

Banff National Park – Environmental History Field Trip October 12-14, 2012

Accommodations: Students will be staying at the Banff Y Mountain Lodge, www.ymountainlodge.com. The rooms are dormitory-style, and separated into men's and women's rooms. They will provide clean sheets, blankets, and pillows but you should bring your own towels.

Cost: \$50 fee, plus food costs. You can mail a cheque or bring cash to Liza Piper in History & Classics before the 12th, or have the money with you on the morning of departure.

Food: We are leaving first thing Friday morning. You will need to bring a packed lunch for Friday – as we will be eating lunch that day en route from Morley to the Warden Station (see itinerary). We will have access to kitchen facilities at the Y Mountain Lodge so you can bring down or purchase food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner if you wish. There is also a café at the Y Mountain Lodge (you can see the menu online) and other places to buy meals or groceries in Banff.

Transportation: The field-trip fees cover transportation and park fees. **A 15-passenger van will be leaving the U of A on Friday, October 12, at 6:00 am sharp**, (so you should be at the university and ready to go by 5:45 am). We will be meeting at the Tory Building entrance (off of Saskatchewan drive, across from Rutherford House, at the north end of HUB). If you are having problems finding it, or if you are going to be late the morning of, call Zac at 780-245-4491. We will return to Edmonton late in the day on Sunday, Oct. 14, and arrive at the university no later than 8:30 pm.

Dress and Weather: Mid October can be quite chilly in the Rockies and we will spend a fair bit of the weekend outside. You can expect temperatures as low as freezing, so please dress accordingly. We will be following most of our itinerary rain or shine! You will need a pair of sturdy boots for the Cave and Basin (which is a construction site at present) and for visiting Bankhead and Tunnel Mountain. Otherwise, most of our activities will be taking place within the Banff townsite, where comfortable shoes will suffice.

Readings: We ask that participants read the following materials (which will be available online at <http://niche-canada.org/node/10449>) in preparation for the field trip.

- Tolly Bradford, "A Useful Institution: William Twin, "Indianness," and Banff National Park, c. 1860-1940," *Native Studies Review* 16, 2 (2005): 77- 98.
- Charles Kay, Brian Patton, and Cliff White. "Historical Wildlife Observations in the Canadian Rockies: Implications for Ecological Integrity." *Canadian Field Naturalist* 114:4 (October – December 2000): 561–583.
- Catriona Mortimer-Sandilands, "When the Mountain Men Meet the Lesbian Rangers: Gender, Nation, and Nature in the Rocky Mountain National Parks," in *This Elusive Land: Women and the Canadian Environment*, UBC Press, 2005.
- Pauline Wakeham, "Reading the Banff Park Museum: Time, Affect, and the Production of Frontier Nostalgia," Ch1 in *Taxidermic Signs: Reconstructing Aboriginality*, 41-85. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2008.

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