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

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SPRING/SUMMER 2023
Course schedule inside!

SPRING/SUMMER FIELD COURSES
JANUARY-JULY 2023

FIELD
INTRODUCTION TO KOREAN NATURAL FARMING
Gain an introduction to the system of farming/gardening developed by Master Han-Kyu Cho of South Korea. This system builds soil fertility through the reintroduction and revitalization of indigenous microorganisms into the soil. After a presentation in the classroom, head outside for a hands-on demonstration of the process used to collect indigenous soil microorganisms from the environment. With Jason Riessland.
(Easy: up to 1 mile of hiking)
Date: Jan 14 | 12:30-3:30P
Tuition: $45

FIELD
RAPTORS & WATERFOWL OF LOWER KLAMATH LAKE
Watch Golden Eagles in courtship flight, Great Horned Owls sleeping off the previous night’s hunting activity, and flocks of shorebirds on the edges of vast Klamath Lake. The mighty Klamath Basin teems with bird life in early spring: we hope to glimpse eagles, hawks, owls, shorebirds and other migrants as they forage and start to exhibit breeding behaviors. We’ll focus on field identification and natural history during car trip birding in the Lower Klamath Lake (Raptors & Waterfowl continued)
area, the petroglyphs at Lava Beds and a possible drive into the Butte Valley in search of raptors. We will make frequent stops for field observation. With Bud Widdowson.
(Easy: car travel with short stops)
Date: March 18 | 9A-3P+
Tuition: Free with refundable $20 deposit

FIELD
UPPER TABLE ROCK: CONFLUENCE OF GEOLOGY, GEOMORPHOLOGY & ECOLOGY
Take a guided journey into the relationship between the processes of geomorphology, geobotany and ecology. Seven million years ago, a massive outpouring of lava swept down the ancestral canyon of the Rogue River — leaving us today with the 800-ft high mesa-buttes of Table Rocks. The prairie habitat found atop Table Rocks hosts grassy soil mounds and vernal pools amid an expansive lava flat, and supports diverse plant communities — including the dwarf woolly meadowfoam, a narrow endemic species found only atop Table Rocks. Explore a bounty of wildflowers in their oak woodland habitat as you amble up a well-beaten path onto the summit of Upper Table Rock. With Larry Broeker.
(Advanced: 3-5 miles of hiking, climbing ~700 ft)
Date: April 1 | 9A-4:30P
Tuition: $70

FIELD
BACKPACKING & OUTDOOR SKILLS 101
Learn the basics of when, where, and how to backpack! We’ll cover everything you need to confidently head outside with your house on your back, including: preparation, foundational outdoor skills, gear choices, way-finding, camp site selection and set up, maximizing safety/dealing with emergencies, and how to practice Leave-No-Trace. Gain a solid introduction through a provided video primer, then get hands-on instruction from an expert backpacker during a weekend overnight at SFI, where you can practice your skills on the ground. With Larry Basch, PhD. Families/Kids encouraged! Minors must be accompanied by an adult.
(Easy-Moderate: up to 1 mile of hiking per day, with pack)
Date: April 15-16 | 9A Sat-3P+ Sun
Tuition: Single Adults $135
Families $20-135 / person

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**Dates:** April 22-23 | 8A-5P Sat, 8A-2P Sun

**Tuition:** $135

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