

ABOUT SFI

OUR MISSION

Increase the understanding of, and connection to the Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion through education, scientific research, and public engagement.

Siskiyou Field Institute specializes in immersive education, with adult field courses, youth outdoor school, lodging, and other services and events.

Visit siskiyoufieldinstitute.org to learn more!



SFI's historic Deer Creek Center, Selma, Oregon, in the shadow of Eight Dollar Mountain.

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SPRING 2021
Course schedule inside!

WELCOME TO OUR 2021 SEASON

Welcome to Siskiyou Field Institute's 2021 season!

We're trying some new things this year, and planning to re-emerge from the pandemic renewed and fresh, like a pyrophilic plant sprout after a fire.

For starters, we've redesigned our old course catalog into this streamlined brochure. Inside, you'll find an easy-to-use reference for all our planned classes from April through June this year. We hope you enjoy this new format.

While our on-site classroom unfortunately remains closed due to COVID-19, we will still be holding classes and activities outdoors here at SFI and around the Klamath-Siskiyou region. Due to the difficulty of maintaining constant physical distancing, we require all field course participants to wear a mask to ensure the safety of our staff and students.



For 2021, we are also introducing online programming using the ZOOM platform. This is the start of a long-term plan for SFI to regularly offer online classes, and we are exploring more versatile and complete online education platforms for future seasons.

Additionally, many of our courses this year are designed as "hybrid" courses that incorporate both online and field components. For most of these courses we're offering students the option to engage in just the online portion of the course if desired, allowing even those from farther away to join in SFI's class offerings.

Interested in taking one of our paid courses without paying tuition? We would love you to be a volunteer host! Receive free class attendance in exchange for hosting an agreed upon number of courses. Contact us at adventure@thesfi.org for more information, or visit siskiyoufieldinstitute.org/volunteers. Scholarship funding may also be available.

Stay safe, and remember to get outside!

FREE PROGRAMS

MAY WILDFLOWER HIKE

Join us for an evening hike discovering some of the rare wildflowers native to the Illinois Valley! You'll also learn how plant life is affected by the unique geology and soil of this area. Lead by local botanical expert John Roth.



Friday, May 7
6-7:30 PM

Rough & Ready
Botanical Wayside
30619 Redwood
Hwy, Cave Junction
OR

CAMPFIRE WITH THE CAVES: LISTENING FOR LOCAL BATS

Learn about local bats and get a rare chance to see how biologists listen to bats in the field. We'll watch as bats emerge for the night plus see a live demonstration of researchers' acoustic monitoring equipment.

With Ivan Yates, Oregon
Caves Biological Science Technician

Friday, June 11
8-10 PM

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SPRING 2021

April-June

SFI members get 10% off tuition!



Register: siskiyoufieldinstitute.org/adult-field-courses

For field courses, classes are limited to 10 participants and masks are required.

ONLINE MARBLE MOUNTAINS BOTANICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Drawing on photos taken over 37 years of exploring the Marble Mountain Wilderness, botanist Dana York will lead you on a virtual tour showcasing the unique and diverse plants of this region. **With Dana York, M.S.**



Date: **Thursday April 1, 6-8 PM**

Tuition: **\$20**

ONLINE SKETCHING SPRING BLOOMS & FOLIAGE

Connect with nature through drawing from observation and reflective journal keeping using your own specimens from nature. Learn pencil, colored-pencil, and pen techniques in an accessible way.

With Dorota Haber-Lehigh, M.A.

Dates: **Tuesdays, April 6, 13, 20 & 27 6-8 PM**

Tuition: **\$100**

(BYO art supplies)



FIELD SPRING MUSHROOMS OF THE SOUTHERN CASCADES

Learn all about spring-fruiting fungi: the edible, the non-edible, and the toxic. This course provides the basics on local species along with expert field guidance and identification on a trip to common fungi fruiting spots. **With Mike Potts.**



Date: **Saturday May 8 10 AM - 3 PM (meet in Ashland)**

Tuition: **\$80**

FIELD CAMASSIA: A SOUTHERN OREGON GEM

Learn about an important botanical contribution of the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion - the genus *Camassia*. Students will learn all about this spring-flowering genus, including identification, anatomy, physiology, natural and cultural history, and current conservation efforts. Includes an excursion to a local site to see camas blooming, and a chance to taste prepared camas bulbs (donated by Kenagy family farm in Albany Oregon). **With Matthew Davis, M.S.**



(Field hike is moderate: 3 miles round trip with an ankle-deep stream crossing. Secondary, poor-weather field site is north of Grants Pass.)

Date: **Sunday May 16, 9 AM - 12 PM (meet at SFI)**

Tuition: **\$40**

ONLINE/FIELD KLAMATH MTN GEOLOGY AND THE KALMIOPSIS WILDERNESS

Dive deep within the earth and learn how the Earth's core drives creation of granitic and ultramafic rocks, and how peridotite, serpentinite, and ophiolite sequences are, against all odds, brought to the surface in our region. **With Chas Rogers, M.S.**



Optional field trip to Illinois River sites and Babyfoot Lake.

Dates: **Thu. May 13 & Fri. May 14 6-8 PM (online)**
Sat May 15, 9 AM - 4 PM (field)

Tuition: **\$125 (with field trip)**
\$70 (online-only)

FIELD EDIBLE & MEDICINAL PLANTS OF THE ILLINOIS VALLEY

Expand your foraging knowledge and explore the local flora of the Illinois Valley! Learn basic botany and plant identification skills, as well as various extraction and medicine making methods. Finally we'll try our hand at making tinctures with plant material gathered during our exploration in the field. **With Erin McKinsey, M.S. & Lauren Kemple.**



Date: **Saturday June 5 9:30 AM-4:30 PM (meet at SFI)**

Tuition: **\$70 (includes materials fee)**

ONLINE/FIELD BOTANICAL TREASURES OF MT. EDDY

Be enchanted by Mt. Eddy's dazzling botanical treasures, as well as beautiful lakes and meadows, while hiking to its summit. The serpentine habitat is home to an extraordinary number of wildflowers - including some found nowhere else in the world. As a bonus we'll get to see a plant that was, until recently, unknown to science! **With Dana York, M.S.**



(This hike is considered Strenuous at nearly 12 miles roundtrip with a 2,400 foot gain in elevation.)

Dates: **Thu. June 17, 6-8 PM (online)**
Sat. June 19, 8 AM-6 PM (field)

Tuition: **\$120 (with field trip)**
\$20 (online-only)

ONLINE/FIELD INTRO TO SISKIYOU & CASCADE BUTTERFLIES & DIURNAL MOTHS

Dive into the world of butterflies & moths... what they are, what they do, and the extraordinarily high biodiversity of the region. Saturday and Sunday will be entirely field-based as we head outdoors to practice our observational, netting, and identification skills among dozens of butterfly and moth species. **With Dana Ross, M.S.**



Dates: **Friday June 28, 6-8 PM (online)**
Sat. June 26 & Sun. June 27, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM (field)

Tuition: **\$165**

