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**Dr. Kent Syverson's Shares his Adventures in Glacier Bay at Ice Age Trail Alliance Chapter's Annual Meeting**

Stories and Hardships of Living and Conducting Research in Alaska's Wilderness

Cross Plains (January 18, 2023)- Discover what it's like to live off the grid in the Alaskan backcountry, during a special presentation at the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire-Barron County Campus. UW-Eau Claire Geology Professor Dr. Kent Syverson will share excerpts from his book, *Adventures in Glacier Bay*, on January 27 at the Annual Meeting of the Superior Lobe Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. This is a FREE event, open to everyone.

Dr. Syverson spent two summers (1989-1990) in Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve as a graduate student. He chronicled his adventures, hardships, and research during his time with the National Geographic Society's Burroughs Glacier Expedition in his book.

During the presentation you'll hear what it was like to live 50-miles from the nearest human outpost, experience food and toilet paper shortages, and the joys of ice cream during these remote times. Dr. Syverson also recalls the mistakes made and lessons learned during his time in Glacier Bay through humorous anecdotes.

Event Details:

Adventures in Glacier Bay Presentation

January 27, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Blue Hills Lecture Hall on the University Wisconsin Eau Claire – Barron County Campus

1800 College Drive Rice Lake, WI 54868.

Social hour with snacks starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Superior Lobe Chapter's Annual Meeting at 6:30 p.m. Anyone is invited to attend to learn more about the Ice Age Trail Alliance and Chapter activities.

Signed copies of *Adventures in Glacier Bay* will be available to purchase (\$23, cash or check).

About the Speaker--Kent M. Syverson is a Professor of Geology and Environmental Science at UW-Eau Claire. He grew up within the footprint of the Superior Lobe in northern Minnesota, received his BS in geology from UM-Duluth, and earned his MS and PhD in glacial geology from UW-Madison. He has conducted glacial geology research with UW-Eau Claire undergraduate students in Maine and Wisconsin, including projects along Wisconsin's Ice Age Trail in the Blue Hills, the Chippewa Moraine, and Straight Lake State Park. He also mapped the glacial geology of Chippewa County for the Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (Syverson, 2007). Syverson is the 2012 recipient of the UW-Eau Claire Excellence in Teaching award and author of the book "*Adventures in Glacier Bay*" (2020, Amazon).

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About the Ice Age Trail Alliance:

The Ice Age Trail Alliance is a non-profit, member and volunteer-based organization which conserves, creates, maintains, and promotes the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. For more information visit iceagetrail.org.

About the Ice Age National Scenic Trail:

The Ice Age National Scenic Trail is a 1,200-mile footpath contained entirely within Wisconsin. It traverses the state from St. Croix Falls in the west, to Sturgeon Bay in the east, going as far south as Janesville. One of 11 National Scenic Trails, the Ice Age Trail highlights the landscapes that were carved out by ancient glaciers, which happen to be some of the most beautiful areas in the state. Approximately 60% of Wisconsin residents live within 20 miles of the Ice Age Trail.