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THURSDAY

F01 Shoot with A Pro with Larry Turner

7:00 am - Noon, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Bring your own camera and gear and join professional photographer **Larry Turner** (www.larryturnerphotography.com) for one-on-one bird photography tutoring in the field. In a small group you'll visit local refuges and learn tips on how to capture great pictures of birds in their natural environments. Get personalized help with camera settings and insider information on the latest techniques in bird photography. Limited to 10 participants.

Fee: \$100

F02 Raptor Rally 1

7:30 am - 3:00 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

David Irons and **Shawneen Finnegan** will be your leaders for this trip that specifically targets the best sites for raptors in the Basin. Site selection will be based on scouting a variety of areas for overall numbers of raptors and diversity of species, with attention to species such as Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, and falcons. Sites that may be included are the Lower Basin Refuges, Butte Valley in California, and Swan Lake, Poe, and Langell Valleys to the east.

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

F03 Behind The Scenes at the Klamath Refuges 1

8:00 am - 12:30 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Spend a morning with Klamath National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR) biologist **Dave Mauser** for a tour through the Lower Basin Refuges. Learn about refuge ecology and management as you experience some of the most spectacular winter birding in the Basin. This trip includes visits to areas usually closed to the public.

Fee: \$30

F04 Running Y Feeder Hop 1

9:00 am - Noon, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch Lobby
(carpool field trip)

Join **Gerry Hill** for a look at some of the Running Y neighborhood's winter bird visitors, including White-Headed Woodpeckers that are known to frequent local feeders. You'll visit three feeder locations.

Fee: \$15

W01 How eBird Will Make You a Better Birder

1:00 - 3:00 pm, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch 3rd Floor Conference Room

Most of you have heard of eBird (www.ebird.org), the free online bird reporting tool that allows you to keep track of the birds you've seen while making your data available to science and conservation, but can using eBird make you a better birder? Absolutely! **Brian Sullivan** will explain how using eBird can improve your birding skills and knowledge, simply by entering your observations into the system. The workshop will start with a guided bird walk where you'll identify and count the birds you see, and then conclude with a hands-on eBird tutorial. After this workshop, you'll know how to use eBird, why it's good for you, birding, and conservation, and you'll have your first eBird checklist in the system. Join us, and become

part of the eBird flock!
Fee: \$15

F05 Klamath Marsh Owl Prowl



2:30 pm Thursday - Noon Friday, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Be one of the lucky ten to experience this unique birding adventure -- an overnight owling trip to the Klamath Marsh National Wildlife Refuge with experts **Faye Weekley** and **Damian Fagan**. The target species will be the Great Gray Owl, but no promises, of course. You'll overnight in a comfy refuge bunkhouse that has several 2-3 person rooms. We'll provide the guides, transportation, dinner, and breakfast.

Fee: \$120

M1 Secrets of Crittercam Photography Revealed



3:30 - 4:30 pm, Meet at the Running Y Ranch Conference Center Aspen Room

Anyone can learn to take stellar photos with the help of a game spy camera. Newer game cameras have superior resolution and features allowing for fantastic results suitable for gallery walls. Most importantly, these remotely triggered cameras create much less disturbance to your subject than if you were actually there! **Jonne Goeller** will guide you through camera selection, lighting techniques, composition and how to lure your birds/critters in close. She will demonstrate basic computer cropping techniques and will show her new video Dance of the Egrets.

FREE but registration **required**

K1 Reception/Conservation Message and Keynote: How the Brain Identifies Birds:

Birding ID Like a Pro [New]



6:00 -8:30 pm, Meet at the Running Y Ranch Conference Center

Your evening will begin with a no host bar and a short talk by **Dr. John Alexander** of the Klamath Bird Observatory. He will share a message about Conservation Birding: Avian Knowledge in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion. We have one of the most comprehensive long-term bird monitoring networks in the world right here in the Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion.

Next you'll dine on a pasta bar. During dinner, our keynoter **Alvaro Jaramillo** will give a lighthearted but informative explanation of how the brain identifies birds. Most bird identification lectures focus on field marks, and the specifics of separating species A from species B, but few ask exactly how do we identify birds? What is our brain going through in order to do this? How does our brain get tripped up during bird identification? Have you ever encountered the "leaf bird," the "branch bird," or the worst one of all, "the plastic bag snowy owl"? Why do experts identify birds almost without thinking, while the rest of us struggle?

