

Inspiring films for inspired minds

Wild and Scenic Teen Film Festival will be held April 24.



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Have you ever seen a film that inspired you to jump out of your seat and act upon a surge of new knowledge running through your system?

Perhaps you have seen an IMAX film that made you want to change your career path or learn more about how to get involved. Inspiration comes in

many forms and one of the best forms is through the visual storytelling of film.

MMTS and Dynamic Earth, in partnership with the internationally acclaimed Wild and Scenic Film Festival, are offering a mining- and earth sciences-themed film festival for teens interested in films about nature, adventure, innovation, and the environment.

The film tour, created by the South Yuba River Citizens League, continues as the largest film festival of its kind in the United States.

MMTS and Dynamic Earth support its goal to inspire more individuals to take interest in environmental action. After screening many creative films, a selection of films was chosen that invites the audience to appreciate the planet that we call home and the amazing activities we engage in to make the most of Earth's vibrant landscapes.

The film festival is a powerful medium to educate and inspire youth ages 13 to 18 about the environment, with a special focus on the role of mining and the opportunities this great industry has to offer.

To provide students with a sample of what it means to be in mining, we have capitalized on the Ontario Mining Association's successful high school video competition, So You Think You Know Mining, and selected some of the award-winning films to showcase at the festival.

These films are created by students for students with their own unique understanding of the industry.

As the keynote speaker sharing my experiences in the mining industry and exploring the motivations that led me down this exciting career path, I will present students with an insider's perspective on why mining matters. Mining is a global field of study that is full of people with skills and talents as complex as the Earth itself. Understanding the ground beneath our feet is the first step to grasping how much our lives depend on what we extract from the Earth. Mining is essential to our way of life and produces some of the most innovative solutions: high-tech tools in detecting new ore deposits; integrated software that maps entire underground mining productions; and communications systems to track and keep workers safer underground.

With local exhibitors showcasing their innovations and thirst for adventure

and environmental stewardship, this film festival offers students a chance to go deeper into the world of mining and discover why mining really matters and how creative and innovative solutions from our community are modernizing the world in which we live.

Wild and Scenic Teen Film Festival will be held April 24 (7 pm) followed for a festival for adults April 30.

Contact Dynamic Earth for ticket information and to learn more about this adventurous film festival in our own backyard.

