

Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series



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JULY

Friday, July 20

Words of Preservation: Poets Laureate National Parks Tour
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Texas Poets Laureate Alan Birkelbach and Karla Morton perform poetry inspired by National Parks.

Saturday, July 21

Backpacking the Best Mountains on Earth
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Conversation with Kim Stanley Robinson, author of *Naming Mt Thoreau*, the *Green Earth*, *Shaman*, and other books.

Sunday, July 22

The Once and Future California: Climate, Wildlife and Connection.
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Talk and discussion with Erika Zavaleta, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at University of California Santa Cruz.

High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend

Saturday, July 28

The California Field Atlas: A Love Story
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Conversation with author, naturalist, and artist Obi Kaufmann.

Sunday, July 29

Natural History: Reciprocal Healing and the Path of Delight
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Discussion with contributors to *Nature, Love, Medicine: Essays on Wildness and Wellness*, including environmental artist Edie Dillon, environmental educator Gwen Heistand, author and illustrator Sarah Juniper Rabkin, and Tom Fleischner, naturalist and editor of the collection.

AUGUST

Saturday, August 4

High Country Council of All Beings
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
A play in three acts featuring local flora, fauna, and forces of Tuolumne Meadows.

Sunday, August 5

For Future Generations through Thick and Thin
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Conversation with Laurel Munson Boyers, long-time Yosemite resident and the park's first female wilderness manager.

Saturday, August 11

Urban in Nature: Yosemite, Cars, and California's Cities, 1913–1970
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Talk and discussion with Guy McClellan, historian, teacher, and Yosemite Park Ranger.

Sunday, August 12

Hearing Hidden Melodies: Birdsong and Human Music
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
Conversation with musician and birder Rob Frye

Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19

22th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival
Workshops and readings with music featuring poets Rajiv Mohabir, Kai Carlson-Wee, Joy Harjo, and musician Shira Kammen.

Saturday, August 18

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Rajiv Mohabir
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music
7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Open reading and music

Sunday, August 19

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Kai Carlson-Wee
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music



Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.

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