Fee: \$20

FRIDAY

F06 Flyout 1



5:45 - 8:30 am, Meet at 5:45 am at the Cimarron Inn, 6:00 am at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Enjoy our heated bus ride to Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge to watch Bald Eagles leave their nightly roost. Dress warmly for this early morning outing. Some binoculars are available for loan.

Fee: \$12

F07 Big Day Team 1



7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Feeling a little competitive? Enjoy team sports? Then join the team of Winter Wings keynoter **Alvaro Jaramillo** and local birder **Dave Hewitt** to see more species than Saturday's team on a winter day in the southern Klamath Basin. You'll visit Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge and a number of other hot spots. The focus will be on wintering raptors and waterfowl, but you'll look for other winter species such as shrikes, owls, horned larks, and perhaps a rare longspur. The pace will be quick; if you want to take photos, this is not the trip for you. For advanced level birders, listers, or intense intermediates.

Fee: \$70 (includes lunch)

F08 Raptor Rally 2



7:30 am - 3:00 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Brian Sullivan will be your leader for this trip that specifically targets the best sites in the Basin for raptors. Site selection will be based on scouting a variety of areas for overall numbers of raptors and diversity of species, with attention to species such as Golden Eagle, Ferruginous Hawk, and falcons. Sites that may be included are the lower Basin refuges, Butte Valley in California, and Swan Lake, Poe, and Langell Valleys to the east.

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

F09 Behind the Scenes at the Klamath Refuges 2



8:00 am - 12:30 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Spend a morning with Klamath National Wildlife Refuge (KNWR) biologist **Dave Mauser** for a tour through the Lower Basin Refuges. Learn about refuge ecology and management as you experience some of the most spectacular winter birding in the Basin. This trip includes visits to areas usually closed to the public.

Fee: \$30

F10 Canon Long Lens 1



8:00 am - 2:00 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Join representatives from Canon for a special photo safari. This tour is centered on the winter convergence of Bald Eagles in the Klamath Basin. Your Canon instructors will guide you to the best locations and teach you how to capture the best shot. In this private workshop you will get hands-on instructions in using some of Canon's Professional lenses like the EF 800mm, EF 500mm and the EF 400mm. You'll learn how to achieve the best composition and proper exposure, plus master your Canon camera shooting modes. Bring your Canon camera and Canon will provide the long lenses.

Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)

F11 Running Y Feeder Hop 2, plus Bird Banding Bonus



9:00 am - 12:30 pm, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch Lobby
(carpool field trip)

Join **Gerry Hill** for a look at some of the Running Y neighborhood's winter bird visitors, including White-Headed Woodpeckers that are known to frequent local feeders. In addition, Klamath Bird Observatory's **John Alexander** will do some trapping and a banding demonstration at a private residence, and we will learn how conservation scientists use subtle plumage variations to evaluate the health of our bird populations.

Fee: \$18

W02 Composing and Creating the Best Possible Digital Wildlife Photo [New]



9:30 - 11:30 am, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch Rainbow Room

Bring your own digital camera to this short indoor photo workshop. Keynoter **Kevin Karlson** will cover a number of basic photographic principles that are important for creating the best wildlife and nature images. Photographers of all skill levels will benefit from the varied topics covered. The introduction covers basic composition and awareness of lighting, with compensation settings for light and dark subjects explained. Tips for evaluating background scenes and anticipating action in the field are discussed, as well as making use of the different perspectives for each field scenario.

Fee: \$20

F12 Laid Back Birding 1



9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Not ready to leave at the crack of dawn? Bird with **Marshal Moser** from a bus that leisurely loops through the Basin. You'll have an opportunity to stop along the way and view the famous Bald Eagles of the Basin, winter waterfowl, and numerous raptors. Birders of all skill levels are welcome to learn about Basin birds and their habitats.

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

W04 Taking Flight and Action Photography Skills to the Next Level [New]



1:00 - 2:30 pm, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch Rainbow Room

Digital photography advances allow us to capture flight and action images like never before. Even with these advantages, it is important to learn how to capture a dynamic wildlife image with the most efficient field techniques and camera settings for a variety of situations. Join wildlife photographer **Kevin Karlson** as he shares advanced techniques for photographing wildlife in action, and reasons for selecting one option over others. Topics covered include: handheld versus tripod technique; proper exposure and camera settings; subject acquisition; subject tracking, including autofocus options; balancing white and dark subjects; and importance of continued practice. Each of these topics is explained in depth and a variety of photos provide visual examples of a particular technique along with camera settings information. This workshop is somewhat technical in nature, intended for more **advanced** photographers.

