

Basin & Range Seminar 2019

THIS SEMINAR brings together students of nature, lay people and professionals for field studies at Castle Rocks State Park near Almo, Idaho. The park is adjacent to City of Rocks National Reserve.

OUR PURPOSE in offering this seminar is to provide participants with an opportunity to understand the unique environment that sustains us. We seek to illuminate relationships among plant life, animals, humans and the physical characteristics of mountains, deserts and water.

PARTICIPANTS accompany instructors for three hour classes in any of the six sessions: Saturday morning and afternoon, and Sunday morning. Saturday morning sessions begin at 9:00 A.M.; Saturday afternoon sessions begin at 1:00 P.M.; and the Sunday morning sessions begin at 8:00 A.M. Saturday evening there will be a potluck dinner at 6:00 P.M. followed by an evening program. Parents are required to supervise their children.

THE SITE is found in Castle Rocks State Park, near Almo in Cassia County, Idaho. The park is located in Big Cove at the base of Cache Peak in the Albion Mountains. Attendees gather at the group site at an elevation of ~5600 feet. The group site can accommodate up to 50 attendees. Hook-ups are not available at this site. Registrants will receive directions to the campground by email after registering. The commute is approximately 170 miles and 2.75 hours north of SLC.

ACCOMMODATIONS allow for tents. There are flush toilets and potable water at the site & a covered pavilion. Bring everything you will need.

MEALS: Participants should plan to provide their own meals and provide a contribution to the Saturday evening potluck. Bring an appetizer, side or main dish, or dessert to share. Great Salt Lake Audubon will provide soft drinks. In an effort to be green and reduce trash, **please bring your own reusable plates and utensils.**

TUITION for the seminar is \$30; \$25 for seniors 65 and older.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE is **Friday, May 31, 2019**. Class choices are honored on a **first come first served** basis. A letter confirming your registration and a detailed map to the campground will be sent via email. Notice of cancellation must be received by Friday, May 31 in order to receive a refund.

Register early for best class choices. Event limited to 50 attendees. Class sizes are limited and registrants may be re-assigned if needed. Registration opens May 1, 2019.

CLASSES OFFERED

Title

Flower Power: Plants of the Great Basin
The Where, How, and Why of Bird Behavior
Ecology of the Albion Mountains:
A Biogeographic Crossroads
The Geologic Story of City of Rocks
California Trail Emigrants
Bird Nests and Nesting Behavior

INSTRUCTOR

Who

Lynn Bohs
Cooper Farr
Wallace Keck
Alan Lloyd
Tara McClure-Cannon
Terri Pope

FACULTY BIOGRAPHIES AND SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

Lynn Bohs is a botanist in the Biology Department at the University of Utah. She has taught hundreds of students how to identify plants in her field classes. Her research concentrates on the nightshade family (Solanaceae) that includes potatoes, tomatoes, and chili peppers.

Session description: Participants will learn many of the common trees, shrubs, and herbs of the region in a short time by getting up close to observe their secrets. No prior botany knowledge needed. Please bring a hand lens if you have one. Lynn will provide species lists so a clipboard and pen/pencil could also be handy. Session involves easy walking.

Cooper Farr has been interested in animals - and curious about why they do what they do - since she was a young girl. She is currently the Director of Conservation at Tracy Aviary, where she leads citizen science projects throughout Salt Lake County. These projects gather information about where birds occur in relation to habitat characteristics and human disturbances, informing local land management and conservation.

Session description: This session focuses on the fascinating world of bird behavior. As we find identify, and observe birds, we will discuss where, how, and why different species spend their time. Participants will learn about how birds interact with their environment, and how their behaviors can be altered by changes in the landscape.

Wallace Keck is the Superintendent of City of Rocks National Reserve where he has been for the last 17 years; he has worked for 35 years in 7 different parks and for 5 agencies. Wallace is a naturalist, interpreter, avid birder and field botanist. Wallace earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Arkansas.

Session description: From common flora and fauna to the endemic and endangered, students will discover the uniqueness of a single mountain range like no other in the Basin & Range Province.

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June 7-9, 2019

Class Registration Form

Also available on GSLA website

Please fill out one form per registrant & mail to:
Jeanne Le Ber - Basin & Range
550 South 400 East #3407
Salt Lake City, UT 84111

**Please make check payable to:
Great Salt Lake Audubon
Please print clearly!**

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Circle one class for each session

SESSION I SATURDAY--9:00-NOON

Farr—Bird behavior
Keck—Ecology
Lloyd—Geology
Pope—Bird nests

SESSION II SATURDAY--1:00-4:00

Bohs—Plants
Keck—Ecology
McClure-Cannon—California Trail
Pope—Bird nests

SESSION III SUNDAY--8:00-11:00

Bohs—Plants
Farr—Bird behavior
Lloyd—Geology
McClure-Cannon—California Trail

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