

TUOLUMNE MEADOWS – YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK – 2026
Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series



Saturday, July 18

Flourishing Kin: Indigenous Wisdom for Collective Well-Being

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Storytelling, dreams, and myths with Yuria Celidwen (Nahua/Maya Bats'il K'op), author and research scientist specializing in Indigenous nature-based contemplation

Sunday, July 19

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.

Across Yosemite's Wilderness: A Trailblazing Woman's Life and Career Protecting the Park's Backcountry

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A talk by Laurel Munson Boyers, author and career Park Ranger

Friday, July 24

Improvisation as a Lifestyle

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

An interactive music performance by Joe Craven

Saturday, July 25

Writing the Animal

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

A generative workshop with writer Erica Berry

What Wolves Can Teach Us About Thinking Kaleidoscopically

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A talk by author Erica Berry

Sunday, July 26

Life Cycles of Mountain Birds: Finding the Marvelous in the Mundane

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A talk by Tom Hahn, ornithologist and professor, University of California, Davis

Saturday, August 1

Songs of the Wilderness: Inside and Out

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A performance by singer-songwriter Deborah Levoy

Sunday, August 2

South to the High Sierra

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Come visit the crescendo of the Sierra, on the rocks and on skis, with writer Doug Robinson.

Saturday, August 8

Yosemite Wildlife

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A talk by author Beth Pratt

3:15 – 4:00 p.m.

A talk by photographer Robb Hirsch
Reception and book signing to follow

Sunday, August 9

What an Owl Knows

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

A talk by author and science writer Jennifer Ackerman

Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16

30th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival

Morning workshops and afternoon readings with music featuring poets Michael Metivier, Rachel Richardson, Heather Swan, and musician Shira Kammen

Saturday, August 15

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Michael Metivier

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

Sunday, August 16

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Heather Swan

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



Arrive early to find parking. Allow 30-50 minutes to walk to Parsons Memorial Lodge. Admission is free.

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