Fee: \$20

W05 Basic Canon EOS Discovery Workshop



1:00 - 4:00 pm, Meet at the Running Y Ranch Conference Center Aspen Room

Enter the world of the Canon digital EOS SLR and learn about your camera, and how to make great pictures with it. Instructor **Jim Dicecco** will take you out of "automatic", but

won't overload you with too much detail. You'll see many examples of great photography, and learn techniques to use exposure, composition, flash, and a variety of lenses to get the same types of results. A limited number of EOS cameras will be on hand during the workshop, and memory cards will be available for purchase.

Fee: \$25

W06 Raptor Identification with Dick Ashford



2:30 - 4:30 pm, Meet at the Lodge at Running Y Ranch Payne Canyon Room

This always-popular workshop returns for 2013! **Dick Ashford**, American Birding Association and Klamath Bird Observatory board member, will provide a straightforward introduction to the identification of our local hawks, eagles and falcons. The classroom PowerPoint presentation will help you sharpen your raptor ID skills. These skills will be put to the test on either the companion Saturday or Sunday field trip (F18 or F27) of your choosing.

Fee: \$40 includes W06 and one of the two field trip options F18 or F27 and Saturday or Sunday lunch.

R1 Buffet and Intro to Birding and Photography in the Basin



5:00 - 7:00 pm, OIT College Union Crater Lake Complex (upstairs)

Greet old friends and make new ones as well. Grab a beverage at the cash bar. Get fueled up at the hearty buffet. Then feel free to quiz our local birding and photography experts, who will be available to help you get your bearings for the rest of the weekend. Birders and photographers welcome. Cash bar open to all. See www.WinterWingsFest.org for the menu. Buffet fee: \$17

K2 Birds On The Wind: The Miracle of Migration [New]



7:15 - 8:45 pm, OIT College Union Auditorium

Bird migration is truly one of the most amazing natural wonders in our world today. From the unbelievable 7000-mile nonstop journeys of Bar-tailed Godwits to spectacular raptor concentrations during migration, there are still many unanswered questions about the movements of migratory birds. **Kevin Karlson's** program begins with a review of different types of bird migration before highlighting various bird families and select species that perform amazing feats of physical endurance during their bi-annual journeys. Breathtaking photos and several musical interludes add to the interesting nature of this presentation. This light-hearted program appeals to birders and non-birders alike.

Fee: \$12

SATURDAY

F13 Dawn with the Eagles [New]



5:00 -10:00 am, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Be one of the intrepid few to experience this never before attempted field trip! Ten hardy individuals will have the privilege of snowshoeing/hiking ½ mile in to a section of the Bear Valley NWR that is closed to the general public in order to watch Bald Eagles up close as they fly from their night roost. Crack of dawn? Check! Rugged terrain? Ditto! A sumptuous catered breakfast nearby, beautiful sunrise, and a once in a lifetime experience? Absolutely!

Participants must be physically fit, willing to rise at an early hour, and have an adventurous spirit. Join local guides **Steve Rooker** and **Ralph Opp** for this special experience.

Fee: \$50

F14 Big Day Team 2



7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Want to be part of a competitive team? Then join local birding experts **Kevin Spencer**, **Shawneen Finnegan**, and **David Irons** on a quest to see more species than Friday's team on a winter day in the southern Klamath Basin. You'll visit Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge and a number of other hotspots. The focus will be on wintering raptors and waterfowl, but you'll look for other winter species such as shrikes, owls, horned larks, and perhaps a longspur (rare). The pace will be quick; if you want to take photos, this is not the trip for you. For advanced level birders, listers, or intense intermediates.

