

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series

Virtual Celebration



Even at a distance, the Parsons Memorial Lodge continues to be a gathering place for our most creative ideas. Perched near the Sierra crest at an elevation of 8600 feet, and close to where the bubbling waters of Soda Springs return to the air for the first time in millennia, we are invited to ask questions that are deep, lofty, and difficult. How do we live sustainably on this planet? How can we honor and protect the non-human world of nature? How does nature connect us to sorrow and to joy? How do we nurture hope? The *Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series* invites scientists, poets, philosophers, storytellers, and people like you from far and wide to weigh in on this ongoing conversation.

Join us virtually at this time when community space is needed most.

On and after the dates and times below, link to: <https://www.facebook.com/YosemiteNPS>

Look for the videos on the Yosemite National Park website and on the Yosemite Conservancy websites where they will be available indefinitely.

The dates and times reflect the release of the pre-recorded programs. Tune in at the posted times for community viewing, or any time after. Please share.

Saturday, August 1

Natural History is a Compass that Points to Love: Lessons Learned from a Falcon, a Warbler, and a Yosemite Ranger

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A talk by Richard Nevle, naturalist and Deputy Director of the Earth Systems Program at Stanford University.

Sunday, August 2

Speaking with Animals

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A talk by Craig Childs author, river guide, naturalist, field instructor in natural history, adventurer.

Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16

24th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Virtual Poetry Festival

A morning workshop at 10:00-10:30 a.m. on Saturday and afternoon readings by all poets both days at 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.

Featured poets are Ada Limón, Camille Dungy and Jane Hirshfield with musician Shira Kammen. Poetry workshop with Park Ranger and poet Eric Smith.

Saturday, August 22

Meeting the Wild Hag of the Woods: Myth, Desire, and Our Connection to Wilderness

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

With storyteller and poet Jay Leeming.



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