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2006 Alaska Park Science Symposium to Take Place at Denali National Park and Preserve in September

The 2006 Alaska Park Science Symposium with its theme of “*Park Science in Central Alaska: Crossing Boundaries in a Changing Environment*” will take place on September 12-14, 2006 at the Murie Science and Learning Center and other facilities in Denali National Park and Preserve.

The focus of the 2006 symposium will be on presentations given by scientists from a variety of disciplines who conduct research in Denali, Wrangell-St. Elias, Yukon-Charley Rivers and the adjacent lands and waters of Central Alaska and the Western Yukon. This three-day symposium is the second in what is planned as a biennial series of scientific conferences focused on Alaska’s national parklands.

During all three days of the symposium, leading biological, physical, cultural and social scientists and recognized experts will share their research, discoveries and reflections through presentations, posters, panel discussions and keynote addresses. Interested participants can elect to attend all or portions of the symposium. Local students and community members may register on-site to attend presentations on a space available basis for a reduced daily rate. Distance learning technologies are also being planned to broadcast the sessions live to selected off-site locations.

Symposium organizers are currently seeking submissions for oral and poster presentations on the biological, physical, cultural and social sciences pertaining to any of these three national parks and the adjacent land and waters of Central Alaska and the Western Yukon. Broad studies that have a multi-park or regional focus that is relevant to these parks are also welcome. Abstracts for presentations may be submitted until April 30, 2006.

Additional information on the symposium and presentation submission guidelines can be found on the symposium website at www.nps.gov/akso/Symposium. If you would like to be added to the symposium mailing list, please contact Kris Fister at (907) 683-9583 or kris_fister@nps.gov.

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