Fee: \$70 (includes lunch)

F15 Extreme Raptor Photo Shoot: Flight and Action Photography Taken to the Next

Level [New]



8:00 - 11:30 am, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Here is a flight and action wildlife photographer's dream! A rare opportunity to capture the grace of free flying raptors outdoors as **Kevin Karlson** provides individual instruction on the fine points of action shots! The High Desert Museum in Bend will be on hand with at least 6 different hawks and perhaps a Golden Eagle for perched and action shots while Kevin shares his tips on panning, manual camera settings, lighting compensation and exposure techniques, fill flash and other factors to insure the perfect shot. Knowledge of your camera's basic functions and settings is necessary to attend this session. Workshop W04 is recommended but not required. Handouts will be emailed to all registrants prior to the festival.

Fee: \$80

F16 Canon Long Lens 2



8:00 am- 2:00 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Join representatives from Canon for a special photo safari. This tour is centered on the winter convergence of Bald Eagles in the Klamath Basin. Your Canon instructors will guide you to the best locations and teach you how to capture the best shot. In this private workshop you will get hands-on instructions in using some of Canon's Professional lenses like the EF 800mm, EF 500mm and the EF 400mm. You'll learn how to achieve the best composition and proper exposure, plus master your Canon camera shooting modes. Bring your Canon camera and Canon will provide the long lenses.

Fee: \$35 (includes lunch)

F17 Demystifying Ducks: Getting to Know Your Waterfowl [New]



8:30 am - 2:00 pm, OIT College Union Mt. McLoughlin Room

People and waterfowl go back a long ways, including at least four different lineages that we chose to domesticate! But a barnyard duck and a wild duck or goose is not the same thing. The wild species come in a dazzling array of colors. Waterfowl are not only one of the most attractive groups of birds, but they are also some of the best to begin to learn, as they are all color-coded. But that is only half the story -- male ducks may be showy, but the females are often quite subdued and difficult to differentiate. This workshop, led by **Alvaro Jaramillo**, develops the use of shapes and sizes for identifying males, and then applies this technique to simplify the identification of females. Along the way we'll get a primer on waterfowl biology, and then head into the field to put our skills to use!

Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

F18 Field Raptor Identification with Dick Ashford



8:30 am - 3:15 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn front entrance

(carpool field trip)

The Saturday companion field outing to W06 will continue the teaching/learning experience in a mobile field classroom setting. The goal is for you to be able to identify 90% of the hawks you'll encounter during our day together and have fun doing it! Recommended for intermediate or advanced birders. Carpooling is mandatory so we can access some special spots in the Basin.

Fee included in W06 (includes lunch)

M2 Digital Photography for Youth Ages 10-16 [New]



9:00 - 10:30 am, OIT College Union Mt. Thielsen Room

Jim Dicecco, Canon USA technical representative, will teach the basics of the digital SLR camera and photo composition to young photographers (ages 10-16). Each attendee will learn the basic operation of cameras on loan from Canon USA, and practice their skills by taking pictures of live birds provided by Badger Run Wildlife Rehab. After the photo shoot, the group will move back to the classroom to review their work and will have the opportunity to print one of their favorite images taken during the workshop.

FREE but registration **required**

F19 Beginning Birding 1



9:00 am - Noon, OIT College Union Sunset Room

(carpool field trip)

If you enjoy seeing birds in your backyard and want to learn how to identify them, or if you've been looking for a new nature-oriented hobby, this is the class for you. **Karl Wenner** will begin with a presentation that introduces the major groups of birds and explains how to use field marks to identify common birds of the Klamath Basin. Then you'll carpool to nearby hotspots to put your new skills to work.

Fee: \$15

F20 Laid Back Birding 2



9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Not ready to leave at the crack of dawn? Bird with **Damian Fagan** from a bus that leisurely loops through the Basin. You'll have an opportunity to stop along the way and view the famous Bald Eagles of the Basin, winter waterfowl, and numerous raptors. Birders of all skill levels are

welcome to learn about Basin birds and their habitats.
Fee: \$50 (includes lunch)

W07 Going to Great Lengths - The Panorama in Wildlife and Landscape Photography

[New]



10:00 - 11:30 am, OIT College Union Auditorium

Expand your creative options through space and time with advanced digital approaches to panoramic photography. In this program, Winter Wings keynoter **George Lepp** demonstrates foolproof techniques, equipment, and software for capturing and presenting compelling large-scale images, from panoramas to gigaramas. Learn the secrets to George's latest panoramic adventure: action sequence panoramas, an exciting new way to portray birds and wildlife subjects.

