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Biology

Experience the Magic of Water in Your Watercolor Nature Journal

The workshop will explore the techniques of watercolor painting in the context of nature journaling. Participants will learn to capture the essence of the natural world through watercolor and mixed media, focusing on the seasonal changes and ecological diversity of the Sierra Nevada. Through hands-on practice and guided instruction, students will develop their skills in watercolor techniques, from basic stroke manipulation to composition and color. The workshop will conclude with a group exhibition of participants' work.

Moths of California

This intensive study will cover the identification and conservation of California's diverse moth species. Participants will learn about moth biology, behavior, and life cycles, as well as methods for collecting and preserving specimens. The workshop will include hands-on experiences for identifying moth species and will be led by experienced naturalists and entomologists.

Laboratories provide instruction in the practical aspects of observational astronomy from a field location that has truly dark skies. Topics covered will include star identification, star clusters, nebulae, the Milky Way, and other galaxies. The workshops will involve both theoretical instruction and hands-on practice, with opportunities for observing celestial objects through telescopes.

Earth Sciences

Introduction to Field Geology

This introductory course for students interested in geology will cover the fundamental principles of earth sciences, including the study of rocks, minerals, and the processes that shape the earth's surface. Participants will learn about the geological time scale, tectonic processes, and the formation of mountains and sedimentary deposits.

Workshops

Field Identification by Song

A workshop in biological field identification and recognition of bird species through the use of their songs. Participants will learn to identify birds by their vocalizations, developing skills in birdwatching and ornithology. The workshop will include guided field excursions and practical exercises in bird identification.

The Natural Landscape: Plein Air Watercolor in the Sierra Nevada

This workshop will focus on the natural landscape, with an emphasis on plein air watercolor techniques. Participants will learn to capture the essence of the Sierra Nevada's natural beauty through watercolor, experimenting with different techniques and color palettes. The workshop will include hands-on practice and guided instruction.

Rock, Wood, Water, Sky

This workshop will introduce participants to the art of watercolor and mixed media painting, focusing on the natural elements of rocks, wood, water, and the sky. Participants will learn to manipulate watercolor and mixed media techniques to create realistic and evocative representations of these elements.

Nature Journaling for Educators

This workshop is designed for educators interested in incorporating nature journaling into their teaching practices. Participants will learn how to facilitate nature journaling sessions with students, developing strategies for guiding and supporting their learning. The workshop will include hands-on practice and discussion of best practices in nature journaling.

High Sierra Painting Retreat

A four-day retreat for painters interested in landscape and outdoor painting. Participants will spend time sketching and painting in the high Sierra, focusing on the unique qualities of this region. The workshop will include guided field excursions and practical exercises in landscape and outdoor painting.

Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sierra Nevada

This workshop will provide an introduction to the study of reptiles and amphibians in the Sierra Nevada. Participants will learn about the biology, behavior, and ecology of these organisms, as well as methods for collecting and preserving specimens. The workshop will include hands-on experiences and guided field excursions.