



2017 Forest Fire Lookout Conference Itinerary - (tentative) -

Friday, September 8, 2017

0900 hr. Early Bird Hike to Mt. Harkness Lookout, Lassen Volcanic National Park. A Strenuous Four mile round-trip hike with 1200' elevation gain for hardy hikers. Limit: 10 people, first come, first served. Meet at Chester Memorial Hall for registration, parking & carpooling to trailhead. Bring your lunch, jacket & NPS entrance pass or share \$20 per vehicle entrance fee with your carpoolers. Exuberantly guided by Mt. Harkness Lookout volunteers, Rich & Dana Silva-Briggs.

OR

A Self-Guided Easy Hike Option to view wetlands & waterfowl along shoreline of Lake Almanor. Drive east of Chester on Hwy. 36 for ½ mile. Look for a turn-out & interpretive sign. Park & stroll. Bring your camera. How many lookout towers can you spot on distant mountain peaks?

1300 hr. Registration, Exhibit Set-up, Silent Auction Display Set-up

1400 hr. Speakers begin.

Welcome Speech by Jim Richardson, National Park Service, Superintendent, Lassen Volcanic National Park.

“Plumas National Forest Lookout History & Repairing Thompson Peak Lookout” Dan Elliott, Heritage Program Manager, U.S. Forest Service, Plumas National Forest

“Red River Lumber Company’s Fire-Fighting Train, Town of Westwood History” Westwood Museum Research

Audience Introduction (in 50 words or less...)

Brief Break.

1830 hr. DINNER is served

1930 hr. – 2030 hr. Storytelling: “Celebrating the Lookout Experience”

2030 hr. FFLA Board Meeting

Saturday, September 9, 2017

0830 hr. Registration & Speakers

Keith Argow, Forest Fire Lookout Association Chairman

0915 hr. Ray Kresek, Author Extraordinaire, Fire Lookout Museum, Washington State

1000 hr. “Antelope Lookout History” Alicia Hinojosa, U.S. Forest Service, Lassen NF Lookout

Brief Break. Queue up carpool vehicles in parking lot for Lookout Tours. Bring your lunch, sturdy shoes, jacket, camera, H2O.

1130 hr. Lookout tours leave Chester Memorial Hall parking lot.

OPTION #1 –Antelope LO to Dow Butte LO @ Eagle Lake’s Gallatin Marina to Peg Leg LO. (Length appx. 5 hours) Passenger vehicles okay.

OPTION #2 –Thompson Peak Lookout.(Length appx. 4 hours) 4x4 vehicles recommended.

1630-1700 hr. Lookout tours return to Chester Memorial Hall. Silent Auction begins.

1730 hr. Artists-in-Residence participants, Sally Yost, Lucinda Wood, at Black Mtn. Lookout, PNF share their lookout experience & art exhibit.

1830 hr. DINNER is served.

1930 hr. Mt. Hough Lookout Slide Show by Wayne Pease, Fire Lookout for 50+ years

2030 hr. Fire-Finder Raffle Drawing & Awards Ceremony

Sunday, September 10, 2017

0830 hr. Registration & Speakers

“Lookout Legs & Pier Post Problem” Lookout Renovation Discussion by Forrest Clark, Western Washington Chapter Director, FFLA

“Dyer Mountain Lookout Story & Discussion” Westwood Museum Research. Collins Pine Museum Research

1130 hr-1230 hr. Lunch Break, no-host, in nearby café or restaurant of your choice.

1230 hr. “Demystifying the Lookout Job Application Process, USA Jobs” by Tanya Costello, Fire Prevention, U.S. Forest Service, Eagle Lake Ranger District, Lassen National Forest

1330 hr. Chester Air Attack Base Talk, Jason Pleau, U.S. Forest Service, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest

1430 hr. Lookout Tour to Colby Mtn. Lookout. Cal-Fire speaker meets us at tower. Passenger vehicles okay. (Length appx: 3 ½ hours)

1800 hr. Return to Chester Memorial Hall for farewells & thank you!