

Activity Day – November 16, 2021 Excursion/Activity Options

The following are the excursions offered for OWAC’s Fall Conference.

Once selections are confirmed, final scheduling will be determined based on overall interest. The location at which the activity is scheduled is subject to change, based on the final scheduling and logistical arrangements.

Participants rank your top 3 options (1 being most desired) on the registration form.

*Photos may not be representative of exact excursion/activity.

1. Following the Resource

Provided by TuCare

Full Day

Transportation Provided

Witness first-hand the lifecycle of one of nature’s most valuable resources – trees. Visit the forest where the trees grow (you may even get to plant a seedling!). Follow the tree as it is processed through a local lumber mill. Next see how the wood from the trees is turned into biomass feedstock which is transported locally to Pacific Ultrapower and is turned into a renewable energy source.



2. Follow Me Through Tuolumne Adventure Hike

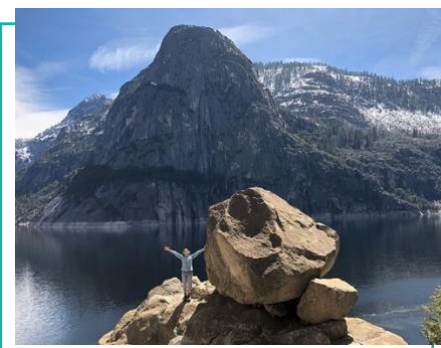
Provided by ECHO Adventure Cooperative (a Certified B Corporation)

Full Day: 7:00am to 3:00pm

Self-drive to ECHO Adventure Basecamp, Groveland CA, 40 minutes

Limit: 9 People

Join us for 8 miles of adventure along the Tuolumne River reservoir and then up to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias! We’ll start off in the glacier-carved Hetch Hetchy Valley with a 5-mile round trip moderate hike to the 1200-foot thundering Wapama Falls, and then up to the Tuolumne Grove of Giant Sequoias for a 2.5-mile round trip hike to see the largest tree species on the earth! Hetch Hetchy was considered by many to be the hidden sister valley of the Yosemite Valley, making Hetch Hetchy and the Tuolumne Grove the best ways to experience classic Yosemite landscapes without the crowds! (Moderate to strenuous hiking.)



3. Full Day Fly Fishing Clinic

Provided by ECHO Adventure Cooperative (a Certified B Corporation)

Full Day: 7:00am to 3:00pm

Self-drive to ECHO Adventure Basecamp, Groveland CA, 40 minutes

Limit: 5 People

Enjoy the best of the Yosemite area on our full day fly fishing adventure for anglers of all abilities. This clinic focuses on beginner casting, fly selection, reading water and basic knot tying. As well as Czech Nymphing, dry fly, streaming and wet fly techniques.

- There is 2-4 miles of walking, some may be off-trail.
- Barbless Hooks only
- Catch & Release
- Walk & Wade
- All equipment is provided



4. Ferretti Trails Mountain Bike Camp

Provided by ECHO Adventure Cooperative, Groveland Trail Heads MTB Club, and Trail Less Traveled Bike and Gear

Full Day: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Self-drive to ECHO Adventure Basecamp, Groveland CA, 40 minutes

Limit: 9 People

From trail to fork (suspension fork, that is), this camp gives you a backstage pass to mountain biking. We'll arrive at the brand-new Ferretti Trails complex where we will get you fitted with the perfect bike and helmet rental from Echo Adventure Cooperative. From there you will be able to ride single track MTB trails or enjoy a slow and steady ride up one of the many fire roads. During the day you'll join the Groveland Trail Heads MTB Club for a trail building and maintenance clinic. Last but not least, you can hang out with the folks with Trail Less Traveled Bike and Gear for a Bike Maintenance tutorial! They'll be plenty of food and drinks on hand so you can enjoy the day!



5. Ready, Aim, Fire! - Trap Shooting/Target Shooting

Provided by Mother Lode Gun Club

Half Day; Time TBD

Self-drive to location, 15 minutes

Limited number of attendees

The Mother Lode Gun Club is Tuolumne County's Five Star gun club. MLGC offers several outdoor ranges including trap shooting, Action pistol, cowboy action and other disciplines to explore. Head out for a morning of trap shooting with local professionals and you just might meet some of Tuolumne County's youth trap shooting champions. Shotguns provided.



6. Lake Fishing Excursion

Provided by Fish-on-Fly-Gear

Full Day or Half Day (TBD)

Self-drive to location

Limit: 10 participants

Enjoy a casting class and lake fishing with a local expert on either Lake Don Pedro or NewMelones Reservoir (lake TBD).



7. Explore the High Sierra

Provided by Visit Tuolumne County
Full Day
Transportation provided
Limit 9 people

Tuolumne County's High Sierra is well known for its year-round outdoor adventure. You'll see behind the scenes of Tuolumne County's most iconic High Sierra spots including Dodge Ridge Ski Area, Pinecrest, and Leland High Sierra Snowplay. We'll visit some scenic spots like Donnell Vistal. Generally November brings fall color along the Highway 108 corridor as well. So bring your camera and your appetite for incredible scenery!



8. Tuolumne County History Immersion Experience

Columbia State Historic Park and Railtown 1897 State Historic Park
Full or Half Day
Self-drive to locations

Morning:

Take an authentic journey to the past and the Gold Rush in Columbia State Historic Park with a guided tour of the park, which is home to the largest collection of Gold Rush-era brick buildings in the state. Immersive activities to be determined.

