

Yosemite Outdoor Adventures

April–December 2009

YOSEMITE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES invites you to explore Yosemite National Park through one of our fun and educational field seminars. Find much more information on course content, instructors and other logistical questions on our website, www.yosemite.org/seminars, where you can register for programs, too. You can also sign up by calling us at 209-379-2321.

TUITION is discounted by 15% if you're a member of the Yosemite Association. It covers instruction, the park entrance fee and camping for most courses. Meals, lodging, equipment and transportation aren't included unless specifically noted.

STAY in a shared campsite for free for most of our courses. We'll also send you reservation information for the hotel rooms we have set aside during most (but not all) courses; these are available at extra cost. These rooms are held for us until six weeks before a program.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS vary between courses. Look at each course description on the website regarding daily mileage, elevation and overall difficulty. **You must be in good physical condition for these mountain programs.** The instructors have the right to deny your participation if they feel you're not healthy enough, not properly equipped for mountain weather or terrain or otherwise unprepared for the course.

BACKPACK TRIPS are a great way to experience the Yosemite Wilderness. YA provides the NPS permit, campsites the night before and after most trips and bear-resistant food containers. Participants are responsible for food and all other equipment; we'll send you a packing list when you enroll.

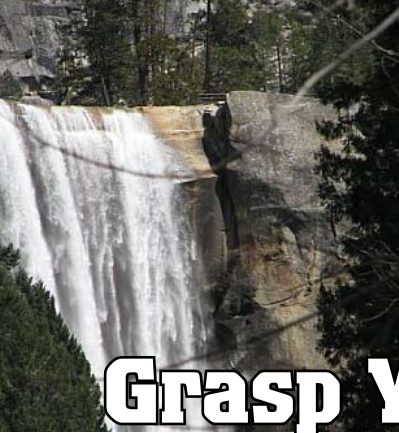
CANCELLATION is something we hope won't apply to your participation, but there are three things you should know. A 90% refund is given if you cancel at least 30 days before the course. Within 30 days of the program, **we cannot issue refunds for any reason.** If YA cancels a course, we will refund your full tuition, but we aren't responsible for other travel or lodging plans you've made. We recommend that you consider travel insurance.

LIABILITY forms must be signed by all participants before attending a program, and backpackers need to complete a medical form.

INSPIRATION is part of the National Park Service mission, so it's part of the Yosemite Association's, too. Whether for journaling, geology, art or a stout hike, our instructors are the best at sharing the details of your national park with you.

Yosemite is a faithful refuge with something to tell you...





Grasp Yosemite

#17 LNT Trainer Certification

April 3-4 Pete Devine
\$100, or \$85 for YA members Moderate
Leave No Trace training is becoming a requirement in many outdoor jobs; get yours on this short backpack trip to teach others about minimum impact backcountry use.

#18 Springtime Flowers

April 11 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
Color and fragrance burst forth in the Merced River's richly diverse lower canyon. An expert naturalist will introduce you to identification and biology.

#20 To the Base of Ribbon Falls

May 2 Suzanne Swedo
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Challenging
America's tallest single-drop waterfall is far from its best known. This off-trail scramble will get a small group up into the heavy mist in the Ribbon Falls amphitheater.

#21 Moonbow Photography 1

May 8 John Senser
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
The unique phenomenon of a lunar spectral arc can be captured by photographers who'll stay up late with a local expert on this Friday night course.

#22 Yosemite Waterfalls Grand Tour

May 9 Suzanne Swedo
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
Experience the Valley's best, in peak flow, with an accomplished naturalist guiding you.

#23 Hetch Hetchy Wildflower Explorations

May 15 (eve)-17 Suzanne Swedo
\$180, or \$153 for YA members Easy
Spring moisture and summer warmth meet here in a diverse floral display for your enjoyment.

#24 North Rim Backpack 1

May 27 (eve)-31 Pete Devine
\$340, or \$289 for YA members Moderate
A view-filled three-night trek along the top edge of Yosemite Valley, over El Capitan, Eagle Peak and Yosemite Falls. Featured in Backpacker magazine.

