



## *Field-based Natural History Courses In and About the Klamath Siskiyou*

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in **A Naturalist's Guide to Beetles of Southern Oregon** with Jim LaBonte on **Thursday-Friday, March 30-31**. Please arrive to sign in and meet your instructor by **8:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 30**. **Class will conclude around 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 31**.

**Your balance due is \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

### **Tentative Course Schedule:**

#### Day 1: Thursday

8:00-10:00 a.m. – Presentation: Introduction to beetles: distinguishing characteristics, major families, habitats, ecological roles, sampling methods  
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Field excursion to nearby habitats: learning various collecting methods  
12:00-1:00 p.m.- Lunch  
1:00-4:00 p.m. – Examination of collected beetles: identification, ecology, behavior, and adaptations  
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Presentation: Ecology of Cascadian woodland and riparian beetles  
8:00-10:00 p.m. - Depending upon weather and participant interest, there may be an evening collecting excursion for nocturnal beetles.

#### Day 2: Friday

8:00-10:00 – Presentation: *Carabidae* of Oregon  
10:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. – Field excursion to riparian and lacustrine habitats  
12:00-1:00 p.m. – Lunch  
1:00-4:00 p.m. – Examination of collected beetles: identification, ecology, behavior, and adaptations  
4:00-5:00 p.m. – Course conclusion

*\*Please note: Times are approximate and subject to change.*

### **Appropriate attire and supplies:**

Sturdy Shoes	Hand Lens (at least 10x – 16x is better)
Hat	Water
Lunches/Snacks	First Aid Kit
Field Clothes, including rain gear	Insect Repellant
Small Daypack	Head Lamp or Flashlight (for night excursion)

**Other Supplies:** Bring a microscope if you prefer to use your own. Otherwise, SFI provides microscopes. LaBonte will bring forceps and other lab and collecting equipment.

### **Identification Resources:**

There are no adequate current and non-technical identification resources for Oregon or western U.S. beetles. Although somewhat focused on eastern beetles, the Peterson beetle guide has surprisingly decent coverage of western beetles.

**Field guide:** *A Field Guide to the Beetles of North America*. Richard E. White. *Peterson Field Guide*. 1998 latest edition. Somewhat dated family taxonomy. Family- and sometimes genus-level information. Paperback versions of the latest edition are available for a modest sum. Recommended for this course.

**Web site:** BugGuide.net. Not terribly phone-friendly. Searchable, image-based. Sometimes to species level. Identification is via comparison of specimens in hand with images on the web site. Species not represented by images may not be identifiable even to family. Images can be submitted to the site for identification. Coverage of western and Oregon species is haphazard, as is the amount and nature of associated information.

**You are responsible for your own safety** and should **bring necessary medications** (such as allergy medications, bee sting or insulin kits, sugar, etc.) you might need during this course. We suggest you tell other participants of a condition with which you might need their assistance (diabetes, allergic reaction, etc.).

**Directions:**

**SFI is located at 1241 Illinois River Road in Selma, OR.**

From Grants Pass – Take Hwy 199 (Redwood Highway) south to Selma (approximately 20 miles). Turn right at the blinking light in Selma onto Illinois River Rd. There is a 76 gas station on the corner. DCC is on the left approximately 1.5 miles up Illinois River Rd.

From Cave Junction - Take Hwy 199 (Redwood Highway) north to Selma (approximately 9 miles). Turn left at the blinking light onto Illinois River Rd. There is a 76 gas station on the corner. DCC is on the left approximately 1.5 miles up Illinois River Rd.

**Please note:** Most SFI courses require at least some driving. Students often opt to carpool to course sites to minimize environmental impacts to the area. Please be aware, however, that there will be no liability on the on the part of Siskiyou Field Institute for carpooling activities. Carpooling is a voluntary action of the participants.

**Accommodations:** SFI invites you to stay at SFI during your course, and we offer discounted rates to those attending our classes. **To reserve your space, call us or visit [www.thesfi.org](http://www.thesfi.org).** Check-in time at SFI is 4pm; check-out time is 11am. If you arrive when the office is closed please call caretaker, Lillie Hazelton, at 541-787-5303 (you might want to call from the highway – cell phone reception at SFI is sketchy). Lillie’s number is also posted on the doors of Kendeda House.

- **Camping:** \$8/night per person
- **Yurt #1:** (bunk bed in a shared room w/electricity) \$12/night per person
- **Yurt #2:** (bunk bed in a shared room, no electricity) \$10/night per person
- **Dorm:** (bunk bed in a shared room in house) \$20/night per person
- **Private room with bath:** \$50/night for one, \$10 for each additional person.

**SFI is a pet-free and smoke-free facility. Thanks in advance for your cooperation!**

**Meals** are *not* provided in the course tuition. Please arrange to supply food for yourself. There is a restaurant and a grocery store in Selma. If you are staying in SFI’s ranch house (private room or dorm spaces) you will have access to the kitchen for food preparation. If you are camping (yurts or tent camping), there is a covered pavilion with picnic tables where you may set up your camp stove.

**Environmental Precautions:** To prevent the spread of **sudden oak death, Port Orford cedar disease** and **noxious weeds**, the Forest Service requests that participants **wash the undercarriage and wheels of their vehicles** before driving on public lands. Those coming from California (especially Marin, Sonoma, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Monterey counties) should pay

particular attention to such cleaning. Please tend to it before class time. Forest Service permit guidelines require that you **wash the soles of your boots/shoes**. We will have a boot washing station onsite at registration.

**Payment Policy:**

30 or more days before course	\$25 or 25% of tuition, whichever is greater, to reserve space
29-15 days before course	50% tuition due
14 days before course	Balance due* (or space not guaranteed)

*\*If full tuition is not received one week prior to the start of the course, we cannot guarantee your space in the class.*

**Cancellation Policy:**

30 or more days before course	Full refund minus \$25 administrative fee
29-15 days before course	50% refund
Less than 14 days before course	No refund

We look forward to seeing you. Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

The Siskiyou Field Institute Staff