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Taking Family Learning to the Field

Next month SFI is piloting a new type of field course - one that invites the whole family into our Adventure Learning program! We are offering this course on a sliding scale basis for families, in the hopes of making this experience as accessible as possible.

August's "Backpacking, Outdoor, and Leave-No-Trace Skills Basics" class will offer families a chance to expand their outdoor skills together, and give those new to backpacking the confidence to tackle their own future backcountry trips.

The course will span two weekends, just in time for the end of summer vacation - a hands-on first Saturday at the main SFI campus, followed by an overnight trip farther into the field the next weekend. The class will give participants the chance to learn about what really goes into preparing for a safe and fun backpacking trip in a classroom setting, as well as to learn by doing and test out their skills on the ground. Our instructor is Dr. Larry Basch, an accomplished outdoorsman (he's been backpacking since the age of 12, and has done so on 6 continents!) and an enthusiastic teacher of all ages.



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"Backpacking, Outdoor Skills, & LNT Basics"

August 13, & 20-21 at SFI

- **Sliding scale pricing available for families - registration starts at just \$20/person!**
- Kids 12 and up are welcome, but younger may be approved depending on experience.
- Select gear available for loan - please get in touch.

[See Details & Register!](#)

"Thank you and Good Luck" to RARE Member Alice!

All of us at SFI are sending thanks and best wishes to our RARE Americorps member Alice Jones! It's hard to believe Alice has already been with us for 11 months, and her term of service is now coming to an end. We're grateful to Alice's work on the SFI team contributing to our youth program and marketing activities, and wish her the best of luck in her recently confirmed next RARE position - working with Travel Grants Pass. Alice has said that the highlights of her time here have been "adventuring around this gorgeous ecoregion and working with and learning from the lovely SFI staff." We hope you continue to enjoy your adventures in Oregon, Alice!



Upcoming Events

French Flat Seed Blitz



Rogue Native Plant Partnership Event August 10th, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

Join Rogue Native Plant Partnership to collect native grass seed at the French Flat Area of Critical Environmental Concern near Cave Junction, OR, for use in future habitat restoration work. Learn native plant ID skills and get to know this beautiful corner of the Illinois Valley. All experience levels and ages are welcome.

Details and sign-up form can be found at the link below.

French Flat Seed Blitz

Backpacking, Outdoor & Leave-No-Trace Skills Basics

BACKPACKING, OUTDOOR & LEAVE-NO-TRACE SKILLS BASICS

Families / Kids 12+ encouraged!
(Persons must be accompanied by a parent.)

Foundations in the classroom:
August 13, 9 AM-5 PM

Overnight in the Field:
**August 20-21
9 AM Sat-3 PM Sun**

Single adults: \$213
Families: \$20-\$215 / person
Please pay what you can!

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August 13th, 9 AM-5 PM August 20th-21st, 9 AM Sat – 3 PM Sun

Learn the basics of when, where, and how to backpack in this family-friendly course. We'll cover preparation, gear choices, way-finding, considerations on-trail, setting up camp, Leave-No-Trace principles, maximizing safety, and dealing with emergencies. Get to know key concepts during a hands-on day at the classroom, then continue learning and practice your skills on the ground during a short backpacking overnight the following weekend.

Families/kids 12+ are encouraged to attend! (Minors must be accompanied by an adult).
Sliding Scale pricing available for families.

With Larry Basch.

Backpacking Basics

Pluton's Fingers: Dikes and Siskiyou Geology

August 14th, 9 AM-5:30 PM

PLUTON'S FINGERS: DIKES AND SISKIYOU GEOLOGY

What's to like are dikes! Dikes are flattish bodies of rock that have cut through other rocks, vast molten blobs whose low density keeps us above sea level. Their magmatic fluids contributed to the formation of the earliest life, yet also helped kill most life billions of years later. Join us on serpentine road cuts, the Big Tree and Bigelow Lakes



Trails, to see subalpine wildflowers, geobotany, and lava flows that have burst apart, remelted, and then been polished by a now vanished glacier.

With John Roth.

Pluton's Fingers

Learn to Love those Latin Names

September 3rd-4th, 9 AM-5 PM



Using Latin names for plant species is critical for clear communication among botanists, and this interactive course will help take your plant knowledge to the next level - not only will you learn to correctly use scientific nomenclature to identify plants, but you'll also generate pressed plant specimens and herbarium labels. Along the way we'll discuss how theories of evolution, phylogenetics, the naming of plants, and identification of plants intersect and affect each other.

With Ann Willyard.

Love those Latin Names

An Immersive Marine Biology Experience

**September 9th-11th
6 PM Friday – 3 PM Sunday**



Explore marine biodiversity up close in the field, offshore via research vessel, and in the laboratory. We'll meet benthic and planktonic marine organisms, on- and off-shore birds, as well as cool marine mammals, employing scientific tools to get to know them better. We'll also learn about ecological and oceanographic processes influencing the diversity, form, function, interactions, and survival of marine species. And how are marine resources utilized by coastal peoples and wildlife? Come find out in this immersive, in-depth experience at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology.

With Larry Basch.

A Marine Biology Experience

Found In The Field

