NABA Park Visit on the Web

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In March of this year, NABA teamed with the Distance Learning Integrators, Inc to allow students throughout the United States to take a virtual visit to NABA International Butterfly Park by visiting the efldtrips website.

This educational website allows teachers across the country and their students to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the country’s parks and natural resources. Students nationwide get quality educational experiences through virtual tours that guide them as they learn about nature and relevant environmental issues. We have designed our Butterfly eFieldTrip, which is entitled Butterflies — Unlocking the Mysteries of Metamorphosis, to meet national education standards and to provide an engaging format that keeps a student’s interest. There is no cost to the school. An eFieldTrip to the Butterfly Park teaches students how butterflies and their relatives have life cycles that are different from those of many more familiar animals. As they study metamorphosis, kids learn how butterflies grow from tiny eggs to adult butterflies, and how butterflies are important members of the world’s ecosystems. We hope that some of the students along with their teachers and/or parents, will be intrigued enough by their virtual visit to physically visit the Park.

Teachers can register their classes at http://www.efieldtrips.org/butterfly/

Habitat loss is the main reason many butterflies are becoming endangered. When roadways are mowed and forests are cleared then butterflies lose their homes. The adults have nowhere to lay their eggs. The caterpillars have nothing to eat.

Regal Fritillaries have become endangered because of habitat loss. Endangered means that they are in danger of becoming extinct.

Invasive Species: America’s Least Wanted
Hosted By: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Premiere Date: February 22, 2006
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Hosted By: Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve
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Hosted By: Grand Teton National Park and Partners
Premiere Date: March 6, 2006
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Hosted By: NABA International Butterfly Park
Premiere Date: March 14, 2006
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Premiere Date: March 27, 2006
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