

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in **Bird Taxonomy and Diversity with Pepper Trail on Saturday and Sunday, June 26th and 27th, 2010**. Please arrive to sign in and meet your instructor by 9 AM on Saturday and 7 AM on Sunday. Saturday's meeting place is Room 105 in the Science Building on the Southern Oregon University campus in Ashland (*see directions below*). Sunday's meeting place will be at the parking lot in front of the SOU Science Building.

Tentative Course itinerary*:

Day 1: Saturday will be a full day in the lab, working with specimens and photographs to provide an overview of bird classification and evolutionary relationships. The schedule will be from 8:30-Noon, and from 12:30-4 PM.

The major avian orders will be described and illustrated, and the evolutionary relationships among major groups of birds will be discussed. The major families of North American birds will be reviewed, with abundant examples. Emphasis will be given to the distinctive characters of external anatomy that identify each group, with discussion of their evolutionary and ecological significance.

Day 2: Sunday will be a full day in the field, travelling to the Klamath Basin, with stops along the way. We will leave Ashland in a group van at 7 AM, and return between 5-6 PM. The Klamath Basin's variety of habitats will allow us to see species representing many different orders and families, reinforcing the laboratory material. Emphasis will be given to species identification, as well as recognition of characters that reveal order and family membership.

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

Directions: Coming from the South: Take I-5 North to Ashland exit #14 – toward Ashland/Klamath Falls. Turn left onto Ashland St./Hwy. 66. Bear right on OR 99/Siskiyou Blvd. Go 0.4 miles (Southern Oregon University campus will be on the left). Turn left on Mountain Avenue. Go to the end of the street and jog left, then right. Park on the street. The Science Building is the angular structure to your left.

Coming from the North: Take I-5 South to Ashland exit #19 – toward Ashland. Take a right on South Valley View Road, go 0.4 miles. At the traffic light turn left on OR 99/N. Main Street. Go 3.2 miles (through downtown) (Southern Oregon University campus will be on the right). Turn right on Mountain Avenue. Go to the end of the street and jog left, then right. Park on the street. The Science Building is the angular structure to your left.

Supplies (Saturday laboratory class):

- **Notebook**
- **Bird field guide (Sibley or National Geographic guides preferred)**
- **Lunch**
- **Digital camera (optional; for documenting specimens)**

Appropriate attire and supplies (Sunday field trip):

- Sturdy Shoes
- Hat
- Water Bottle
- Lunch
- Snacks
- Sunscreen
- Binoculars
- Bird field guide (Sibley or National Geographic preferred)
- Small notebook

You are responsible for your own safety and should **bring any 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.).

If you are interested in **carpooling** please check our website, www.thesfi.org, under “message board”. Others who are looking for ride shares will be directed to the message board. *The Sunday field trip to the Klamath Basin will be in a group van arranged by SFI.*

Please note: 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. SFI will have no responsibility in arranging carpools, pick- up times, locations or reliability of the transportation.

Lodging: If you would like information on lodging and campground options in and around Ashland, please contact the Ashland Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 1360, Ashland, OR 97520; 541-482-3486 or www.ashlandchamber.com.

Meals are *not* provided in the course tuition. Please arrange to supply food for yourself. There are many restaurants and grocery stores in Ashland.

Payment Policy:

30 or more days before course	\$25 or 25% (whichever is greater) to reserve space
29-14 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 fee (\$25 or 25% tuition)
29-14 days before course	50% refund
Less than 14 days before course	No refund

\$25 or 25% (whichever is greater) of tuition is a non-refundable deposit that holds your spot in this course.

Please contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Arnie Green, Executive Director
Karen Pleasant, Associate Director
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Your balance due is \$ _____

