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SPECIAL GUESTS PRESENT PROGRAMS AT MANZANAR MARCH 31 AND APRIL 29 & 30

Manzanar's 2007 docent series kicks off with special guests Martha Shoaf and Cory Shiozaki. Martha Shoaf taught fourth grade to Japanese American students in Manzanar War Relocation Center during World War II. She arrived at the camp in February 1943, after earning a teaching credential at UCLA, and moved into a tarpaper-covered barracks. "It was sort of like camping with a roof over your head," she later recalled. On Saturday, March 31, she will return to Manzanar to share photos and memories of living and working in the camp.

One of the few remaining camp educators, Ms. Shoaf will present a 45-minute program beginning at 1:00 p.m. and again at 3:00 p.m. in the West Theater of the Manzanar National Historic Site Interpretive Center. Her talk will be followed by an informal question and answer session.

With the rugged, spectacular granite peaks of the Sierra Nevada as a backdrop, Japanese Americans interned at Manzanar regularly fished for trout in the nearby streams of the Eastern Sierra. Special guest docent and Eastern Sierra fishing guide Cory Shiozaki will bring this aspect of the site's history to life in programs and walking tours focused on Manzanar's wartime fish stories on April 29 and April 30. These activities will kick off a new exhibit on the fishing adventures of Manzanar internees in the Interpretive Center.

On both Sunday, April 29, and Monday, April 30, Mr. Shiozaki will present one hour talks beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the West Theatre of the Manzanar Interpretive Center. At 1:00 p.m. on Sunday he will present a 90 minute talk and walk at the former Manzanar Reservoir (High clearance vehicles required). At 1:00 p.m. on Monday Mr. Shiozaki will lead a walk to Bairs Creek, one of many internee fishing holes. Those wishing to attend the walking tours should meet in the bookstore lobby and plan to bring water and wear sunscreen, sturdy walking shoes, and a hat. From 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. both days Mr. Shiozaki will meet with visitors in the Interpretive Center.



The programs are free and open to the public. Manzanar National Historic Site is located at 5001 Highway 395, six miles south of Independence, California. For more information on the programs, please call 760-878-2194 ext. 2710 or visit our website at www.nps.gov/manz.