



Ranger Programs

FRIDAY, August 13th

All Day – Junior Ranger Orientation

Hey kids! Meet Rangers Amy and Todd at the [Fort Spokane Visitor Center](#) and learn what it takes to become a Junior Ranger at Lake Roosevelt. Get the scoop on all of the weekend's activities, tour the visitor center, pick up an activity sheet, and kick things off with a walk down the Sentinel Trail. (1 hour)

3:00pm-5:00pm – Fort Spokane Visitor Center Program Upon Request

“Walk the Ruins” Join Ranger Todd on a walk around historic Fort Spokane. Explore the ruins, help find bats in the old quartermaster's stable, search for ghosts in the abandoned foundations, and step inside the solitary confinement cells where rebellious soldiers and school children alike were kept as punishment. Bring water and a sturdy pair of shoes. Have fun exploring our living history! (1 hour)

7:30 pm – Evening Program: “Fur Trade: The Status of Success”

Join Ranger Todd at the [Fort Spokane Campground Amphitheater](#) for a fun filled hands-on exploration of the fabled fur trade of yore. Handle actual beaver pelts, dress in the garments of a *voyageur*, ponder the accoutrements of trapper/trader/explorers of old, and learn the relative value of money. Bring your imagination, the whole family, and enjoy learning about our past. (1 hour)

SATURDAY, August 14th

9:00am – 11:00am ~ Fort Spokane Visitor Center Programs Upon Request

“Fear, Violence, and Silence: Fort Spokane and the Price of Change”

Join Ranger Amy for an interactive program investigating Fort Spokane's role in US history. We will discuss the power of fear, violence, and silence in the context of our own lives and then apply these ideas to the fort. Come explore some fascinating but difficult truths about our nation's history. (30 minutes)

“Water, Fire, Stone, and Ice: The Power of Climate Change and the Ice Age Floods”

Join Ranger Amy for a program about climate change, past and present, and the cataclysmic Ice Age Floods that carved the landscape of Eastern and Central Washington. We will discuss flood features of the region and explore theories regarding the geologic and climate history of the area. (30 minutes)

9:45am - Hawk Creek Canoe Trip: “Lake Roosevelt and the Fur Trade”

Meet Ranger Todd at the [Fort Spokane Visitor Center parking lot](#) at **9:45am** (2 hours).

CANOE TRIP REGULATIONS

- ✓ Everyone welcome. First come, first served. Limit: 17 visitors. We do not take advance reservations.
- ✓ Bring your own vehicle since we will caravan to Hawk Creek. After practicing basic canoe skills and going through a safety briefing, we will embark. Expect to spend about an hour and a half on the water.
- ✓ Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent. Minimum 1 adult per every 3 children.
- ✓ Bring water for every person (required) & sunscreen, a hat, and weather-appropriate clothing. We supply life jackets, paddles, canoes and safety equipment.

2:00pm – Beach Activity: “Mega Floods!”

Join Ranger Amy at the [Hunters swim beach area](#) for fun in the sand. We will be recreating the cataclysmic Ice Age floods that shaped much of Eastern Washington's landscape. Bring drinking water and any digging/sandcastle tools you might have. All ages welcome. (30 minutes)

3:30pm – Visitor Center Movie Hour : NOVA's “Mystery of the Megaflood”

7:30pm – Evening Adventure: BATS!!!

“The Good, the Bat, and the Ugly: The Truth About Our Not-so-Scary Friends”

Join Ranger Amy at the [Fort Spokane Visitor Center](#) for an unforgettable experience exploring one of the world's most misunderstood “scary” creatures. We will begin in our brand new theater with a discussion about common myths and fears regarding these fascinating flyers, discovering their importance to our ecosystem. We will then go on a short walk to the old stable, a “bat house,” and into the forest in search of local bats (and owls!) sailing through the night sky. Wear sturdy shoes, bring a flashlight, bring water, and bring your courage as we delve into the world of our furry flying friends. (2 hours)

SUNDAY, August 15th

9:00am – Coffee & Cocoa with a Ranger

Come enjoy a cup of coffee or cocoa with Ranger Amy. Ask questions, share stories, and discuss everything from nature to National Parks. Meet at [Fort Spokane Campground Amphitheater](#). (1 hour)

1:00pm – 4:30pm ~ Fort Spokane Visitor Center Program Upon Request

“The Things They Carried” This program is a hands-on, interactive exploration of a 19th century “Indian Wars” period soldier's pack. Touch, consider, and speculate about *REAL* vintage items that a soldier here at Fort Spokane might have carried with him over a hundred and twenty years ago. Bring your curiosity and imagination. Learn about the fascinating life of a Frontier Regular! (1 hour)