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Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at SFI

Because we believe that society benefits when all people have access to nature and outdoor education, SFI has made diversity, equity, and inclusion a top priority in our newly completed strategic plan. **In the past few months SFI has been awarded two major project grants to begin this work.**

The first grant will support an overhaul of our youth program curriculum. The project will ensure that our staff is equipped to facilitate **culturally relevant, student-driven, trauma & adverse-childhood-experiences-informed curriculum that will have lasting impacts on our students long after they leave campus.**

The second grant will allow SFI to complete much needed improvements to our facilities and assess where more work is needed. **We will be installing ADA pathways and ramps making our yurts, campfire area, and our bell tent village accessible to people of all abilities.**

We are excited to be working with consultants from Celebrate Diversity, BEETLES Project, Grow With Nature, and Empowering Access **to create a more accessible, equitable, and inclusive space for all! Stay tuned for updates.**

Youth Programming

Do you enjoy soaking up the sun while helping kids build bows and arrows, create model clay creatures, and swim? We'd love to have you volunteer with our Youth Summer Camps!

Volunteer!

STEAM & Wildcraft for students grades 5-7

Our continuous summer day camp will run June through August, Monday-Thursday from 9 am- 4 pm. We will fuel our campers with breakfast and lunch so that they can spend their days swimming in the creek, foraging, practicing archery, wayfinding, and all things "summer camping"!



Sliding scale runs from \$10-\$40 per week!
Participants can register for 1-9 weeks of camp.

Register!



Rogue River Rafting Excursion, July 25-27

This **2-night, 3-day rafting camp** offers youth entering 5th-7th grade the opportunity to ride the Rogue while connecting with nature, brought to you by SFI & Nate's Rogue Adventures.

Register by July 9th!

Sliding scale starting at only \$50! **Register by July 9th to secure your spot!**

Note From Our Executive Director

I want to express some gratitude to all of our incredible volunteers! Because of you we have had some exciting developments over the last couple of months:

We launched a volunteer course-hosting program and have had an incredible interest! Thanks to all who are willing to donate their time to assist our instructors in pulling off some great courses.

Other devoted volunteers, like Jim Gurley & Gordon Lyford helped establish beneficial use of our water right by providing backbreaking labor over the past few years, **laying the groundwork for the water to be returned to the fish in the Illinois River watershed and its tributaries.**

Gordon, a retired water rights guru, has also been instrumental in helping our staff with the complicated in-stream lease process, successfully submitting it this past month.

In keeping with SFI's goal of habitat conservation, we are moving away from the 100+ year legacy of ranching and agriculture on this land. Instead of cattle, deer and elk are once able to graze the pastures. And, with the return of our water rights to in-stream use, we can begin moving toward restoring a functional wet-meadow ecosystem.

We could not have done all this without you!

With Gratitude,
Sarah Worthington

DONATE NOW

SFI's Summer/Fall Brochure is Here!



Inside this edition of our new brochure, you'll find an easy-to-use reference for all SFI classes scheduled July-November. From foraging for mushrooms and truffles, to viewing spawning salmon, to learning how our forests respond to climate change, we've got an exciting lineup of classes planned for you in the second half of 2021. See you in the field!

[View Course Brochure](#)

[Sign up for Brochure](#)

Upcoming Programming



Campfire with the Caves: Perseid Meteor Shower

August 12th 9:30 PM-12 AM, FREE

Join a National Parks ranger as she shows us the beauty of the night sky during the Perseid meteor shower! Arrive on time to allow your eyes time to adjust for best viewing. Blanket or camp chair suggested.

[Perseid Meteor Shower](#)



Montane Conifers: ID, Measurements, and Responses to Climate

September 11th 9 AM-4:30 PM

Learn to identify common conifers, understand forest health and fire vulnerability, and how to identify common forest pests. We will also explore how topography, geography, and climate influence tree distributions and their responses to drought.

[Montane Conifers](#)



Best of Pet Rock Show

September 17th 6-7 PM &
September 18th 9 AM-4:30 PM

Learn to identify rocks through simple ID methods with the help of a geologist. Common valley rocks will be showcased as well as ones so rare rock-hounds closely guard their whereabouts. Then take to the field to see rocks in context: chilled dikes, pegmatites, and pillow basalt turbidites.

[Best of Pet Rock Show](#)