

Jepson Prairie Preserve Docent Training Schedule 2011

Class presentations by regional experts and field trips will prepare docents to lead walks at this vernal pool and native bunchgrass prairie during weekend tours of Jepson Prairie Preserve near Dixon from March 12 to May 8.

Tuesday, Feb. 1: Introduction: Group Introductions, Expectations, Schedule—Kate Mawdsley; Jepson Prairie Docents: Mission and Organization—Lars Anderson; Introduction to vernal pools—Carol Witham

Saturday, Feb. 5: Docent dipping display—CJ Addington; Tour logistics

Tuesday, Feb. 8: Planning and giving a successful tour—Teri Engbring; Hands-on aquatic invertebrates—CJ Addington

Saturday, Feb. 12: Important birds of Jepson Prairie—Earl Swenerton; Orientation walk at Jepson Prairie, early season flower ID

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Fire and grazing effects in vernal pool grasslands—Jaymee Marty; California tiger salamander research at Jepson Prairie—Dr. Brad Shaffer, Chris Searcy

Tuesday, Feb. 22: History, current status of California grasslands—Dr. Kevin Rice; Solitary bees and pollination ecology of vernal pool flora—Dr. Robbin Thorp;

Saturday, Feb. 25: Hydrology, soils, landforms and flora—Dr. Bob Holland; Flower identification and pre-season reconnaissance—Carol Witham; Seeking solitary bees in the field—Robbin Thorp.

Classes will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Headquarters, 45211 Chiles Road, Davis, 1.3 miles east of the Mace Blvd. exit from I-80. Field sessions begin at 10 a.m. at Jepson Prairie Preserve, located 11 miles south of Dixon on Cook Lane off Highway 113. New docents will receive a copy of the Jepson Prairie Preserve Handbook, a Jepson Prairie sweatshirt and additional materials in return for a \$25.00 donation to the Solano Land Trust for enhancement of Jepson Prairie Preserve.

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