

Wheeler Summer Programs 2019

May 2019

May 18 11:00 am **Luzonica Birds of the World**

Luzonica will bring birds from near and far from unusual to the known, promote understanding; appreciation and conservation of all bird species

Erin Koski Director of Luzonica

Donations Optional: adults \$3, youth 5-18 \$2, and under 5 free

June 2019

June 1 11:00 am **Hiking: Be Prepared**

Practical hiking tips backed by over 20 years of hiking experience. These tips will help to keep you safe while on the trails, and what to look for on the trails. Whether you are a season hiker or new to the trails you will benefit from the knowledge gained.

Dr. James R Caballero

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June 8 11:00 am **Wonderful World of Bees**

Scientists estimate that one third of the world's food crops and four-fifths of its flowering plants depend on some form of insect pollination, mainly by bees. Yet honeybees and native bees around the globe are declining in numbers. Discover the fascinating world of bees and its impact on the eco system.

Anna D Howell, Entomologists MS.

in Entomology from University of California

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June 15 11:00 am

Last Days of the Dinosaurs

Richard Wade, scientist, artist and educator will present a hands-on, fun-filled presentation about how dinosaurs lived and died, even the sounds they made. Hold a real meteorite and replicas of fossils. Appropriate for all ages.

Richard Wade – Scientist, artist and educator

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June 16 11:00 am

Nature Walk with Julie Tumamait

See and learn to identify the plants found in the Wheeler Gorge Campground. Chumash Elder Julie Tumamait will teach you about how plants are used for food, medicines, ceremonies and games.

Julie Tumamait – Chumash Elder

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June 29 11:00 am

Saving the California Condors

What issues face this most endangered species and can they truly be returned to the wild to live on their own? A presentation and items displayed by members of the Friends of the California Condor Free and Wild.

Vince Gerwe Friends of the California Condor

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June 29 1:00 PM

Bats You Never Imagined

Ranger Kris presents the amazing world of bats; in sizes, shapes, features and colors you've never imagined. Meet her pet bat and see her magical slide show with the vampire bats and many others.

Kris Mashburn

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July 2019

July 6 11:00 am

Southwestern Herpetological

Southwestern Herpetological Society, will present live and impressive lizards and snakes and give advice on which reptile to pick as a pet

Southwestern Herpetological Society

July 6 1:00 PM

Into the Wild (Naturalists)

This program will cover respecting and protecting wildlife in our local forest. You will also learn about birds and their flyways, venomous reptiles, poisonous plants and how to identify them. You will learn about food chains and ecosystems and how humans have changed the balance of nature. **Reservations required***

Gordie Hemphill Pres. LPFA Ojai Chapter and scouter

Fee for both youth and adult is \$3.00 to cover cost of materials

July 13 11:00 am **Trees are Treemendos (Required for Scouts)**

Discover the native and non-native trees that live in Wheeler Gorge on this short and very educational walk led by Los Padres National Forest Botanist Lloyd Simpson. The walk begins at the center and continues into the campground.

Lloyd Simpson – Forest Botanist Los Padres National Forest

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July 13 1:00 pm

Fire in Southern California

Learn about the role of fire in Southern California ecosystems. When does the ecosystem rebound and when is it devastated by fire? The presentation will end with a walk in the Thomas Fire

Nicole Molinari, Southern California Ecologist
US Forest Service

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July 20 11:00 am **Volcanoes in Story and Science**

Learn from our gifted storyteller Richard Wade, scientist, artist and educator, the science of how volcanoes erupt and grow. He will also entertain children and adults with legends and lore. Volunteers make a model volcano erupt! Get a free piece of lava.

Richard Wade – Scientist, artist and educator

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July 27 11:00 **Those Misunderstood Critters**

A presentation about the critters that is often left in shelters or forgotten because most people fear them and their stories of rescue. Let us listen to their rescue story and give them a special home.

Dawn Reily

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July 27 1:00 pm **Into the Woods (Forester)**

Discover how mankind and animals depend upon and use the trees and plants found in our forest. **Reservations required***

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August 2019

Aug 3 11:00 am

Strange and Exotic Critters

This hands-on experience lets you meet some unusual animals up close and personal. Learn about the benefits of having pets, some special considerations for living with animals, and meet some amazing ambassadors including the softest bunny ever, a hairless guinea pig, a boa constrictor, tarantula and a miniature chicken.

Erin Koski Director of Luzonica

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Aug 10 11:00 am

Rescuing Ocean Animals

Wildlife rescuer Ron Barrett, with the Channel Island Marine and Wildlife Institute, will present information and insights on sea lions, seals, otters and other animals found sick or injured. What you should do and not do when you find an animal stranded on the beach.

Ron Barrett Channel Islands Marine and Wildlife Institute

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Aug 3 11:00 am

REI... Beginner's Camping Workshop

It's always the season for campfires, s'mores, and spending time in nature. Join REI's expert guides for this hands-on, first look at camping. You'll practice setting up tents, choose the best sleeping bag for you, and get practical experience to help you camp for the first time.

REI Specialists

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Aug 24 11:00 am

Storytelling of the Chumash

Julie is an amazing and engaging storyteller. She will share stories of death and resurrection, stories still alive today with lessons reinforced by a look in the night skies or a walk in the wilderness. Particular sharing will be The Story of Anucwa and The Boys Who Turned to Geese. Hear stories of Woodpecker, Blue jay, Coyote and Others. Learn to look at plants.

Julie Tumamait – Chumash Elder

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Aug 31 11:00 am **Amazing World of Bears**

Kelley Swedlow, Wheeler Gorge Docent, will present information about our brown and black bears, and the many other types of bears found around the world.

Kelly Swedlow Wheeler Gorge Docent

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Sept 2019

Sept 7 11: AM **Earth Rocks (Geology)**

Discover how volcanoes, mountains, caves and geysers are formed. Learn how rocks and minerals are used in metal, glass, jewelry, and in building homes. Make a Moh's scale of hardness kit. Start a rock and mineral kit. **Reservations required***

Jennifer Flittie/ Scouter

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