Fee: \$40

W08 Bird Drawing for Youth



10:00 am - Noon, OIT College Union Mt. Bailey Room

Sketching birds of the Klamath Basin will help young birdwatchers to better observe nature. In this workshop taught by local artist **Pam Stoehsler** the participants will develop good skills for sketching birds and plants. They will sketch from mounted bird specimens in the classroom and leave with a beginning drawing to take home. Sketching paper and colored pencils will be provided. Ages 8-17; parents free with child 10 and under.

Fee: \$15

M3 Digital Photography for Youth Ages 7-10 [New]



10:45 am - 12:15 pm, OIT College Union Mt. Thielsen Room

Amber Bachman, a local professional photographer, will teach budding photographers (ages 7-10) the basics of digital photography. Kids will have the opportunity learn the workings of digital SLR cameras on loan from Canon USA. After they have learned the basics, the whole group will practice their skills taking photos of live birds provided by Badger Run Wildlife Rehab. After a review of their work, participants will have the opportunity to print a 4x6 digital photo.

FREE but registration **required**

W09 Shooting RAW Like a Pro [New]



1:00 - 3:00 pm, OIT Owens Hall Room 207

Why do pros shoot RAW and why should I? Find out in this informative hands-on lecture on the benefits of shooting RAW instead of jpg. Professional wildlife photographer **Jim Stamates** will use Adobe Lightroom 4 to demonstrate his workflow from capture to print and the process of developing a RAW image. By the end of this class you'll never shoot jpg again! Note:

Suggested but not required equipment: Bring your laptop, Mac or PC and Lightroom 4. If you don't have Lightroom 4 download a 30-day free trial from Adobe here: [Lightroom 4 Trial](#).

Fee: \$40

W10 Raptor Identification with Jeff Smith



1:00 - 4:00 pm, OIT Owens Hall Room 201

Join perennial festival favorite **Jeff Smith** for an in-depth discussion of raptor ecology and identification. Hone your raptor identification skills through a discussion of behavior, flight characteristics, field marks, and comparative photos. This workshop will take your

understanding of raptors to the next level. Includes companion bus field trip F28 and lunch on Sunday. For intermediate/advanced level birders.

Fee: \$75

M4 Raptors of the High Desert [New]



1:15 - 2:15 pm, OIT College Union Auditorium

Raptors of the High Desert is a family-friendly program providing the public a unique opportunity to observe many beautiful free-flying birds of prey from our high desert region. Participants will observe owls, hawks, falcons, and even eagles, up close and witness their unique adaptations and flight-styles. An expert raptor biologist from the High Desert Museum will narrate the program and will discuss raptor identification, adaptations, behavior, and conservation among other interesting topics. Some of the species in the program include Barn Owl, Swainson's Hawk, Peregrine Falcon, and Golden Eagle.

FREE no registration required

M5 The Evolution of a Birder: From Initial Spark to Citizen-Scientist [New]



2:15 - 3:15 pm, OIT Owens Hall Room 202

We all love birds. Whether it's their beauty, behavior, powers of flight, or the challenge of identification, we all are drawn to these animals as windows on nature, and as ways to connect with the environment around us. This is the story of how birders can go from that initial spark, whatever it is about birds that grabs us, to sharpening our skills and passion and focusing that energy into becoming a powerful resource for understanding birds. **Brian Sullivan** will explain how you can become citizen-scientists by using your powers of observation, and how your collective efforts are transforming modern science through eBird.

FREE but registration **required**

W11 Birding By Impression Indoor Workshop [New]



3:30 - 5:00 pm, OIT Owens Hall Room 216

This interactive indoor workshop shares a different approach to field identification that **Kevin Karlson** calls "Birding by Impression," which is the title of his forthcoming book in the Roger Tory Peterson Reference Series. A short description of Birding by Impression is followed by unique digitized photos from his new book that encourages the audience to spot differences between similar species in direct side-by-side comparison. This exciting ID approach concentrates on basic impressions of size, shape and body motion to form an initial mental picture of birds seen in the field, with analysis of plumage details and bare parts to follow. Tips on evaluating important physical features for different bird families, and a review of difficult ID dilemmas for similar species are highlighted in this seminar. Highly recommended if you register for F23 on Sunday.