#25 Miwok-Paiute Acorn Basketry

June 5-7 Lucy Parker
\$351, or \$298 for YA members Easy
We are very pleased to have Lucy, her mother and her daughter share this traditional practice. All materials (tule, willow, etc.) are included.

#26 Moonbow Photography 2

June 6 John Senser
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
Our camera expert has several locations in mind for staying up late to capture the rare phenomenon of a lunar spectral arc.

#27 Birding Yosemite Valley

June 13 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
With Michael's 32 years of leading birding courses here, you're guaranteed a great day.

#28 Foresta Birds

June 14 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
Share one of Michael's favored places for exploring the most diverse park birdlife.

#29 North Rim Backpack 2

June 17 (eve)-21 Pete Devine
\$340, or \$289 for YA members Moderate
A view-filled three-night trek along the top edge of Yosemite Valley, over El Capitan, Eagle Peak and Yosemite Falls. Featured in Backpacker magazine.

#30 The Nature of Writing Children's Books

June 19 (eve)-21 Michael Ross
\$172, or \$146 for YA members Easy
The author of over 40 children's books will share his strengths in the Yosemite settings that have inspired him and others in their craft. This is a very special opportunity.

#31 Waterwheel Falls Photography Backpack

June 26-28 John Senser
\$246, or 209 for YA members Moderate
Along the Tuolumne River are some of the more unique aquatic displays to be found anywhere. Two nights in basecamp and a wealth of subject material.

#32 Birding Crane Flat

June 27 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Moderate
Hodgdon Meadows and Crane Flat are marvelous habitats explored by very few visitors. Hermit warbler, lazuli bunting, warbling vireo, and Lincoln's sparrow are possibilities.

#33 North Dome Moonrise Photography Backpack

July 5-7 John Senser
\$246, or \$209 for YA members Moderate
This backpack provides a unique opportunity to photograph a midsummer's full moon coming up over Half Dome.

#34 Yosemite Flyfishing

July 10-12 Tim Hutchings
\$721, or \$613 for YA members Moderately challenging
A three-day introduction to the art of working local streams with the park's pro fishing guide.

#35 Bird Banding Studies

July 11 Sarah Stock
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
Join the park's ornithologist to visit the mist nets and get up close to summer birds while conducting long-term research for the MAPS project.

#36 Pastel Painting in Tuolumne

July 16-19 Moira Donohoe
\$254, or \$216 for YA members Easy
Here's a high country studio for intermediate or experienced artists in a forgiving medium that helps you capture the light and color of the summer mountains.

#37 Half Dome Overnight

July 17 (eve)-19 Pete Devine
\$181, or \$154 for YA members Challenging
The backpacker's classic: camp up in LYV Saturday night, and on Sunday summit the cables and descend to the Valley floor.

#40 Introduction to Sierra Natural History

July 24-26 Michael Ross and Pete Devine
\$290, or \$246 for YA members Easy
A chance to get deep into the summertime's wealth of high country life with three rich days of immersion with two park experts.

Call YA about a Custom Adventure for your family, friends or group.

#41 Stars over the High Country

July 24-25 Rich Combs
\$164, or \$139 for YA members Easy
Summer constellations, clear, dark skies, a high perch in the mountains: perfection!

#42 Women's Backpack Trip

July 26 (eve)-30 Anna Landauer
\$343, or \$293 for YA members Moderate
Yearning to get out in the backcountry with a fun group and improve your backpacking skills? Join other adventurous women in this unique opportunity to enjoy the Glen Aulin region.

#43 Photographing High Country Habitats

July 31-August 2 Howard Weamer
\$246, or \$209 for YA members Easy
Intermediate to advanced digital and film photographers will find rich material in the landscape of the Sierra crest with this veteran artist.

#44 Tuolumne Alpine Studies

July 31-August 2 Michael Ross
\$246, or \$209 for YA members Moderate
With climate change threatening Yosemite's land above the trees, now is the time to seek out the pika, the sky pilot flower and glacial remnants.

