

Dear Siskiyou Field Institute Participant:

You are registered to participate in **Winter Ecology** with **Kristi Mergenthaler Friday and Saturday February 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. Please arrive to sign in and meet your instructor by **6:45 pm at Southern Oregon University Science Building room 171** (see enclosed map) on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**Itinerary:**

**Friday February 19:** Evening presentation from **7 to 9 pm at SOU Science Building room 171**. Please arrive by 6:45 so we can start right at 7 pm.

**Saturday February 20:** Meet at the Rite Aid parking lot in Ashland to carpool at **9:00 am**. We will return to Rite Aid by **5 pm**. *We will be carpooling to the cross country ski parking lot just beyond the Mt. Ashland parking lot, so if you have a snow ready vehicle, with chains or snow tires, you might consider driving.*

**Snow pass:** *All vehicles parked at Mt. Ashland must have a snow pass or may be ticketed.* **Please be sure to have a snow pass before Saturday.** You can pick up a day or season snow pass at any US Forest Service office and at many local outdoor stores (see below).

**Snowshoes:** **Ashland Mountain Supply Store** on the plaza in Ashland has offered a discount snowshoe rental of \$8 to SFI course participants. Their closing time is 6 pm, so **pick up your snow shoes before 6 pm on Friday**, before the evening presentation. They offer leeway to return the snowshoes until noon Sunday, February 21, at no extra charge. Tell the staff you are taking SFI's Winter Ecology course.

**Appropriate attire, supplies, and/or equipment:**

- **Snow shoes and ski poles**
- **Waterproof boots**
- **Wool/fleece socks**
- **Gloves** (inner and outer layers best)
- **Waterproof jacket, sweater or fleece**
- **Snow pants or rain pants**
- **Non-cotton underclothes**
- **Hat and sunglasses**
- **Two liters water**
- **Lunch and extra snacks**
- **Small Backpack** (to carry supplies)
  - **Sunscreen**
  - **Notebook**
  - **Hand lens**
  - **Lightweight avalanche shovel**
  - **Binoculars**

**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.).

**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](http://www.ashlandchamber.com).

**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. You can find more information about the diseases at [www.fs.fed.us/r6/siskiyou/poc1.htm](http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/siskiyou/poc1.htm) and [www.suddenoakdeath.org](http://www.suddenoakdeath.org).

**Payment Policy:**

30 or more days before course	\$25 or 25% (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 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  
 Candy Gerrard, Office Manager

Cory Alvis, Program Coordinator  
 CeCe Bowerman, Youth Coordinator  
 Andrea King, Administrative Assistant

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