Fee: \$18

M6 Science, Policy and the Spotted Owl: Evolution of a Conservation Icon [New]

3:45 - 4:45 pm, OIT Owens Hall Room 224

Our understanding of the Northern Spotted Owl's ecology and populations, the policies enacted to recover the species, and the threats the species faces have changed dramatically in the 32 years since it was listed as threatened. In this presentation, **Brian Woodbridge** will describe how science findings, government policies, and public perception have tried, not always successfully, to keep pace with the influences of wildfire, barred owls, new forestry, and climate change. At the same time, he will try to convey the role that this species plays as a "flagship species" in Pacific Northwest forest issues.

FREE but registration **required**

M7 Lead Toxicity in Birds of Prey in the Western U.S. and Central Oregon [New]



3:45 - 4:45 pm, OIT College Union Mt. McLoughlin Room

Lead toxicity has become one of the leading issues facing raptor populations throughout the west. Although this phenomenon is a well-known issue surrounding the California Condor recovery project, recent investigations have uncovered startling lead levels in other regions including Central Oregon. **John Goodell** and **Gary Landers** of the High Desert Museum will provide an overview of the science behind this issue, including some revealing lead data from raptors in Central Oregon.

FREE but registration **required**

Keynote Gathering

5:00 - 6:00 pm, OIT College Union downstairs

A relaxing start to the festival's big night! Have a drink from the cash bar and mingle with old and new friends. Discuss the things you've done at the festival and the great birds you've seen. You'll have a chance to meet George Lepp and purchase his books. Cash bar available.

R2 Banquet

6:00 - 7:15 pm, OIT College Union Crater Lake Complex (upstairs)

See www.WinterWingsFest.org for the menu.

Fee: \$22

K3 Keynote: True Confessions of a Bird Photographer [New]



7:30 - 9:00 pm, OIT College Union Auditorium

How far will you go to realize your photographic vision? What kind of blind can you dream up? Is there any destination too far, too cold, too hot? What floats, what sinks? What tools can you invent or re-purpose to solve your problems? How do you see and portray your subjects, and photograph birds by design? Over the course of his forty-year career, **George Lepp's** philosophy has been: Whatever it takes! In this program, George shares some of his greatest bird photography success stories, and some very funny failures, as he employs creative tactics and techniques to get the winning shot in locations around the world.

Fee: \$12

SUNDAY

F21 Flyout 2

5:45 - 8:30 am, Meet at 5:45 am at the Cimarron Inn or 6:00 am at the Shilo Inn front entrance

Travel to Bear Valley National Wildlife Refuge to watch Bald Eagles leave their nightly roost. Dress warmly for this early morning outing. Some binoculars are available for loan.

Fee: \$12

F22 Celebrity Field Trip with George Lepp [New]

7:00 am - noon, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Want to shoot like one of Canon's Explorers of Light? How about spending quality time with THE **George Lepp**? Priceless! Join George as he shares his tips and techniques for photographing birds on this intimate field trip for ten. George now lives in Oregon and considers the Klamath Basin one of his favorite local spots for photography. Register early, as these slots will go fast!

Fee: \$199

F23 Celebrity Birding by Impression in the Field with Kevin Karlson [New]

7:00 am - 3:00 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Join Keynote **Kevin Karlson** to learn and practice his technique of bird identification covered in his upcoming book, "*Birding by Impression: A Simpler Approach to Knowing and Identifying Birds.*" Kevin's holistic approach to bird ID starts with general physical characteristics and moves to more specific details of structural parts, movements, and plumage. This interactive field trip is set up to give birders a different perspective on Field ID by comparing your personal ID assessments with other participants, and by practicing a different set of ID skills with Kevin. Limited to 10 registrants. A gourmet lunch will be provided.

Fee: \$100

F31 Shoot with a Pro with Jim Stamates [New]

7:30 am - 12:30 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Join professional wildlife photographer and Nikon user **Jim Stamates** in the field as we travel to the local refuges looking for that perfect shot. Jim will guide you on the best camera settings for capturing birds in flight as well as for close portraits. Jim will also share his three keys to making great images as well as panning techniques, tripod use, and how to find your vision. All camera brands welcome. Limited to 10 participants.