#45 Young Lakes and Marvelous Mt. Conness Backpack

August 1 (eve)-4 Suzanne Swedo
\$254, or \$216 for YA members Moderate-challenging
North from the Meadows to treeline at the Young Lakes basin, with an ascent to the exciting summit of Yosemite's northeastern ramparts. (This trip is not for everyone)

#47 Half Dome the Easy Way

August 6 (eve)-9 Suzanne Swedo
\$254, or \$216 for YA members Challenging
Having two leisurely basecamp nights spreads out the intensity of what Half Dome demands for summit attempts.

#48 Tuolumne Meadows en Plein Air

August 6 (eve)-9 Chuck Waldman
\$254, or \$216 for YA members Easy
Chuck brings you the "language of painting" in an involving and supportive subalpine setting for novices and experienced artists alike.

#50 Advanced Backpack Southbound

August 17-22 Dick Ewart
\$410, or \$348 for YA members Very challenging
Only the hardiest, most experienced backcountry travelers go with Ranger Ewart into the glorious wilderness found south from Tuolumne toward Mammoth.

#51 Tuolumne Elite Summits

August 20 (eve)-23 Pete Devine
\$254, or \$216 for YA members Challenging
Rugged dayhikes up three choice peaks ("Sharsmith," Tenaya, Tuolumne) while learning and enjoying in mind and body.

#52 Tuolumne Area Geology

August 28 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Moderate
So much granite is exposed in the high country that we will be able to learn a great deal by exploring it on foot. Our goal: to understand the bedrock, glacial effects and more.

#53 Tuolumne Meadows Birds

August 29 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
An ideal setting to discover the high country in late summer. Mountain bluebird, Clark's nutcracker, pine grosbeak, red crossbill and Townsend's solitaire are possibilities.

#54 Tuolumne Area Botany

August 30 Michael Ross
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
The narrow window of the high elevation growing season makes the floral display intense, diverse and exciting to discover with an expert.

#55 Into the Gaylor Basin

September 5 Suzanne Swedo
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Moderate
Start your Labor Day weekend with geology, history, and flowers; a natural high.

#56 Clouds Rest Dayhike

September 6 Suzanne Swedo
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Moderate
With Suzanne is the best way to gain the view from Half Dome's bigger neighbor.

#57 Tenaya Peak Climb

September 7 Suzanne Swedo
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Moderate
Join a small group to 'labor' this day to a well-earned summit.

#60 Hidden Lakes Revealed

September 18-20 Dick Ewart
\$262, or \$223 for YA members Challenging
Explore some lesser-known high country waters as autumn takes over Tuolumne Meadows.

#61 Lyell Glacier Survey

September 16 (eve)-20 Greg Stock and Pete Devine
\$360, or \$306 for YA members Very challenging
This alpine backpack expedition will measure the retreat of the park's largest glacier.

#62 Miwok-Paiute Acorn Basketry

September 25-27 Lucy Parker
\$351, or \$298 for YA members Easy
We are very pleased to have Lucy, her mother and her daughter share this traditional practice. All materials (tule, willow, etc.) are included.

#88 Sister Parks of the Middle Kingdom

October Pete Devine
See our website for details
Yosemite has two remarkable sister national parks in the mountains of China and YA is pleased to lead an exploration for hikers and naturalists.

#68 Autumn Light Photography

October 19-21 Dave Wyman and Ken Rockwell
\$330, or \$281 for YA members Easy
Designed for all formats and abilities, this fall course gets you to the best Valley subjects with two masters of the craft.

#69 Focusing on Nature; Autumn Photography in Yosemite

November 5 (eve)-8 Keith Walklet
\$330, or \$281 for YA members Easy
Join this longtime local photographer for the low-angled light of fall in our canyon, and learn his best spots and techniques.

#70 Woodpeckers: the Quest for Eleven

December 5 Pete Devine
\$82, or \$70 for YA members Easy
There are good reasons for our park to have more woodpecker species than anywhere; we'll visit several elevations to see how many can we find.

