

Wilde Author Visits and Speaking Events

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About the Authors

Buck is featured in BBC nature documentaries and is the author of a dozen educational books for schools published by Scholastic and McGraw-Hill for international distribution.

Diana is a former k-12 educator of twenty years and designer of curriculum materials for public and private schools as well as the co-author of *Wetland Wonders* for Scholastic Books in 2006.

They speak at schools, universities and public forums across the country, *engaging young minds with the wonders of nature*.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What grade levels do the authors present to?

Programs for k-8 are on front of the page w/grade-level versions. Online see 'speaking events' for 9-12, 'the risk-reward dilemma'.

What will we receive in a full-day school visit?

Up to four presentations/workshops + young authors luncheon. Libraries receive set of the authors' signed books on day of visit.

What is the cost for a full-day visit?

\$1000 + expenses for 2007/2008 visits.

Can we schedule a 1/2 day visit for less?

Yes, with two presentations for just \$600 + shared expenses. Buck and Diana will visit regional schools in October 2007 and accept 1/2 day bookings then, especially within a district.

How do I learn more about author visits?

Buck and Diana respond promptly to inquiries. They will be leading Alaska photo safaris, August 12th - 28th. Inquiries in this time frame can expect a reply by August 29th.

Will authors present different programs on same day?

Yes, they meet the school's needs with any combination of programs/workshops. No size restrictions on grade audiences. Workshops: writing, photography, observing wildlife behavior

How do the presentations enrich science?

Each program is rich in life science & physical science content. Curriculum correlations are available on request for most states.

How are language arts and science integrated?

They emphasize nonfiction writing focused on program themes. Young author luncheons offer encouragement on full-day visits. Writer's Workshops can be part of day visit, all-week immersion.

How do we order books?

Contact publishers for Scholastic, McGraw-Hill titles. Signed copies of *Wetland Wonders* available from authors. For the new books series, contact authors from their website.

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-School Visit Discounts-

10% discounts for October school visit bookings by June 1st. Half-day visits with up to two shows will be available for \$600.

Colorado Educators Welcome Authors

Diana and Buck present at Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education "Teaching Outside the Box" Conference on April 28th. "Wetland Wonders-Addressing Nature Deficit Disorder" and "The Unspoken Language of Emotions" are their breakout topics.

Oregon School Visits

Eugene and Bend schools invited the authors for initial visits in March, and Beaverton librarians invited them to present in May.

"I want to thank you for an engaging and fun day back in March. Students continue to talk about the beautiful shows, and the intermediate students started a writing club during lunch. It is just wonderful to 'see the spark' in so many eyes. You two have truly touched the lives of many at this school. We definitely look forward to future visits.

-Amy Wilde (not related), Librarian
Bear Creek Elementary, Bend, Oregon

"What a great assembly. My kids really enjoyed it. My group of writers that had extra time with the authors said it was the best!

-Rachelle Arlola, Teacher
Spring Creek Elementary, Eugene, Oregon

Workshops for Kids and Adults

College of Southern Idaho is sponsoring the *Wetland Wonders* Workshop with field trips in June. Contact Buck and Diana to schedule Nature, Writing or Photography workshops in your area.

New Books on the Horizon

The authors are releasing a new series of four interactive books for kids and families over the 2007/2008 school year. Each book features their photography, observation techniques, creative story lines, research and writing activities, and the latest from science.

Coast-to-Coast Speakers

Buck and Diana presented 137 shows this year in Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Utah, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland.

Educational Speaking Forums

In addition to schools, these in-demand speakers are invited to present at universities, corporate retreats, public libraries, professional conferences, environmental forums, fund raisers, nature centers, teacher in-services and parent/teacher meetings.

Idaho Wetland Wonders

Wetland Wonders was the Environmental Resource Center's outreach topic for Blaine County Schools 2nd and 3rd graders April 18th, 19th and 20th. Buck & Diana reached 474 students.