Planting the Seed for Citizen Science: Climate Change & Phenology Workshops for Educators and Scientists in Southern California

Thursday, October 1, 2009, 8:15 am – 3:00 pm
National Park Service Headquarters, Thousand Oaks

Registration: 8:15am – 9:00am
Morning Sessions: 9:00am – 11:30am
Lunch: 12:00pm – 1:00pm
Afternoon Sessions: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Optional Plant Monitoring Session: 3:15pm – 4:15pm

Meeting Location:
On Thursday, October 1, please meet at the National Park Service Headquarters and Visitor Center in Thousand Oaks between 8:15am – 9:00am to sign-in and enjoy some bagels, fruit, juice and coffee with other workshop attendees. We will start right at 9:00am! (Note: Only those who have pre-registered will be able to participate in the workshop due to limited space.)

Directions:
To find the National Park Service Headquarters and Visitor Center from the Los Angeles or Ventura/Oxnard areas, take the 101 Freeway to Thousand Oaks.
From the 101 Freeway, exit at Lynn Road.
- Drive north on Lynn Road and turn right at Hillcrest Drive (1st traffic light and 1st major intersection).
- Turn left at McCloud (2nd traffic light).
- Turn right at “National Park Service Headquarters and Visitor Center” sign and drive up the hill to the stop sign. Handicap parking is to the left of the stop sign. General Parking is to the right of the stop sign.
- After you park your car, head towards the building which was next to you by the stop sign at the top of the hill. Look for workshop directional signs to the training room.

Please see the following electronic link to Google maps for additional mapping and direction capabilities:
http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=civic+center+drive,+thousand+oaks,+ca&sll=37.0625,95.677068&sspn=34.176059,50.185547&ie=UTF8&ll=34.1844,-118.887799&spn=0.008751,0.012252&t=h&z=16
What to Wear & Bring to the Workshop:
Please bring a magnifying glass (or a pair of binoculars) if possible for taking a closer look at the plants. We recommend that you wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Workshop sessions take place indoors and outdoors. Expect outdoor temperatures ranging from the 70s-90s. Consider bringing a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a camera. For coffee drinkers, feel free to bring a coffee mug! During the morning of the workshop, you might want to bring a light sweater or jacket to stay warm in our chilly training room.

Lunch:
During the workshop, sandwich boxes from the Corner Bakery Café (www.cornerbakerycafe.com) will be provided for participants at Park Headquarters. Participants will have a selection of a turkey and artichoke sandwich, chicken pesto sandwich, or a tomato mozzarella sandwich with sweet roasted peppers & basil. All meals include chips, seasonal fruit, and a baked sweet. Water, sodas and iced tea will be provided.

Optional Plant Monitoring Session:
After the completion of the workshop, if you are interested in some additional training in plant monitoring, the course instructors and organizers will stay at the Park Headquarters until 4:15pm! This is entirely optional and is offered as an extra session if you are interested and able to stay. More details will be provided at the workshop.

Phones:
Pay phones are available. During the workshop sessions, we will ask all participants to turn off cell phones or have them on vibrate mode. Note: Cell phone coverage is limited in the park depending on your location.

Pets:
Please do not bring pets since they are not allowed in public buildings and certain areas of the park.

Lodging:
If you plan on staying in Thousand Oaks, there are many motels and hotels in the area. Additional accommodations are available in nearby Agoura Hills, Simi Valley, and Camarillo.

Further Information:
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