Wild and Scenic Films Come to Kodiak

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On Friday evening, the Wild and Scenic Film Festival comes to Kodiak. The travelling festival aims to inspire and motivate people to go out and make a difference in their respective communities and the world by promoting its message of environmental activism.

KMXT's Erik Wander has more.

The 25th annual travelling event is organized and hosted by the South Yuba River and Citizens League, an activist organization from Nevada City, California and co-sponsored locally by the Kodiak High School Future Farmers of America, Alaska Marine Conservation Council and Sustainable Kodiak. It is the 2nd consecutive year the 25-year festival will be held in Kodiak. Theresa Peterson, Kodiak outreach coordinator for AMCC, who helped organize the festival locally, said a 40-member panel of representatives from all three organizations, as well as students who participate in the Future Farmers program, selected the 14 films that will be screened from a possible pool of about 100.

-- (Peterson 1 50 sec. "We are always looking to bring ... award winning films.")

Peterson said the two-and-a-half hour program of short films from around the world is tailored to offer something for everyone interested in environmental issues, whether land- or sea-based.

-- (Peterson 2 48 sec. "The main goal of the film festival ... and sea for our films.")

The Kodiak High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America started three years ago. It now draws about 15 to 17 students to its meetings, according Jan Eisemann, the faculty advisor to the group. Eisemann, who teaches Maritime Science and Technology, Natural Resources and Basic Seamanship, among other classes at the school, talked about the FFA, its

involvement in the film festival and how the three local organizations sponsoring the event came together.

-- (Eisemann 1 48 sec. "Three years ago ... responsible use of our resources.")

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the choral pod of Gerald C. Wilson Auditorium. Doors will open at 6:30 with refreshments and complimentary childcare provided. There will also be a silent auction and door prizes. Admission is 5-dollars for adults and 3-dollars for children. Proceeds from the fundraising event will go toward sending Kodiak High School's Envirothon teams to state competition in April as well as supporting local marine stewardship programs.

I'm Erik Wander.

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