Festival Planning Tips

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Planning your Festival activities

Most activities begin at the Oregon Institute of Technology aka Oregon Tech, a college campus located at 3201 Campus Drive in Klamath Falls. As parking is limited, please arrive at campus about ½ hour before your activity begins to find a parking space and walk to the activity meeting place. A few activities begin at the Running Y Ranch Resort, the Favell Museum, the Winema Lodge, or Crystalwood Lodge. Note the meeting place included in the activity description.

Each activity you may register for has a key and number. The keys are described below. Watch for emails from our Registrar Molly Russell that may contain more detailed instructions or updates to your itinerary. The sender address will be Winter Wings Festival, so please check your spam folder.

If you stay at one of our host hotels, ask for the complimentary driving direction map to get from your hotel to various festival destinations. City maps and refuge maps are also available at the Registration Desk at Oregon Tech and online on our travel information tab at www.WinterWingsFest.org. In addition, you will find information on some shuttle services to and from our host hotels and Oregon Tech on this tab.

Activities

F Field Trips
Field trips let you experience the Klamath Basin with expert leaders and assistants. Although several of the trips feature the birds or photographic opportunities of Lower Klamath and Tule Lake National Wildlife Refuges, we also showcase surrounding areas such as Upper Klamath Lake, and Klamath Falls birding hot spots. If you are interested in photography, please choose trips with the photo icon; birding trips will not linger for you to get that perfect photo.

The Festival rents buses or shuttles or vans for many of the out-of-area trips. For large bus groups, listening devices will be provided so you can easily hear the leader. Other trips are designated as carpool trips. Make sure that you have a vehicle that is safe to drive in snow conditions or make arrangements to share a ride with others. Carpool meeting places will be given by your leader or in the activity description.

W Workshops
Workshops generally include a presentation, hands-on activities, and/or a field activity. Pay attention to the initial meeting place. Pricing may vary by whether you want to do the field activity or not.

P Presentations
The festival recruits subject matter experts to give presentations on a variety of birding, photography or other topics. Presentations are free with registration.

R Receptions
These are catered events where you can mix and mingle with other festival attendees over a meal and no-host beverage options.

K Keynotes
These are special presentations by our featured festival headliners.
Program Keys:  F = Field Trip, W = Workshop, P = Presentation, R = Reception, K = Keynote

Focus:  
- Birding
- Photography
- General interest or cultural - no icon

Hospitality:  
- Dinner Buffet
- Bag lunch included
- Cash Bar

Overnight Stay

Transportation:  
- Bus field trip
- Van field trip
- Carpool field trip.