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Southridge Elementary School Students Explore Grand Teton National Park *5th Grade Students Spend Four Days Studying Science in the Outdoors at Teton Science Schools*

Jackson, WY – Recently, fifth graders from Southridge Elementary journeyed to Grand Teton National Park, via Jackson Hole, WY, to spend 4 days at the beginning of their academic year to explore science in the outdoors with Teton Science Schools (TSS).

Guided by TSS instructors, Southridge students explored community ecology, adaptations and tracking while hiking in Grand Teton National Park. They also spent a night at the base of the Tetons, under a clear starry sky, listening to elk bugle, explored the Murie Museum, with its rare collection of specimens at from renowned biologist Olaus Murie, and students asked a variety of nature related questions, conducted field research, and presented their findings to their peers and faculty. Throughout their outdoor experience they learned science, math and writing skills that will benefit them throughout the school year. It was clear that by going *out in nature*, they were able *to get into science!*

Teton Science Schools and Southridge Elementary continue to enjoy a partnership that has lasted almost a decade. Due to this relationship, the information that students learn at TSS are transferred back home, whether students are studying water quality on the North Platte River or exploring geology on their playground. Teachers continue to connect students to the natural world in Casper and throughout the state of Wyoming. Teachers and students continue to get *out in nature* and *into science!*

For more information about Teton Science Schools' programs, please visit www.tetonscience.org or contact Josh Kleyman at (307) 732-7753 or Josh.Kleyman@tetonscience.org.

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About Teton Science Schools

Teton Science Schools were founded in 1967. Since that time the schools have been educating, training and inspiring students of all ages, achieving the mission of connecting people, nature, and place through education, science and stewardship. The schools enjoy a reputation as an innovative environmental

education center, and the programs serve as models worldwide. Teton Science Schools' Kelly Campus in Grand Teton National Park serves as home for the Graduate Student Program and a selection of residential education programs for youth, while the new nearly 900-acre Jackson Campus is home to the Pre-K through 12th grade Journeys School, the Teacher Learning Center, the Conservation Research Center, and an array of residential education programs for school groups, families and elders. Teton Science Schools' Wildlife Expeditions offers responsible year-round wildlife observation and natural history explorations throughout Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks. Located in Eastern Idaho, Teton Valley Community School serves students Pre-K through 6th grade. www.tetonscience.org

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