatively flat terrain on maintained trails.

**All field activities will be conducted as a group. If participants cannot meet the activity level expectations during the program, they may be restricted from participation in daily outings. Program itineraries or activities will not be altered to accommodate participants who cannot meet the expectations of the stated activity level.*

LOCATION: Course begins at the Yellowstone Overlook Field Campus located in Gardiner, MT.

PROGRAM DATES & TIMES: The program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, June 7, 2024, and goes through Friday, June 7, 2024, at 12:00 a.m.

LODGING CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT: No lodging is provided for this course, however, there may be limited lodging available through Yellowstone Forever at the Yellowstone Field Overlook Campus. For more information, please contact the Institute at institute@yellowstone.org. You can also find more information on Gardiner based lodging here: [Gardiner, MT - Lodging](#). (Yellowstone River Motel will grant you 10% off their rooms if you mention that you are taking a Yellowstone Forever Field Seminar.)

MEALS: This course is not catered. Participants will need to bring their own food; lunch should be able to travel in the field.

For general information about the facilities, preparation for classes, what to expect, cancellation policies, and more, please see the [Gardiner Field Seminars - Summer General Information](#) document.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Your ancestors knew the stars like the back of their hands. They spent generations observing the heavens for patterns that could be used to understand and navigate through the world better. In Star Stories, you will explore stories from different cultural heritages, including Greek mythology encapsulating heroes and villains and important life lessons taught through various Native American cultures. Join us for an evening staring at the stars!

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions, wildlife activity, holidays, and road construction.

The details and timing of the agenda are subject to change.

Day 1 **Welcome**

This course will begin and end at the Yellowstone Overlook Field Campus in Gardiner. You will get to know your instructor, fellow classmates, and the stars through an evening of sky gazing and story telling.

PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

For a full list of what is included in this course, in addition to recommended equipment check out the [Gardiner Field Seminars - Summer General Information](#) document.

- Sky Apps: Moon , Skyview and starwalk
- DSLR with wide angle lense, and tripod recommended but not necessary.

RECOMMENDED READING

No prior reading is required, but participants might enjoy the following publications, that complement the program.

- National Park Service. *2023 Resource and Issues Handbook*. NPS, 2023.

WHOM TO CONTACT

For any questions, concerns, or additional information please contact the following:

- Program itinerary, health forms, payment, and general program questions please contact Yellowstone Forever at institute@yellowstone.org or 406-848-2400
- Road updates, park conditions, and general park information please contact Yellowstone National Park Service at <https://www.nps.gov/yell/contacts.htm>
- If running late for a program, please contact 406-848-2400.