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Spring Storytelling Series Begins Saturday April 18 at Mount Rainier National Park

Families and individuals of all ages are invited to attend the first annual Paradise Spring Storytelling Series at Mount Rainier National Park. On four consecutive Saturdays (April 18, April 25, May 2, May 9), park rangers or professional storytellers will relate stories about the human and natural history of the park. All presentations are free and open to the public. Each program begins at 1:30 PM in the theater of the new Henry M. Jackson Visitor Center at Paradise. Seating is first-come, first-served.

Four Different Programs

Saturday April 18, 1:30 PM

Join legendary park ranger Jim Ross for *Mountain Fever: an exciting and often humorous story of the first climbs of Mount Rainier*. This traditional storytelling program is approximately 40 minutes in length. Ranger Jim Ross has delighted Mount Rainier visitors with his storytelling abilities for more than 40 years.

Saturday April 25, 1:30 PM

P.B. Van Trump was a part of the first recorded summiting of Mount Rainier in 1853. He later became one of the most influential figures in establishing Mount Rainier as a national park. Ranger Kevin Bacher portrays P.B. Van Trump during this 40 minute living history presentation.

Saturday May 2, 1:30 PM

In the 1890's, James Longmire established the first settlement on the southwest side of Mount Rainier and brought early visitors to his Longmire Springs Resort. Fay Fuller stayed at Longmire's resort in 1890 and accomplished the first successful summit of the mountain by a woman. Fuller later went on to become influential in establishing the area as a national park. Ranger Julia Pinnix portrays Fuller and ranger Curt Jacquot portrays Longmire during this 45 minute living history presentation.

Saturday May 9, 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM

The Fireside Storytelling League of Tacoma-Olympia (firesidestoryleague.org) will do traditional storytelling for children of all ages. Eileen Beckowitz and Penny Tennison will tell stories on a variety of topics relating to Mount Rainier history and wildlife. Each presentation will be 30 minutes.

General park information is available at www.nps.gov/mora or by calling 360-569-2211.

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