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EXPEDITION



NORTH AMERICA'S GREATEST
WILDERNESS HORSE JOURNEY

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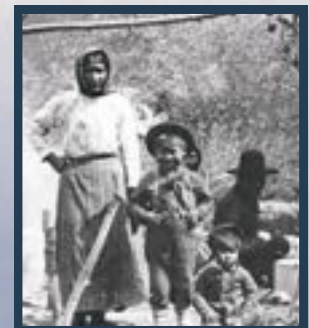
This is the fascinating account of the incredible journey. It was one of the longest, most rugged wilderness journeys ever. A truly great adventure of our time. Now an Award-Winning documentary and a National Best-Selling book.

Three men set out from the Canadian northern plains with pack and saddle horses in an attempt to reach the Pacific Ocean. One thousand wilderness miles, eleven mountain ranges, and twenty-two river crossings later, one of them reached Wrangell Island, Alaska.

THE ZOOM EXPERIENCE

The Cordillera Expedition movie is a very memorable experience. The 54-minute documentary earned Best Documentary and Best Producer Awards and has been viewed around the world. It is completely unique, more so, that it was filmed by the one person who completed the adventure. Not simply a long horse trip but an epic journey, a story of courage, perseverance, survival, and the human spirit under conditions that varied from joyful to near death. The film captures a remote and beautiful part of Canada. It provides a rare look at the indigenous communities of Telegraph Creek and Fort Ware, as well as the abandoned village of Metsantan. It is adventure, history, and a geography lesson all in one. Skies, earth, mountains, forests, and wildlife, are your companions, as they were for Stan Walchuk Jr, who lived it, filmed it, wrote about it, and now offers to share it with you.

Suitable for grade 4 up to adult, this presentation holds student's attention. We all talk about kids spending too much time on personal devices, being detached from the natural world. The Cordillera Expedition presentation takes us back to earth in a big way.



THE PRESENTATION

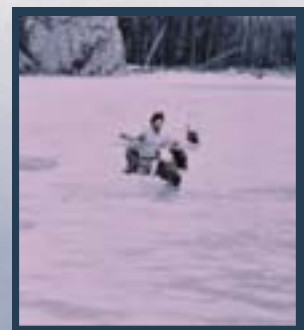
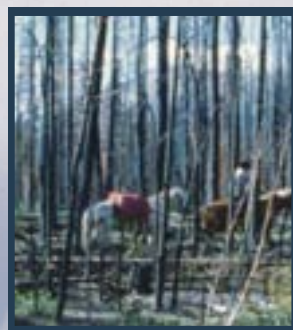
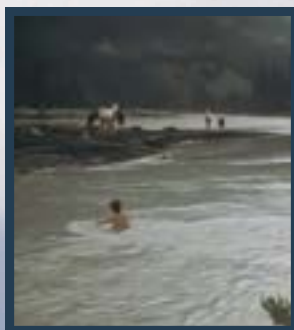
1. The presentation begins with a 5-minute introduction by Stan. He sets the table by introducing himself, the story, and some interesting details about why and how the journey began. The introduction is tailored appropriately for the age group.
2. The movie begins. You will have been provided with a DVD or USB stick in advance, as well as the book(s) for your library.
3. When the movie ends there are always plenty of interesting questions. Stan's answers are informative and often humorous. The students get to dive into more detail about specific situations from the movie and the story – about how lonely it was, what he ate, what was the closest he came to death, did he see any bears, get attacked by bears, what were the first nations villages like, about Simon Gunanoot, and much more. The question and answer period takes about twenty minutes to one half hour. Some teachers prefer to have the students stand and stretch etc. for a few minutes before the interactive discussion. But, students are often quiet, even in awe, and are ready to participate in the discussion.
4. The school library will have the Cordillera book in hand before and after the presentation so that interested students will have the opportunity to read more detail. The book and movie can be used for classroom activity afterwards.

BOOKING OR QUESTIONS

To book a presentation, or if you have any questions, please call Marlene at 1 250 569 7182, or Stan at 1 250 569 7575, or email bchorse@telus.net. You can book any day of the week and at any time of day. Plan 1.5 hours for the presentation. A break can be included after the movie is shown and before the interactive discussion. We will need the phone number and email of one contact person to coordinate setting up Zoom. We will confirm the date and request payment. The payment can be e-transferred, or made with Visa or Mastercard. The payment includes the Cordillera book and the movie (DVD or USB stick). We are accepting only 2 presentations per week. Once payment is received, we will send the movie and book. Stan's complete works can be seen at www.vistapublishing.net.

REQUESTS?

Feel free to suggest subjects that Stan can expand on during the interactive discussion. For example, you might like him to talk about becoming a writer, about his experiences with bears (he has been charged by grizzlies 4 times), about the wildlife he saw and wildlife management (he has a degree in zoology), about the importance of staying connected with mother earth - living an outdoor lifestyle. And if those in your community enjoy fishing and hunting, about hunting and fishing as a connection with the earth and a healthy lifestyle.





STAN WALCHUK JR. BIOGRAPHY

Stan Walchuk Jr. was born in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He is a common man who has lived a truly uncommon life.

Stamped with a passion for wanderlust, his life was just naturally one adventure after another. Stan took his first solo wilderness trip at the age of thirteen. He left home at sixteen and hitch hiked up the Alaska Highway at the tail end of the

of the 70's hippy movement, landing his first stint with Yukon horse outfitters. He has averaged more than three wilderness horse, canoe, or hiking trips a year for more than forty years. He has been a gas jockey, car wash boy, chicken deliverer, construction labourer, surveyor, habitat improvement contractor, truck driver, teacher, writer, film maker, horse trainer, wilderness program instructor, and a student and writer of hockey.

Stan received Zoology and Education Degrees from the University of Alberta. His documentary of the rugged one-thousand-mile Cordillera! Expedition earned him Best Documentary and Best Producer Awards. The Cordillera Expedition book is a National Best Seller. Stan has given well over a hundred presentations to schools, theaters, and town halls. He has written more than fifty articles for outdoor and equine magazines. Stan has had the pleasure of teaching more than 700 participants from around the world at Blue Creek's Outfitting's Trail Riding and Wilderness Travel Program. The hockey dad of a pro hockey player, he dove into a life in hockey, first as a manager, then later, after 5 years of research, interviews, and writing, he created the 'Hockey Is Life' book – the complete guide to life in hockey.

Stan lives with his wife Marlene, their horses and dogs, near McBride, British Columbia, Canada.

