



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL



where activism gets inspired

Visions of the Wild Festival presents

Wild Child—A free program of short films for all ages

Saturday, September 14, 3pm-5pm, Empress Theatre, 330 Virginia Street, Vallejo



March of the Newts

Follow one of the forest's funkier creatures into a gangly gathering of amphibious affection... and learn how you can help protect these sensitive animals from an emerging disease.



Meet the Real Wolf

What happens when fairy tales and reality collide? Throughout history, myths about the "big bad wolf" have generated fear and concern that creeps out of our storybooks and into the real world. Meet The Real Wolf introduces a new chapter where the apex predator becomes the protagonist, changing the narrative of the ecosystems they are rebuilding. We learn what happens when the wolf is no longer antagonized, but instead realized as the missing link, and the denouement to our story.



Mexican Fishing Bats

When the sun sets over the Sea of Cortez, a tiny bat emerges from the boulder-covered hillsides on Isla Partida and heads out to sea. All night, the bats swoop across the sea surface, snagging fish that still elude capture by the researchers despite their boats, nets, and high-tech gear. This video follows Edward Hurme and his team in action, as they untangle the mystery of how these endangered bats find their prey.



How Animals Hibernate

What if hibernating animals of different species formed an orchestra and performed a symphony about their winter's sleep? Well, they did—sort of. Because this is the science version of "Peter and the Wolf," starring a frog, a turtle, a bird, a mosquito, a bear, and a fish... Ladies and gentlemen, "The Sleep Cycle" by L'Orchestre D'hibernation Animaux.



The Path Back

For thousands of years, the plains bison sustained the many native tribes that inhabited the Great Plains region of North America. But when Europeans arrived in the area, they nearly exterminated the buffalo and an indigenous way of life. In recent years, however, the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Montana's Fort Peck Reservation have joined with other tribal groups throughout the region to bring buffalo back to their ancestral lands and into their lives.



Clay Bolt

Clay Bolt is a natural history and conservation photographer for World Wildlife Fund and has been featured in prominent magazines such as National Geographic. Affectionately referred to as the bug guy, Clay explains how and why he focuses on 99% of life on earth that is smaller than your finger.

For more information, visit visionsofthewild.org



Aiden’s Butterflies

Meet 11-year-old Aiden Wang, who has been growing milkweed and harboring and releasing Monarch Butterflies since he was 6 years old. We join Aiden in a journey ranging from nature preserves to city streets as he meets new friends and asks us all to help preserve the endangered beautiful monarch butterfly with its dependence on the diminishing supply of milkweed.



Moonline

When night falls on the mountains, it is by no means time to go to bed for Valentin Delluc. It is in the dark that one of the best speed riders in the world finds a whole new playground. Like a firefly, it illuminates the darkness



Blue

Fresh off training wheels, a four-year-old growing up in Valdez, Alaska begins to push her boundaries and explore what is possible on her bike. We dive into the world of her fantasy and explore the mountains, glaciers, and rivers of Valdez by fat bike with a crew of boundary-pushing female athletes hailing from Alaska and beyond. Blue is a fantastical journey into a young girl's imagination and a testament to the inherent creativity, innovation, and strength forged in women of the north.



Girls & Glaciers

This film follows teenagers Akua and Melodie as they expand their personal boundaries in challenging high alpine glaciated terrain. They learn field science, art, wilderness skills, and teamwork through the nonprofit organization Girls on Ice.



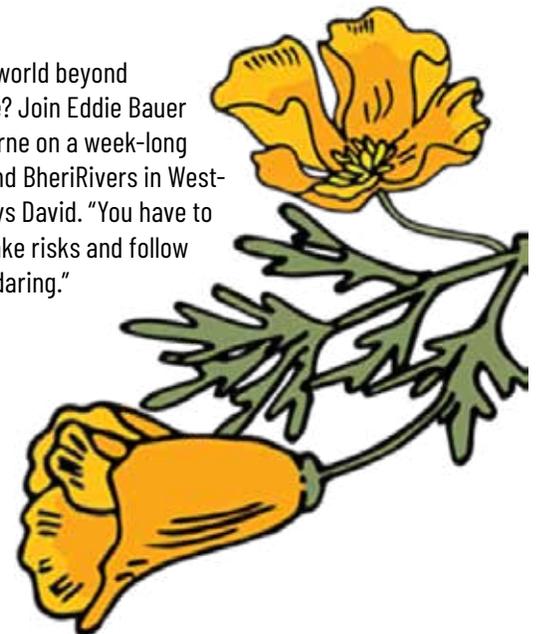
My Mom Vala

Life has a way of putting us where we need to be. For Vala, that is in both Greenland where she works at her family's fishing lodge and Reykjavik, where she teaches her daughter how to do it all on her own, too.



Big World

As parents, how do we teach our kids that there is a world beyond social media, standardized tests and soccer practice? Join Eddie Bauer athlete David Morton and his seven-year-old son Thorne on a week-long stand up paddle boarding journey down the Karnali and Bheri Rivers in Western Nepal. "There's a basic paradox to parenting," says David. "You have to keep your kids safe, but you have to teach them to take risks and follow curiosity. Life is undeniably richer with a little bit of daring."



Wild Child is our curated program for kids and families. Join us on an educational and inspirational journey from the cold Alaskan North, to the remote Karnali River in Western Nepal. We will learn about the importance of wolf and bison in our ecosystems and culture, and how anyone, regardless of age, can have a positive impact on our planet through conservation efforts, such as planting milkweed.