FAMILY CAMPING JAMBOREES

\$290 for adults, \$125 for kids under 20;
\$247 and \$106 for YA members Easy
Here's your perfect family vacation in the summertime cool of Tuolumne Meadows. Dave Wyman and his wonderful crew fill the days and evenings with activities, and all the cooking is done for you. Bring a tent and your family to grow in nature.

#38 July 18-21

#49 August 8-11

#39 July 23-26

#58 August 13-16



A PARK FOR ALL PEOPLE

Join us for this special series of courses that bring to light the lesser-known contributions of people of color who helped make Yosemite what it is today, and what it will become tomorrow.

#14 A Hard Road on Gold Mountain

March 27 **Yenyen Chan**
\$75, or \$64 for YA members **Moderate**
 Go back to 1875 to experience a portion of the amazing contributions immigrants from China have made to Yosemite.

#46 Yosemite's First People

August 2 **Ben Cunningham-Summerfield**
\$41, or \$35 for YA members **Easy**
 How Yosemite's Indians have followed a successful and sustainable way of life for thousands of years and their relationship with the park today.

#59 Latinos in the Landscape

October 2 **Betsy Rivera**
\$41, or \$35 for YA members **Easy**
 An afternoon course to acknowledge the past, present and future influence of Latino people in Yosemite.

#66 Buffalo Soldiers on Patrol

October 4 **Shelton Johnson**
\$41, or \$35 for YA members **Easy**
 Experience the unsung but vital African-American heritage of Yosemite in this morning course based where the Ninth Cavalry was headquartered.

YA FALL GATHERING ADVENTURES

Everyone is welcome on these easy courses, but we hope that members coming to Saturday's meeting in Wawona will round out their weekend with one or two of these natural history opportunities. More details on these programs can be found on our website, www.yosemite.org/seminars.

ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 2

#59 Latinos in the Landscape
Betsy Rivera **\$41, or \$35 for YA members**
 Described above.

#64 The Rim Walk

Michael Ross **\$82, or \$70 for YA members**
 The Sentinel Dome area flies its autumn colors for naturalists.

ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

#65 Sierra Shrubs Demystified
Shirley Spencer **\$41, or \$35 for YA members**
 The author and artist of a new YA book (and an excellent educator) shares one of her specialties.

#66 Buffalo Soldiers on Patrol

Shelton Johnson **\$41, or \$35 for YA members**
 Described above.

2009 OUTDOOR ADVENTURES ENROLLMENT FORM

Name
Additional Name
Address
City/State/Zip
Daytime Phone () Evening Phone ()
FAX #: () e-mail address:

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES?

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CHECK APPROPRIATE BOXES:

Accommodations

- I want to camp with the group in YA reserved shared sites.
- I will reserve and pay for my own private campsite by calling 877-444-6777.
- I want to rent a room—please send me the reservation request form.
- I will make other accommodation arrangements.

Cancellation Policy

- I have read the cancellation policy and understand that to receive a refund, I must cancel at least 30 days before a course and pay a 10% fee per enrollment.

Membership

- Enclosed is my new Yosemite Association membership fee.
- I am currently a member of YA. Member #: _____

Class Roster

We typically provide a class roster to participants to encourage carpooling, equipment sharing, and networking.

- No, please do not give out my contact information to others in my class.

YOSEMITE ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

- Individual **\$35**
- Family/Supporting **\$60**
- Contributing **\$135**
- Half Dome **\$250**
- Clouds Rest **\$500**
- El Capitan **\$1000**
- Mount Lyell **\$2500**
- International **\$50**

Enter membership total at right

FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING FOR EACH ADVENTURE:

Qty.	Class No.	Class Name	Date	Course Fee

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 P.O. Box 230
 El Portal, California 95318

fax: 209-379-2486
 phone: 209-379-2321
 e-mail: info@yosemite.org
 website: www.yosemite.org

Total Course Fees:	\$
Membership or Renewal Fee:	\$
GRAND TOTAL:	\$

PAYMENT:

- Check enclosed. Checks should be payable to the Yosemite Association.

Or, charge my credit card. We accept:

- Visa
- MasterCard
- American Express
- Discover

Card Number:

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