

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series



Annie Barrett Cashner

Saturday, July 27

Alpine Inspiration: A Wellness Retreat in the Meadows

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Mindfulness practice with Heather Sullivan, Executive Director and co-founder of Balanced Rock; bring a yoga mat or blanket, pen and paper, water, and appropriate layers of clothing.

Blooming on the Edge: Alpine Plants in a Changing Climate

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A presentation by Rachel Friesen, Brooke Wallasch, and Dr. Dena Grossenbacher, alpine plant researchers from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Sunday, July 28

From Trout to Grasslands: Naming and Drawing Nature

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Artist, writer, and naturalist James Prosek talks about his art while addressing contemporary environmental concerns.

Saturday, August 3

The Future of Forests and All the Life Connected

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Scientist and award-winning author Lauren E. Oakes shares stories from *In Search of the Canary Tree* (2018) and her forthcoming book *Treekeepers* (2024).

Sunday, August 4

Wahhoga Village: A Heritage of Grief and Healing

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

National Park Service archeologist and storyteller Erin Davenport chronicles the removal, resilience, and return of indigenous people to the ancestral village of Wahhoga in Yosemite Valley.

Saturday, August 10

Birding to Change the World

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Author Trish O’Kane talks about her book and the story behind it.

Songs for Tuolumne

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

An evening of mountain bluegrass music with the Tioga Ramblers.

Sunday, August 11

Summer Bloom: A Collection of Songs Found in a Meadow

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

An afternoon of music with the locally cultivated singer-songwriter group White Bark Pine.

Saturday & Sunday, August 17 & 18

28th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival

Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music featuring poets Nickole Brown, Lee Herrick, Cintia Santana, and musician Shira Kammen.

Saturday, August 17

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Nickole Brown.

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music.

Sunday, August 18

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Cintia Santana.

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music.



Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either the Lembert Dome/Soda Springs Road parking area or the Parsons Lodge Parking/Trailhead. Admission is free.

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