Fee: \$100

F24 Live Raptor Photo Shoot with Canon [New]

8:00 - 11:30 am, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Are you frustrated with trying to get that "just right" shot of a raptor in flight? Here is a unique opportunity to photograph free flying hawks and other raptors outdoors as **Shawn Weishaar**, Canon's Western Regional Rep provides individual instruction on the fine points of action shots! Bring your digital camera or borrow one and/or some lenses from Canon

(memory cards not included). This is an intermediate/advanced class. Workshop W04 is recommended but not required. Fee: \$80

F25 Butte Valley Raptor Tour and Brunch [New]



8:00 am - 3:30 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Join USFWS Wildlife Biologist **Brian Woodbridge** on our first ever field trip to concentrate on raptors of Butte Valley. This tour will focus on unique raptor foraging behaviors particularly observed in this area and the system that supports these behaviors. Identification of the various species seen will of course be covered and participants will be treated to a hearty brunch at the Hospitality Dinner House in Dorris, California. Fee: \$60

F26 Chase Tour



8:15 am - 1:15 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Missing some of the key birds of the Basin? Hop onto the Chase Tour bus for a highlights tour with **Marshal Moser**. Potential destinations and species will be reviewed with the group based on prior sightings and you'll have input into where the tour bus goes. Be prepared for a flexible and fun outing. Limited to 10 participants. Fee: \$65 (includes lunch)

F27 Field Raptor Identification with Dick Ashford



8:30 am - 3:15 pm, Meet at the Shilo Inn hotel entrance (carpool field trip)

The Sunday companion field outing to Friday's W06 will continue the teaching/learning experience in a mobile field classroom setting. The goal? For you to be able to identify 90% of the hawks we'll encounter during our day together and have fun doing it! Recommended for intermediate or advanced birders. Carpooling is mandatory so we can access some special spots in the Basin.

Workshop W06 includes lunch and either the Saturday or Sunday companion field trip.

F28 Field Raptor Identification with Jeff Smith



8:30 am - 4:30 pm, Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance

Put your newfound skills from Saturday's workshop to the test! Learn the fine points of identifying birds of prey through behavior, flight characteristics, and field marks with **Jeff Smith**. This will be the companion field trip to Saturday's workshop W10. Travel throughout the southern Klamath Basin, including Butte Valley, to see large numbers of both adult and subadult eagles and other raptors. For intermediate or advanced level birders. Workshop W10 includes this companion field trip and lunch.

F29 Beginning Birding 2



9:00 am - Noon, OIT College Union Sunset Room (carpool field trip)

If you enjoy seeing birds in your backyard and want to learn how to identify them, or if you've been looking for a new nature-oriented hobby, this is the class for you. **Karl Wenner** will begin with a presentation that introduces the major groups of birds and explains how to use field marks to identify common birds of the Klamath Basin. Then you'll carpool to nearby hotspots to put your new skills to work.

Fee: \$15

F30 Family Outing to the Klamath Basin Refuge



9:30 am - 2:30 pm, *Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance*

Families are invited to a fun and educational day at the Klamath Basin Refuges to learn about and view Bald Eagles. We will head to the Tule Lake Refuge Visitor Center where refuge staff will provide a program about Bald Eagles and their amazing adaptations before heading out to view the majestic birds in person. Bring a lunch to eat on the bus on the way to the Lower Klamath Refuge to view the eagles and other wildlife. Open to all ages - adults free when accompanied by a child.

Fee: \$5 per child. Adults free but must register.

W13 Bird Drawing for Adults

9:30 am - noon, *OIT College Union Mt. Bailey Room*

In this workshop, local artist **Pam Stoehsler** will teach participants how to sketch birds and understand feather patterns of our native Klamath Basin feathered friends. This workshop is perfect for those wanting to make better field sketches for bird identification, or for those who really love birds and want to improve their drawing abilities. You will leave with a finished drawing and newfound skills. Drawing paper and colored pencils will be provided.

Fee: \$25

R3 Wetlands, Wine, and Cheese

2:30 - 6:30 pm, *Meet at the OIT Dow Center entrance*

This Running Y reception celebrates the evolution of organic agriculture and wildlife conservation in the Klamath Basin. Join us for a sampling of the bounty of this organic harvest at the Running Y. **Ron Cole** from USFWS staff and local organic farmers will be on hand to give you a first person account of how the Walking Wetlands program works for the mutual benefit of wildlife and agriculture. This is a casual event that will leave you comfortably sated and informed!

Fee: \$40