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## Wyoming Nature Camps Engage 135 Kids Statewide

*Wyoming Land Trust and Teton Science Schools Hit the Road to Educate State's Youth*

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**Pinedale, WY** - Animal tracks, macroinvertebrates and the value of responsible land stewardship are among the many lessons learned by 135 Wyoming youth who participated in the first summer of Wyoming Nature Camps hosted by the Wyoming Land Trust (WLT) and Teton Science Schools (TSS).

According to WLT camp organizers, the sold-out, week-long fun is an effort to educate the next generation of land stewards. In the first summer of statewide Nature Camps, WLT and TSS educators traveled to four Wyoming counties - Sublette, Sweetwater, Natrona, and Campbell.

"The first summer of Wyoming Nature Camps was a great success," stated Camp Co-Director, Kendall Brunette. "As one Nature Camper summed it up...my favorite thing was *everything!*"

"It's exciting to hear first through sixth graders bragging about how many cool macroinvertebrates they found while exploring the creek bottom, or that they learned what it takes to convert coal in the ground into useable energy seen by turning on their light switches."



Buck Schouboe learns to use a compass during a lesson on mapping and orienteering in the Sublette County camp.

Campers were given the opportunity to learn about the wealth of natural resources in their communities, Brunette said. In an effort to engage the next generation of Wyoming land stewards, the goal of the camp was to not only increase awareness of the natural world, but to give students the scientific framework with which to understand how systems in nature work.

