New Field Course Adventures Await

We're all thoroughly enjoying the warmth and camaraderie of the holiday season here at SFI, but we can't deny that part of us is always dreaming of longer days and our next chance to get outside and learn something new about the endlessly curious natural world that surrounds us.

So we're excited to share that dates are set and our Spring and Summer 2023 Field Courses are officially open for registration! Join us for experiential classes on coastal ecology, mushroom hunting, the origins of the Eastern Klamath Mountains, rare plants, Wilderness First Aid, and more. All taught here in our world-class Klamath-Siskiyou ecoregion. Look through the Course Brochure below, or browse and register for courses online. The new year and new adventures will be here before you know it, and we can't wait to see you in the field!

Take a look inside the Course Brochure

A Note from the Executive Director
It's been an exciting first six months here as Executive Director at SFI! I have been digging into a number of projects and have had the opportunity to meet and work with so many of you already. I am looking forward to all that 2023 holds. I took a moment to put together some photos and reflection on the beginning of my time here, I hope you'll take a moment to read it here and consider donating to SFI during this season of giving.

**Upcoming Events**

Richard Crossley is an internationally acclaimed birder, photographer and award-winning author of 'The Crossley ID Guide' series. Born in Yorkshire, he has bired worldwide before settling down in the USA. Richard will talk about birding lessons learned from living on 3 continents to paying back through conservation initiatives and youth birding.

With humor and depth Richard will highlight the thoughts behind the revolutionary 'The Crossley ID Guide' series to self-publishing his latest guide on Western Birds. Come and listen to Richard’s optimistic outlook for birding, lifestyles and conservation. It’s sure to change the way you think!

Crossley is also doing two *Learning to Look* birding workshops on December 1 & 2.

Meet two of our favorite field guide authors at December First Friday, PLUS Santa. Both Michael Kauffman and Richard Crossley will be available to answer questions and sign books from 6-8 pm. Santa Claus will also visit us from 6-7:30 pm.

Join us for live music, delicious food for sale from Sultan’s Delight food truck, outdoor fire pits and complementary hot mulled wine to keep warm, and unique homemade goodies for holiday treats. Experience the magic of the holiday season in Ashland during the First Friday celebration.
Explore a variety of features that make the Klamath Mountains unique including climate, geology, water, fire, plants, and animals—all of which, when taken together—define one of the most biodiverse temperate mountain ranges on Earth.

Authors, Michael Kauffmann and Justin Garwood will present this new comprehensive book that celebrates the natural history of the Klamath Mountains of northwest California and southwest Oregon through stories of diversity and resilience over deep time. Presentation at Southern Oregon University in the Science Room 151.

Gain an introduction to the system of farming/gardening developed by Master Han-Kyu Cho of South Korea. This system utilizes the revitalization and reintroduction of indigenous microorganisms into the soil, as well as inexpensive, made-on-site liquid fertilizers. After presentation and discussion in the classroom, we’ll head outside for a hands-on demonstration of the process used to collect indigenous microorganisms from your environment.

With Jason Riessland.