

STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

2018 Calaveras Ranger District Interpretive Programs Preview

Check back in May 2018 for dates and times.

Lake Alpine Recreation Area

Directions: The Lake Alpine Recreation Area is located about three miles east of Bear Valley Village on Highway 4 in Alpine County. Most programs are held in the Marmot Day Use Area, either at the picnic tables near the parking lot or at the Lake Alpine Amphitheater. From Highway 4, take the Lake Alpine West Shore access road, go past the Lake Alpine Campground entrance and then turn left into the Marmot Day Use parking area. Walk down the hill toward the lake, following the "Programs Today" signs.



Junior Rangers at Lake Alpine

All programs are free (\$5 materials fee for fish printing on t-shirts and tote bags; printing on paper is free).

Saturday Amphitheater Programs

Our Reptile and Amphibian Friends

Mike Sutton returns with a living showcase of California reptiles and amphibians to view and touch (if you dare!). He will share his passion for these wonderful creatures and remind us all to let wildlife be wild. All ages.

Batty About Our Insect-Eating Friends

Live bats of California native species will be presented for viewing and discussion. Participants will learn the importance of bats in our environment and the harmful myths that surround them. All ages.

Wildlife Ambassadors

Meet the ambassadors LIVE at Lake Alpine. Members of Tri County Wildlife Care bring these rescued raptors to you along with lessons on wildlife conservation and living green. All ages.

Wild Things

Discover wildlife up close with this incredible program featuring an assortment of rescued California birds and mammals. Learn about these creatures and how to let wildlife be wild. All ages.

Campfire Show Starring the Rangers and You!

Join us for a good old-fashioned unplugged campfire show. There will be skits, stories, songs, puppet shows, trivia, and more! The best part: you're in it! Wanted: actors, puppeteers, singers, and sound-effects persons. All ages.

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Weekly Programs at Lake Alpine

Native American Crafts and Games

Play traditional games, play musical instruments, and make your own set of stick dice. Learn how you can help preserve cultural heritage. Geared for ages 4 through adult.

Animal Tracking

Learn to read tracks, scats, and other signs left by wildlife. Meet our pettable taxidermy animals. Each participant will receive a plaster animal track for free; bear and mountain lion tracks will be available in exchange for a donation to Three Forests Interpretive Association (3FIA). Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Guided Walk -- The Story of Lake Alpine

Join a ranger for an easy stroll and learn about the natural and cultural history of Lake Alpine. We will focus on whatever interests you, be it plants, fungi, wildlife, geology, or culture. Geared for teens and adults.

Who Lives in the Lake?

Find out with a ranger! Learn how you can help conserve their habitat. Wading in the water is optional; if you choose to do so, dress appropriately and wear protective footwear to guard against rocks. Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Creatures of the Creek

Caddisfly and mayfly larvae, water boatmen and water beetles, and maybe even leeches! Meet them in person and learn about their importance in the food chain. We will need to caravan about two miles down Highway 4 from the Marmot Day Use Area, so have a car handy. Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Fish N' Fish Printing

This program will begin with a fifteen-minute talk on local fish, fish conservation, and the history of Japanese fish printing (*gyotaku*). Then create your own unique fish print on a T-shirt, canvas tote bag, or paper using rubber fish molds and acrylic paints. All ages; children under seven must be assisted by an adult. \$5 materials fee for T-shirt or tote bag; printing on paper is free.

Alpine Explorers

Learn what to take on a hike and how to be safe in the woods. Then go on a walk with a ranger and identify animals, plants, bugs, and fungi using a field guide. Geared for ages 7 to 12.

Fantastic Forest Scavenger Hunt

Bugs, birds, fish, flowers, fungus, trees, rocks, lichens, critters, and Camp "OhNo!" See if you can find them. Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Nature Detectives

Look for clues in the forest and become a nature detective. Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Bug Hunt

Get out there with butterfly nets and magnifiers! Discover a mini-world full of incredible creepy crawly creatures. Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Junior Rangers

Become a Stanislaus Junior Ranger at Lake Alpine! See page 4 for details. Geared for ages 4 to 12.

Campfire Sing!

Bring your voices and musical instruments and join us in singing around the campfire! Hear tales about the origin of popular camp songs. Sing your old favorites and learn some new ones. Song sheets will be provided, or bring your own if you would like. All ages.

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Wakalu Hep Yo Campground Amphitheater

Directions: From Highway 4 at Dorrington, turn east onto Boards Crossing Rd. and go 5 miles. All programs are held on Saturdays and meet at the amphitheater. All programs are free (\$5 materials fee for fish printing on t-shirts and tote bags; printing on paper is free).

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Guided Walk - Native American Plant Uses

Go on a walk with a ranger to learn about Native American uses of local plants. Geared for ages 7 through adult.

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Pine Needle Basket Weaving

Follow Miwok basket weaver Arvada Fisher's stories while she guides your hands in the art of pine needle basketry. An appreciation of basket weaving is guaranteed. Geared for ages 10 and up.

These Plants, These Rocks, This Place

Every plant, every rock, everything about this special place tells a meaningful story about the Native Americans who lived here for thousands of years. Geared for older children and adults.

Flint Knapping

The Miwok people crafted arrowheads from obsidian that were both beautiful and deadly. Traditional practitioner Fred Velasquez demonstrates this ancient art. Geared for older children and adults.

What The Heck Is Wakalu Hep Yo?

Traditional practitioner Fred Velasquez explains what was here before it was a campground and how it came to be known as Wa-Ka-Lu Hep-Yo. Geared for older children and adults.



Bat program at Wakalu Hep Yo Campground amphitheater.

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How to Become a Stanislaus Junior Ranger

Choose one of the options below to complete the requirements to earn your Junior Ranger badge.

Option A):

Complete your Stanislaus Junior Ranger Booklet requirements and attend two interpretive programs.

Option B):

Complete your Stanislaus Junior Ranger Booklet requirements and take a hike and pick up a grocery bag full of trash.

Option C):

Attend two interpretive programs and take a hike and pick up a grocery bag full of trash.

Option D):

Attend three interpretive programs.

You may attend any interpretive program to meet the requirements, but you will have more fun if you attend those that are geared for your age group.



Become a Calaveras Fish and Wildlife Superhero and receive a special prize!

Come to a program or event to find out how.

For more information on these programs, contact the Calaveras District Office at (209) 795-1381. You may also contact the Calaveras District interpretation office direct at (209) 813-6024. This office is usually staffed from March to September.

For an online schedule of programs, visit the Stanislaus National Forest Outdoor Learning page: Go to the Stanislaus National Forest official web site, <http://www.fs.usda.gov/stanislaus/>. On the left sidebar click on Recreation and then Outdoor Learning. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the Calaveras Ranger District button. The 2018 schedule is anticipated to be available in May 2018. Also visit our Facebook and Twitter pages for event announcements.

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