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### **Heart Mountain Interpretive Center to Present Winter Program Series**

POWELL, WY-- Heart Mountain Interpretive Center will present a series of special programs in the coming months. These programs will take place on Saturday, January 28; Saturday, February 11; and Saturday, March 18. All programs will begin at 1 p.m.

Each program will highlight a unique aspect of Heart Mountain's history. On January 28, the center will screen the 1951 film *Go For Broke!*, which dramatizes the World War II exploits of the Japanese American 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team. A short talk about Lane Nakano, 442nd veteran and the film's star, will precede the screening. This program is free for Blue Star families.

The February 11 program will focus on Arthur and Estelle Ishigo. Arthur, the son of Japanese immigrants, married Estelle, who came from a privileged Caucasian family, in California in the 1920s. When Arthur was forced to relocate to Wyoming, Estelle accompanied him. Through her art, she documented life in the Heart Mountain camp.

The final program, slated for March 18, explores the Heart Mountain "mystery stones." After the Heart Mountain camp closed, locals discovered a barrel filled with stones, each marked with a single Japanese character. Scholars are just beginning to understand the origin and purpose of the stones. This program will center on their work.

All programs in the series are free with museum admission. After attending their first program, visitors can pick up a “season pass,” which will waive the cost of museum admission for the remaining programs.

Heart Mountain Interpretive Center tells the story of some 14,000 Japanese Americans unjustly incarcerated in Wyoming from 1942 through 1945. The center is located between Cody and Powell on Highway 14A. Museum admission is \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students and seniors. Children under 12 and members of the Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation are free. For more information please call (307) 754-8000 or visit [www.heartmountain.org](http://www.heartmountain.org).

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