



WILDERNESS EDUCATION PROGRAM



WEP is an award-winning program, founded by the late John Clarke and Lisa Baile. John Clarke was a wilderness educator, explorer, and recipient of the Order of Canada

Program Objective

The Wilderness Education Program (WEP) aims to engage young hearts and minds to help preserve and conserve wild nature through indoor and outdoor education and wilderness experiences.

WEP's specially designed in-school activities, nature hikes, and teacher workshops provide students and teachers with:

- **Wonder** to inspire a personal connection with the wilderness
- **Wisdom** to increase understanding and appreciation of wild nature
- **Works** to take action in preserving and conserving our wild places

Wilderness Educator, Katy Holm

WEP's wilderness educator is Katy Holm, a professional educator and wildlife biologist with a love and passion for BC's wild places.



Katy has extensive wilderness experience. She has climbed high peaks, traversed ridges, kayaked the ocean, explored wild rivers and skied from mountaintop to valley bottom.

In the tradition of John Clarke, Katy brings the wilderness alive in the classroom, through sharing her lifetime of adventures and wilderness experiences with school-kids of all ages. With spectacular images, wilderness artifacts, hands-on activities, and nature hikes, Katy inspires and educates young people about the wonders and vital importance of our wild places.

Program Options

WEP presents the following three program options for teachers and students.

1. In-School Activities: (half or full day)

WEP offers in-school activities with a wilderness educator that include:

- Slide presentations
- Interactive sessions
- Hands-on activities on school grounds

WEP's presentations are designed to meet key IRP outcomes, to interest students at each grade level, and to match individual teachers' needs.

Presentation Focus by Grade Level

- K-3:** The Web of Life
- 4-5:** Super Natural BC: Past, Present, and Future
- 6-7:** Ecosystems: Life on the Wildside
- 8-10:** Knowing and Caring for Our Wilderness
- 11-12:** Wild in a Wired World

2. Nature Hikes (full day)

WEP offers guided hikes to local wilderness areas that are either a follow-up activity to an in-school presentation or a stand-alone activity. Hikes are suitable for Grades 4-12.

3. Workshops

WEP offers workshops for Teachers' conferences and Pro-D days.

Bookings and Information

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Program Costs: Half day: \$200, Full day: \$350