Afternoon:

Railtown 1897 State Historic Park
1:00pm tour; 2:00pm train ride
Minimum: 10 participants



Become intimately acquainted with Tuolumne County's railroading history at Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, with a roundhouse tour and train ride! The park is home to the famous "movie star" locomotive, Sierra #3®, and the grounds are featured in many Old Western movies and television shows. The impressive roundhouse is one of only two working historic roundhouses in the U.S.. Plus, Railtown 1897 State Historic Park was just added to the National Register of Historic Places! The park will be decorated for The Polar Express™ and holiday festivities.

9. Taste Tuolumne County

Provided by Visit Tuolumne County
Full Day
Transportation provided

Wine tasting, locally grown food, and friendly llamas! What more could you ask for? Enjoy a full day of exploring the farms, food, and wine of Tuolumne County! Tour a local winery with the winemaker, participate in an expertly curated food and wine pairing from a local chef, experience llamas and learn about their wellness potential, and more! Get ready to explore and taste Tuolumne!



10. Local Goods and Products: Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Provided by Visit Tuolumne County

Full Day

Transportation provided

Relax and enjoy an informative day with Tuolumne County’s manufacturers from a variety of industries! Begin the day in beautifully restored Model A’s provided by the Model A Club of Sonora. Club members will transport you on a Historic Jamestown tour. Enjoy lunch at Mountain Coffee & Bakery. Then it’s off to the impressive Blue Mountain Minerals limestone mining facility for a tour and Q&A with a Geologist. End the day at Indigeny Reserve, a local hard cider distillery where participants will have an opportunity tour the distillery and grounds and taste apples and their fantastic hard cider paired with locally made cheeses.



Pre- and Post-Conference Activities

Overnight stays for November 14th and 17th are available. There is a limited number of accommodations that are available at no charge and are first-come-first-served. Additional accommodations may be at a discounted rate for OWAC attendees (paid by attendee). An accommodations list will be provided.

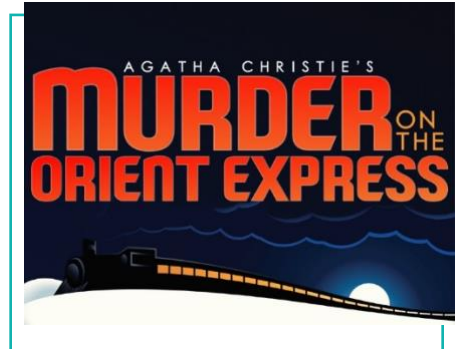
Pre-Conference Activities - November 14, 2021

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11. Live Theatre Matinee

Provided by Sierra Repertory Theatre
Self-drive to East Sonora Theatre
Limit: 15 attendees

Sierra Repertory Theatre presents “Murder on the Orient Express.” The Sonora Repertory Theatre is an exceptional professional theatre working with Equity actors from across the country to provide regional theatre at its finest.



12. Gold Panning – You Find it, You Keep It

Provided by California Gold Panning, Jamestown
12:00pm-2:00pm
Self-drive
Open to All

The year was 1849. The excitement of gold was in the air. The word of gold strikes in California raced across the world. The dream of finding gold still runs through the veins of every man woman and child. To hold a piece of gold in your hand that you dug out of the earth fills your mind with fantasies of riches. We find where the gold should be and let you dig it out of the ground. It is still not easy, digging in the dirt is hard work. You earn the gold you keep. When you are done with us you will leave with dirt on your face, sweat on your brow, water in your boots.



13. Yosemite Valley Guided Hike

Provided by Lasting Adventures
Full Day
Self-drive to Curry Village in Yosemite Valley; park entry fee to be paid by attendee
Minimum: 2 participants; Limit: 8 participants

A Yosemite Valley Day Hike or any hike from the Yosemite Valley such as Yosemite Falls or the Mist Trail/Nevada Fall Loop originating from Curry Village in Yosemite Valley. Participants would need to meet guide in Curry Village.



Post-Conference - November 17, 2021

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14. Day in Groveland with ECHO Adventure Cooperative

Half Day

Self-drive to ECHO Adventures Basecamp in Groveland

Fly-tying and casting clinics and a Groveland History Tour.

15. Tour unavailable.

16. Guided Hike at Red Hills Recreation Management Area

Provided by Bureau of Land Management; Recreation Planner

Length of the tour is weather dependent.

Self-drive, 25 minutes

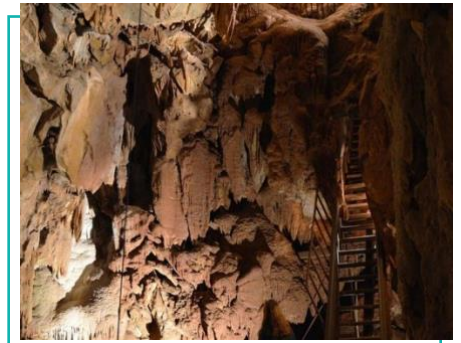
Red Hills Recreation Management Area is one of the most diverse locations for wildlife in California. Enjoy the stunning scenery while learning from an expert about the unique plants and animals that call Red Hills home. This hike is perfect for amateur botanists and bird watching enthusiasts! Come rain or shine.



17. Moaning Cavern and Angels Camp Museum + Lunch

Provided by Calaveras Visitors Bureau and Film Commission

Self-drive



18. Railtown Golden Hour Photography Tour

Provided by Railtown 1897 State Historic Park, Jamestown

Open to all

Self-drive

A special golden-hour photography tour of the park along with costumed docents and a blacksmith demonstration. Locomotives can be pulled out of the roundhouse for photo opportunities. Railtown 1897 State Historic Park was just added to the National Register of Historic Places! The park will be decorated for The Polar Express™ and holiday festivities.

