

2011

SEMINARS & EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

presented by

CALAVERAS BIG TREES ASSOCIATION

All Seminars will be held in Jack Knight Hall at Calaveras Big Trees State Park from 10:00 am-12 noon. Admission to the Park is \$8 per car.

The seminars are free and open to the public. Pack a lunch, bring the family and plan on spending the day among the Giant Sequoias. For more information call Calaveras Big Trees Association at 795-3840 or visit our website at www.bigtrees.org

SEMINARS



Saturday May 7th - PLANTS THAT LIVE ON OTHER PLANTS..OR ON FUNGI

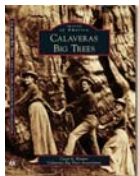
Presented by Dr. Tom Hofstra of Columbia College.

This program about the alternative lifestyle taken by some plants illustrates plant parasitism, carnivory and even mycoheterotrophy!. Dr. Hofstra will be back with us to clarify the nutrition of Snow Plants and other plants of our forests which don't rely directly on sunlight



Saturday June 11—BUTTERFLIES OF THE SIERRA

Presented by Bob Stewart, Naturalist at Large. He will share with us his long association and appreciation of the butterflies of the Mountains. Bob is author of "Common Butterflies of California" which is illustrated by his many beautiful color photographs. Bob was with the Point Reyes Bird Observatory and has taught field classes and led seminars for many organizations. He now leads his own short classes on biological transects across California.



Saturday June 25—A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF BIG TREES

Author Carol Kramer will share her journey to research and produce the pictorial history of "Calaveras Big Trees", the book published in conjunction with Calaveras Big Trees Association in 2010. She will also share stories and photos that didn't make it into the book .



Saturday September 24th. - SIERRA NEVADA WINTER ECOLOGY

Presented by Joe Medeiros, recently retired from Sierra College. Joe has studied alpine ecology in many parts of the world including the Sierra in Winter. In addition to teaching at Modesto and then Sierra Colleges, he worked as a naturalist for the National Park Service in Devils Postpile National Monument. His program will illustrate the strategies used by wildlife in the Sierra in Winter.



Saturday October .1st - THE FUTURE OF OUR SIERRA PARKS.

Presented by Dr. Bill Tweed. Dr. Tweed is the author of “Challenge of the Big Trees”, a history of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks which is going into its second revised edition. His newest book, recently released, is “Uncertain Paths: A Search for the Future of National Parks”, from the U.C. Press. Dr. Tweed recently retired as the Chief of Interpretation for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks and is currently the President of the Sequoia Parks Foundation.

WORKSHOPS - designed for those who want to use these materials in their teaching or in their efforts as docents. **Time: 9 am-12 pm Cost: \$10 per workshop.** **Admission to the Park is \$8 per car.** Space is limited in each workshop. Call 209-795-3840 for reservations. Ask for Sue or Tami.

Saturday May 14 - Conifer Connection Curriculum– Presented by Michael Roa, author of The Conifer Connection. Participants will get to try out activities from the guide, so wear comfortable clothes. Open to anyone interested in learning or teaching about our forests.

Saturday May 21 - John Muir Laws School Curriculum - “Opening the World Through Nature Journaling” This curriculum integrates art, science, and language arts. The goal is to help adults and children discover (and rediscover) the natural world through a combination of art, writing and science. Activities are keyed to grade level, age and science content standards. Jack will help participants become more comfortable with nature journaling. Download curriculum from California Native Plant Society website <http://www.cnps.org/cnps/education/curriculum/index.php> . Bring your own sketch book and pencils.