Teton Wilderness by Covered Wagon
August 10-13, 2011
Information Sheet

Gateway City: Jackson, Wyoming

Wyoming Transportation: Several airlines serve Jackson Hole. Bus service is available into Jackson via Salt Lake City, Utah, and Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Suggested Arrival Time: The afternoon of the day prior to trip departure (August 9)

Meeting Time and Place: We will depart at 8 a.m. on August 10th for our wagon trek. The group will meet at the Antler Inn for this departure, but please let the Alumni Relations Office know where you will be staying and if you need transportation to the pick-up location.

Motels: Hotels can be found at http://www.jacksonholechamber.com/

About the trip: After you meet the wagonmaster, crew and other guests, you are assigned to your wagon or fitted to your horse and saddle and the train heads out for the day. Frequent rest stops and a lunch break provide time to enjoy the natural beauty of the area. Wagon covers are rolled up to give you a full view of the passing scenery. You may ride on a gentle saddle horse in rotation (or full time if you decide to purchase the option – availability limited) with other guests. Special guided trail rides into the surrounding wilderness will be a highlight of the trip for those so inclined.

When the next campsite is reached the wagon circle forms in early afternoon to allow time for hiking or relaxation before supper. Meals are served family style from the chuckwagon by experienced cooks. Guests sleep in their wagon or in a provided tent. Sleeping bags are available for rent. We return to the motel by 6 p.m. on the last day of the trek.

About the area: Our trip will take place inside the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Mount Leidy Highlands. Elevations range from 7,000-10,000 feet above sea level. Temperatures will range from nighttime lows in the 30s to daytime highs in the mid-70s. It is not uncommon to have a brief afternoon shower.

The Jackson Hole area is dominated by the magnificent Tetons. Directly across the valley from the Tetons lies the Mount Leidy Highlands. This forms the northeastern edge of Jackson Hole and is drained by Spread Creek and portions of the Gros Ventre River. The main river valleys have a network of logging roads along the lower portions; however the upper elevations are wilderness. The names of several places we’ll be traveling through are Rosie’s Ridge, Mount Leidy, Leidy Lake and the North and South Fork of Spread Creek. This area is the calving grounds and summer range for the prolific Gros Ventre elk herd. Moose, mule deer, coyotes, bear and a variety of raptors inhabit the surrounding backcountry.

What to Bring: Informal outdoor clothing, wide brimmed hat, hiking or riding boots, warm jacket, gloves, raingear, overshoes, toilet articles, towel, washcloth, insect repellent, sunglasses, flashlight, canteen, musical instruments, camera, a warm sleeping bag (unless you wish to rent one) and a pillow. It is suggested that long sleeve shirt and long pants are worn when on trail rides. The outfitter does not furnish alcoholic beverages or canned pop; you may bring your own. Frost and cold weather are possible in the mountains anytime. Be sure your coat is warm enough and your sleeping bag is adequate for 30 degrees. Overshoes are useful in rainy weather. A flashlight is necessary.
How to Pack: All baggage must be moved daily. Pack in duffel bags or sturdy suitcases. Do not bring too much. Organize your gear so that dress clothing and unnecessary items can be stored at the motel or in your car. Do not bring items in paper containers, plastic garment bags, etc.