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Aspen Center for Environmental Studies (ACES), a non-profit environmental education organization, provides programs for all ages in the areas of ecological literacy, agriculture, forest health, ecosystem restoration, and civic leadership. We have **three sites** in the Roaring Fork Valley, where we offer programs and events all winter long. **Come visit us!**



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970.925.5756
Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm



Rock Bottom Ranch
2001 Hooks Spur Road, Basalt, CO 81621
970.927.6760
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EVENTS



Olaf the Elf Visits Hallam Lake
Tuesday, December 8, 4 - 5:30pm | ***Free***
Hallam Lake
Join us at the nature preserve for a magical winter afternoon with Olaf, the winter elf who visits ACES every holiday season!



Winter Solstice Celebration
Sunday, December 20, 2 - 6pm | ***Member Event***
Toklat
Celebrate the longest night of the year (a night early) by gathering around a solstice fire and joining with community.



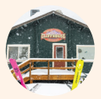
10 Days of Toklat: Community Open House
December 21-December 30, 12 - 5pm, Daily | ***Free***
Toklat
Toklat will be open daily offering winter programming, crafts, and more!



Audubon Christmas Bird Count
Sunday, January 3, 7:30am - 3pm | ***Free***
Meeting at Hallam Lake
Join local birders for the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count (CBC), the longest-running citizen science survey in the world.



Changemaker Speaker Series: Keith Ladzinski - Forces of Nature
ACES Partner Event
Tuesday, January 26, 7pm | ***$35-50***
Wheeler Opera House
Through images captured at the edge of human endurance, Keith Ladzinski reveals both the power of nature and humanity's responsibility to protect it.



ACES Buttermilk Uphill Social
Friday, March 12, 8:45 - 10:30am | ***Free***
Buttermilk Mountain
Skin, snowshoe, or hike up Buttermilk Mountain to enjoy a community breakfast at the Cliffhouse restaurant with ACES! ***Breakfast not included.***



Changemaker Speaker Series: Casey Anderson - Among Wild Predators
ACES Partner Event
Tuesday, March 16, 7pm | ***$35-50***
Wheeler Opera House
Casey Anderson pairs breathtaking imagery with deeply personal stories, challenging long-held myths about "dangerous" wildlife.





COMMUNITY PROGRAMS *(Registration Required)*

Winter Explorers Camp
December 29, 30, 31 | *Hallam Lake*
9:30am - 3:30pm | ***$120/day***
ACES will offer Outdoor Winter Explorers Camp at Hallam Lake for kids currently enrolled in grades K-4.

Winter Workshop Series
Monthly | *Rock Bottom Ranch*
Join us for a workshop at Rock Bottom Ranch this winter! Hosted on a monthly basis, we will come together to cook, craft, and build community. Keep an eye on our website for more details and registration!

Winter Birding
First Tuesday of the Month, November - April | *Hallam Lake*
8 - 11am | ***$25, Members $15***
Join ACES on the first Tuesday of each month and discover the joy of birding!

Winter Sound Baths & Forest Bathing
January 12, February 9 & 22, March 8, April 6 | *Hallam Lake*
January 26, April 20 | *Toklat*
5:15 - 6:30pm | ***$30***
Slow down and reconnect through breath and sound, while enjoying the snow-covered nature preserve.

Early Literacy Storytime with ACES
In Partnership with Pitkin County Library
Select Tuesdays| *Pitkin County Library*
11 - 11:30am | ***Free***
Caregiver and Child storytime series. Best suited for ages 1-4 years old.

SPEAKER SERIES

Potbelly Perspectives
Sponsored by Aspen Chamber Resort Association
Wednesdays, 6pm | *Hallam Lake, Aspen* | ***Free***
Join us for inspiring stories as local adventurers share powerful journeys and their connections to the natural world.

January 13, February 10, February 24, March 10

Naturalist Nights
In Partnership with Wilderness Workshop and Roaring Fork Audubon
Wednesdays, 6pm | *Third Street Center, Carbondale* | ***Free***
Thursdays, 6pm | *Hallam Lake, Aspen* | ***Free***
This year's 28th annual winter speaker series presents a great lineup of experts exploring topics of the natural world relevant to our community.

Wednesdays: January 6, 20 | February 3, 17 | March 3
Thursdays: January 7, 21 | February 4, 18 | March 4

Wild Perspectives
In Partnership with The Collective
Tuesdays, 6pm | *The Collective, Snowmass Village* | ***Free***
Wild Perspectives, features exciting accounts of world travel, adventure, and the natural world through stories and visual media. This series provides an opportunity for community building and storytelling.

February 16, February 23, March 2, March 9



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Visit **aspennature.org** to sign up for a program today!







NATURALIST TOURS

Aspen and Snowmass Mountains
Daily, 10am & 1pm | December 14 - April 16 | *Reservations Required*
$90 adults, $66 children and seniors
Explore the snow-covered beauty of Richmond Ridge on Aspen Mountain or Rabbit Run Trail on Snowmass Mountain. These Naturalist-led tours weave through spruce and fir forests, providing a glimpse into the amazing ecosystems this valley has to offer. Tours are two hours long. **Tickets available at aspensnowmass.com**

Ashcroft Snowshoe Tour
Daily, 10am - 2:30pm | December 14 - April 4 | *Reservations Required*
Explore the serene Castle Creek Valley with a Naturalist guide. Tours take place on gentle terrain at a leisurely pace.
Email guide@aspennature.org or call 970-925-5756 to book!

Free Snowmass Ski Tour
Daily, 11am & 1pm | December 14 - April 9
Free, lift tickets not included
Ski a run with a Naturalist guide and learn about Snowmass wildlife and natural history. Meet inside the Wapiti Wildlife Center at the top of the Elk Camp lift on Snowmass Mountain.

Private Guided Tours
Reservations Required
Join a Naturalist for a guided hike, snowshoe or birding outing at a time and location that is best suited for you. Booking is dependent upon guide availability. Price is dependent on experience.
Private tours can be booked by emailing guide@aspennature.org or calling 970-925-5756.