

JAMES BRUCHAC



NATIVE AMERICAN STORYTELLING PRESENTATIONS

From animal lesson stories (Grades K - 4) to trickster heroes & monster tales (Grades 3 - 12) audiences of all ages will be amused and learn valuable lessons. Since most of the stories Jim shares have been passed down from generation to generation they also serve as great windows into Native culture. During Native storytellings Jim may also include the use of Native instruments such as drums, rattles and flutes encouraging students to sing along with various songs and chants. When requested Jim can also expand on any cultural and philosophical connections found within the stories and songs he presents.

AUTHOR RESIDENCES & WORKSHOPS (WRITING & STORYTELLING)

The focus of Jim's author visits can range from sharing a few stories from his books to comprehensive writing and storytelling workshops. During question and answer sessions Jim explains how growing up hearing Native legends from his father Joseph Bruchac - and his real life experiences in the wilderness - have influenced his storytelling and writing. During writing workshops, Jim helps students compose their own stories. Using his various books as examples, the most popular lesson choices include animal lesson stories (K - 3) and cautionary monster tales (4 - 12). For Grades K-2, Jim can create a group story complete with his own illustrations. Jim's storytelling workshops (4-12) use highly interactive exercises to help students develop key storytelling techniques. In the context of longer residences students create and share their own stories. Jim also presents teacher workshops on a variety of subjects (Grades 2 - 12).

JIM BRUCHAC - STORYTELLER, ANIMAL TRACKER, AND BEYOND

During this program, audiences will be treated to some of Jim's favorite stories including various Native legends, Adirondack tall tales, animal interactions combined with some of his own often comical life experiences. Story lovers of all ages will be taken on a journey of discovery and laughter (Grades 2 - 12).

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NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE AND THE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Focusing on natural resources from plants, trees, rocks, animals, and water - to the soil beneath your feet - Jim provides physical evidence to show how Native Americans shaped these key resources into everything they needed to survive. Along with sharing objects such as deerskin clothing, furs, a birch bark canoe, snowshoes, wampum, baskets and hunting tools, Jim also explains the ways this original reliance on the natural world helped shape the many Native legends, cultural values and social interactions that continue to this day (Grades 2-12).

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL & EXPLORATION

Participants will learn about such human necessities as protection from the elements, making fire, finding food and water. Jim also demonstrates how people past and present obtain resources from the wild. During hands-on, outdoor workshops students can learn key skills such as how to make a shelter, navigate, find water, food, make fire and avoid potential hazards like getting lost, injured, struck by lightning, drowned, or attacked by wild animals (Grades 5 - 12).

ANIMAL TRACKING & ANIMAL STUDIES

Tracking can help students of all ages better understand the everyday life of animals. Starting with the very basic What's That Track program (K - 12) to more indepth programs like Animal Studies (3 - 12), students will use plaster casts of various animal footprints to identify animal tracks. Students will also receive general information and lore about the animals that made them. Advanced programs can include indepth surveys of various animals using modern field techniques and technologies from notepads and measuring tapes to GPS equipped PDAs (K - 12).

FIELD TRIP TO VISIT JIM (AT THE NDAKINNA EDUCATION CENTER)

Schools, scout groups and all others within driving distance of Greenfield Center, New York, can visit Jim at his family-founded Ndakiinna Education Center & Nature Preserve. Housing all of his Native American exhibits with over 2,500 square feet of teaching space, the Education Center is surrounded by an 80-acre nature preserve. Half day to multiple day experiences offered. Visit www.ndcenter.org for more information (Grades 1 - 12).

