



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

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in **Middle Fork Smith River Geobotany**.. Please arrive to sign in and meet your instructor by **9:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 2. Class will conclude around 5:30 p.m.**

Tentative Course Schedule:*

9:00 -10:15 a.m. – Meet in the SFI classroom for instructor introduction and a slide presentation on serpentine geology of the Smith River, followed by a question and answer session..

10:30 a.m. – Organize carpooling and depart south on Hwy. 199.

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. – We will make two stops to visit fens with carnivorous plant communities, ending up at the Stony Creek trailhead in Gasquet. We'll then take a short hike on the trail to have our lunch by the creek.

2:00 –5:00 p.m. – Geology stops along the Middle Fork of the Smith River. Return to SFI at 5:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m. – Depart for home

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

Appropriate attire and supplies:

Sturdy shoes	Hand lens
Hat	Water
Lunch/Snacks	Field clothes (Tear-resistant pants recommended)
Small daypack	Water sandals
Trekking poles to help with balance on uneven terrain	

Other Supplies: We will have art supplies, poetry collections and other materials for writing weathergrams. If you have your own calligraphy tools, please bring them.

Reference books/field guides: Four handouts are included in this email. The instructor also recommends this blog posting for background on the Stony Creek Trail where we'll eat lunch:

<http://blog.conifercountry.com/2014/07/stoney-creek-trail/>

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.).

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.

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.

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.** 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 Keneda House.

- **Camping:** \$10/night per person
- **Yurt #1:** (bunk bed in a shared room w/electricity) \$15/night per person
- **Yurt #2:** (bunk bed in a shared room, no electricity) \$13/night per person
- **Dorm:** (bunk bed in a shared room in house) \$23/night per person
- **Private room with bath:** \$55/night for one, \$13 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.

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

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