



SISKIYOU FIELD INSTITUTE

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SFI's Birds & Brews Fundraiser is Back!

Join us for SFI's annual fundraiser, Birds & Brews, for the first time since 2019! We're so excited to be gathering with our students, supporters, and community again – it's truly been too long. Bring the family and enjoy four live musical acts, local craft beer and wine selections, burritos & ice cream sundaes, guided birding walks, and kids' activities. See below for details and the full schedule of events. We can't wait to see you there!



Saturday May 21st
Noon - 7 PM

Tickets \$10-25 Sliding Scale
(12 and under free with paying adult!)

BYO Lawn Chair/Picnic Blanket
Sorry, No Pets!

Music Schedule:

12:30 Michal Palzewicz - Solo cello, classical and original compositions.

2:00 Fire Your Boss - Original Illinois Valley folkcore; funky and folky tunes on guitar, accordion, stand-up bass, and harmonica.

3:30 Sunrise and the Starseed Experience - Folk/rock/roots music, woven with threads of world beat.

5:30 Daley Family String Band - Bluegrass ensemble working the strings on mandolin, banjo, and stand-up bass.

Other Activities:

4 PM - Birding tour guided by Fran Taylor of the Siskiyou Audubon Society

2 PM & 4 PM - Kids' Nature Hikes

3 PM & 5 PM - "Mother Earth Calls a Meeting" musical puppet show with Jerry Allen & Friends. Includes songs about pollinators, animals & gardening, and free wildflower seeds to take home!

All Day - Kids' Crafts and Oregon Caves Ranger activities

Welcome to New Executive Director Steve Soesbe!

All of us at SFI are extending a very warm welcome to our new Executive Director - Steve Soesbe! Steve officially joined our team yesterday on April 25th, and has 15 years' experience managing outdoor education programs at nonprofit retreat centers in California. He moved from the Bay Area to Grants Pass in 2021 and wants to "put his experience to good use at SFI." We're very excited to have his experience and drive to help guide the Institute. Please come by and welcome Steve at our **Birds and Brews Outdoor Concert** on Saturday afternoon, May 21st!



The Siskiyou Field Institute Team

Sponsor Spotlight



We're extending a heartfelt thank you to one of SFI's supporting 2022 sponsors, **Klamath Siskiyou Native Seeds!** Suzie and Luke of Klamath Siskiyou Native Seeds have been longtime supporters and friends of the institute, and we're very grateful. Get to know this local business below, or [visit their website](#).

"Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds provides native seed packets through our online store, native nursery plants at local native plant sales, as well as native plant consultation. We offer up to 200 different native species of seeds that grow throughout the Klamath-Siskiyou region, for a wide variety of applications and interests. We have long supported the important work of Siskiyou Field Institute because SFI helps increase the ecological understanding of the Klamath-Siskiyou region, and provides a deep, nature-based educational experience." - Suzie and Luke

Upcoming Events

Coastal Geology Tour

Thursday May 5th
10:30 AM-4 PM



Go coastal from the OR/CA border to just south of Gold Beach to find out when or if the Siskiyou's stopped growing, and why they are uplifting and moving north. Learn how California and Oregon geologists duke it out and discover why the Far West has doubled in girth in the last half billion years. On our journey we'll encounter pillow basalts, debris flows, clastic dikes, kinky folds, and dirty sandstones in unmorphed mint condition.

Thursday, May 5
10:30 AM - 4 PM* | \$70
*class starts and ends at the coast
www.siskiyoufieldinstitute.org

With John Roth.

Coastal Geology Tour

Pacific Northwest Prairies & Climate Change



Friday May 6th
6:30-7:30 PM | Free!

Prairies in the western Pacific Northwest, such as those found in the Rogue and Illinois Valleys, are critically endangered ecosystems. To understand how climate change will affect these prairies, researchers from the University of Oregon conducted a multi-year experiment at three sites across western Oregon and Washington, including at the Siskiyou Field Institute. Join us for a free public seminar to hear from ecologist Paul Reed about the results of this experiment, and ongoing efforts to facilitate native prairie restoration in an era of climate change.

Prairies & Climate Change

Camassia: A Southern Oregon Gem

Sunday May 8th
9 AM-1 PM



Come learn about the genus *Camassia*, an important contribution of the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion to North America. 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.

With Matt Davis.

Camassia

Birds & Brews Fundraiser

Saturday May 21st
12 PM-7 PM



Enjoy a day of fun outside and support SFII!

Bring your lawn chair or picnic blanket and enjoy live music, food, local craft beer and wine selections, guided birding walks, kids' activities, and more. We thank you for leaving your pets at home during this event.

Birds & Brews

Amphibians and Reptiles of the Klamath-Siskiyou

June 3rd, 6-8 PM (online intro)
June 4th, 10 AM-4 PM (field day)



Get to know the diversity of amphibians and reptiles in the Klamath-Siskiyou bioregion. An online presentation and discussion will cover evolutionarily unique species in the region, as well as the need for broad strategies to conserve these organisms and their habitats. Then spend Saturday getting hands-on instruction in the field, exploring river, pond, and terrestrial sites for a myriad of resident amphibian and reptile species.

With Tiffany Garcia & Christopher Cousins.

Amphibians & Reptiles

Found In The Field

