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The mission of the Institute is to provide educational programs and scholarly presentations concerning the prehistory, history, ecology and politics of Idaho’s desert environments and deserts worldwide. The programs are presented to enrich the understanding and appreciation of complex desert ecosystems in Idaho and to promote their perpetual preservation as educational resources for the future.

DESERST STUDIES INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS 2018

Japanese-American Camp in the Idaho Desert
June 5 & 6, 2018
Russell Tremayne, College of Southern Idaho
In 1942, the United States government built the Minidoka War Relocation Center in the Idaho desert northeast of Twin Falls, Idaho. The camp incarcerated over 13,000 Japanese aliens and American citizens of Japanese ancestry removed from their homes on the West Coast and imprisoned there during World War II. This workshop focuses on the interaction of the “community” with their environment. The workshop includes a field trip to visit the Minidoka National Historic Site which was designated in 2001. Cross-listed with Anthropology and History. 1 credit

Great Basin Birds of Prey
June 6, 7, 8, 9, 2018
Marc Bechard, Boise State University
This workshop focuses on the types of birds of prey found in North America, their identification, and breeding biology with emphasis on the Snake River Plain of southern Idaho. Included are field trips to the Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area and the World’s Center for Birds of Prey. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, and Environmental Studies. 2 credits

Ethnobotany: Edible, Medicinal, and Useful Plants
June 11 & 12, 2018
Raymond Vizgirdas, Consulting Biologist
This workshop focuses primarily on plants used by Native Americans as food, medicine, clothing, and building materials. Classroom and field activities will emphasize plant identification, ecology and ethnobotany. This workshop will bring together aspects of our region's natural and cultural history. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, and Environmental Studies. 1 credit

Geology of Megafloods
June 13 & 14, 2018
Shawn Willsie, College of Southern Idaho
This workshop explores the history of megafloods in the western U.S. as revealed in the rock record. We will review fundamental fluvial processes before examining the relatively recent discovery of massive flooding events. We conclude with an in-depth look at the Missoula and Bonneville Floods of the Pacific Northwest. A field trip to the features and landscapes along the Bonneville Flood is included. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, Environmental Studies, and Geosciences. 1 credit

Idaho’s Native Pollinators
June 18 & 19, 2018
Raymond Vizgirdas, Consulting Biologist
This workshop is an introduction to the concepts and issues surrounding pollination ecology. Some 80% of the earth’s flowering plants rely on animal pollinators, primarily insects, to ensure reproduction. Beyond the direct economic value, insect pollination is essential for maintaining the structure and function of a wide range of natural communities including sagebrush steppe and montane forests. Alarmingly, managed and wild insect pollinators have suffered declines in recent years prompting calls for proactive strategies to help bolster their populations. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, and Environmental Studies. 1 credit

Death of An Ecosystem
June 22 & 23, 2018
Eric Yensen, College of Southern Idaho, Emeritus
This workshop will focus on important ecological interactions in northern Great Basin ecosystems. Learn about the ecological roles of ground squirrels, badgers, raptors, coyotes, grasshoppers, sagebrush, and many others; how they interact to form a functional ecosystem; and how human activities are causing the collapse of this ecosystem. The workshop includes a field trip to the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, Environmental Studies, and Geosciences. 1 credit

China Culinary Tradition
June 25 & 26, 2018
Pei-Lin Yu, Boise State University
The workshop will explore the ways that the rich culinary traditions of China, particularly the southern regions, influenced the lives of Chinese migrants to Idaho and neighboring regions, and became adapted to the unique challenges of life here in the late 1800’s. The archaeological record, historical documents, and traditional cultural knowledge will be featured. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology and History. 1 credit

Desert Ecology
June 27 & 28, 2018
Nikki Schwend & Laura Barbour, Canyon County Parks, Recreation, and Waterways
In this workshop guest speakers and specialists in desert ecology provide a broad overview of natural and human ecology through short lectures and demonstrations. The workshop will meet at Celebration Archaeological Park near Melba, Idaho. Included are field trips to Leslie Gulch, Halverson Bar and a fossil locality. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, Environmental Studies, and Geosciences. 1 credit

Fish and Invertebrates of the Snake and Boise Rivers
July 24 & 25, 2018
Terry Maret, U.S. Geological Survey, Idaho Water Science Center
Students will learn about the aquatic species in the Snake and Boise Rivers and their habitat needs. Day one will be in the classroom covering ecological principals of the rivers along with an overview of fish and aquatic invertebrate that live in the region. We then head to the field with various sampling gear to collect and identify aquatic invertebrates from local waters. Day two will focus on collecting and identifying native and nonnative fish species. Field Trip. Cross-listed with Anthropology, Biology, and Environmental Studies. 1 credit