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Chasing Dragons

The Roy Chapman Andrews Story



A 43-minute film that celebrates the life and legacy of Beloit's Native Son.



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Established in 1999, the Roy Chapman Andrews Society (RCAS) is intent on building awareness for one of the 20th century's most celebrated explorers, Roy Chapman Andrews (1884—1960). The Society honors the legacy of Andrews by educating the public about his life, work, and adventures, promoting the value of scientific exploration and discovery, and emphasizing his lifetime ties to Beloit, Wisconsin.

The mission of the Society is to inspire scientific discovery by engaging with contemporary explorers who exemplify the legacy of Roy Chapman Andrews, Beloit's native son.

The Roy Chapman Andrews Society is dedicated to encouraging exploration for people of all ages. In partnership with Beloit College, local school districts, individuals and businesses, each year the Society sponsors the Distinguished Explorer Award (DEA) event recognizing world-renowned explorers for their outstanding achievements in scientific discovery through explorations that offer new insights into previously unknown or poorly known subjects or areas. Distinguished Explorers receive a cash prize and a bronze commemorative statue created by the late renowned artist O. V. Shaffer.

The DEA ceremony is followed by an acceptance lecture in which recipients share their career and field experiences. Society members and sponsors share personal time with recipients in a celebratory dinner in a Q&A forum. The event honors Andrews's legacy and is supported financially by Society members and donors.

For Information on RCAS membership @
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- Name listed on the project website “Supporters” page.

Field Assistant\$100+

- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- Newsletter with film production updates.

Expedition Member\$250+

- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- Private online event/updates & sneak peek presentations.

Expedition Surveyor\$500+

- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- On-screen credit in distinctive category.

Expedition Leader\$1,000+

- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- Movie poster autographed by key filmmakers.

Frontier Pathfinder\$2,500+

- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- Exclusive rough-cut screening.

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- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- Invitation to premiere event.

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- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
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- Includes all previous benefits, plus:
- Top billing: “Presented by...” in film credits and all promotional materials.

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The film will:

- Explore Andrews’s Beloit boyhood hometown and the Rock River landscapes that shaped his curiosity and resilience.
- Highlight Beloit College, his alma mater, and the academic foundation that influenced his scientific world view.
- Present family history through interviews, including insights from his granddaughter.
- Showcase the Society and its 23 years of recognizing world-renowned explorers through the Distinguished Explorer Award event.
- Include past DEA recipients and how their careers were impacted by Andrews.
- Conclude with the 2025 Roy Chapman Andrews Legacy Expedition—a powerful testament to his lasting global impact on exploration more than a century later.
- Be created for education, public TV, and future generations.

We need YOUR help, to bring this film to life!

The Film Overview:

This 43-minute PBS-ready documentary explores the life, legacy, and enduring relevance of **Roy Chapman Andrews**, one of the most influential scientific explorers of the twentieth century and a widely acknowledged inspiration for the Indiana Jones character. Although Andrews is known worldwide for his pioneering explorations and achievements, this movie takes a new approach by following how his aspirations began in his native Beloit, Wisconsin.

From the halls of Beloit College to the remote landscapes of Central Asia, Andrews helped shape the modern image of the explorer-scientist and went on to serve as Executive Director of the American Museum of Natural History. Yet the formative role of place, education, and community in shaping his world view has largely been overlooked. By reconnecting Andrews’s global achievements to his local beginnings, the film humanizes a legendary figure and redefines exploration as a product of curiosity nurtured early and close to home.

At a time when science, education, and discovery face growing public scrutiny, this documentary invites audiences to reconsider how explorers are made—and why investing in curiosity, learning, and opportunity remains essential.

Through Andrews’s story, the film speaks to enduring American themes of imagination, perseverance, and the power of education to launch lives of impact.

