

2009 JOINT MEETING
Professional Soil Scientists Association of California
and
California Forest Soils Council

*Soil-Geology-Vegetation Relationships of
Yosemite National Park*

September 17 - 19, 2009



Pre-Tour Presentations: Thursday, September 17, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Curry Village, Yosemite National Park (time and location subject to revision)

Field Tours: Bus departs from Curry Village at 8:00 a.m. and returns at 5:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, September 18 and 19, 2009.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: August 3, 2009. Important—this is also the deadline for lodging at Yosemite National Park in the DNC-managed facilities.

Organizing Committee: Kerry Arroues, Ron Taskey, Tom Rice, Edd Russell, Joe Seney, and Mary Reed

Tour and Meeting Highlights

In addition to the gorgeous scenery, our tour will focus on the NRCS Soil Survey of Yosemite National Park and what we learned:

- mapping approach & protocols—some atypical and useful ideas.
- soil morphology-chemistry-landscape relationships—we have the data.
- forest soils vs. meadow soils—see the differences.
- soil temperature regimes—more interesting than you might think.

Also, outside-the-Park implications—let's talk about them.

Scholarship Opportunities

A limited number of scholarship to attend this meeting (registration fees only) will be available for students with junior or senior academic standing. If you are enrolled at a university and interested in soils or other natural resources, you are invited to send us an e-mail briefly describing: 1) your background and studies/coursework taken to date that might be applicable to what will be observed/discussed at the meeting, and 2) a few specific reasons why you feel attending this meeting would be of benefit to you. Be sure to include your name, school in which you are enrolled for the Fall, mailing address, and telephone number. Send your email to info@pssac.org — please be sure to send it using your academic email account. We'll let successful applicants know by August 2nd so they may make their lodging reservations.

Soil-Geology-Vegetation Relationships of Yosemite National Park

MEETING REGISTRATION FORM

Please join us for this interesting and informative combined meeting of PSSAC and CFSC, held in Yosemite National Park on September 17-19, 2009. Complete this form and return it, along with your check, to: Mary Reed, PSSAC Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 5972, Vacaville, CA 95696-5972 by August 3, 2009.

You may also register for the meeting using PayPal via PSSAC's web site: click on the "2009 Annual Meeting" hyperlink on PSSAC's home page (<http://www.pssac.org>).

Seating on the tour bus will be limited to 45 participants. Registration is on a first-paid basis. To secure lodging at Yosemite, be sure to complete and fax or mail the lodging form in this packet so that the DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite receives it no later than August 3, 2009.

Registration Fee includes: Friday and Saturday bus transportation and box lunch for both days.

Registration Fee:	<i>On or before August 3, 2009</i>	<i>After August 3, 2009</i>
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	Fee: \$165.00	Fee: \$185.00
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PSSAC 2009 Member \$15 Discount	_____	_____
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Total Fees Enclosed: <i>(Make Check Payable to "PSSAC")</i>	_____	_____
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Company/Title: _____	_____ (H)
Address: _____	_____ (C)
City/State/Zip: _____	Email: _____

LOGISTICS

Lodging

Participants must make their own lodging reservations. A block of rooms has been reserved for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights, September 17, 18 and 19, 2009 at Curry Village. The facility offers spacious guest cabins and tent-cabins.

- Curry Village Cabins with bath sleep up to 4 people, (1 Double & 1 Single bed)
- Cabins without bath sleep up to 5 people, (2 Doubles)



Special PSSAC & CFSC Meeting Rates (tax and tourism fee (11 %) NOT included*)		
Option	First 2 individuals	each additional person
Curry Cabin w/ bath	\$134.00	\$13.75
Curry Cabin w/o bath**	\$101.00	\$13.00
Curry Heated Tent**	\$94.00	\$10.00
* Add 11 % (10 % tax + 1 % tourism fee)		
** Showers in separate building.		
No charge for children 12 and under staying in adult's room, except in Canvas Tent Cabins. If there is a 3 rd child addition rate will apply.		

The cost of your first night's room, including 10% tax and 1% tourism fee, is required to secure your room reservation. You must fax or mail your reservation so it is received on or before August 3rd.

These discounted lodging rates are guaranteed to those attending this combined meeting only through **August 3, 2009**. Reservations can be made by credit card via fax (be sure to use the DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite's form included in this announcement) to fax number: 1-559-456-0542. You may also make reservations by check, payable to "DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc." and mail the form and your check to: Conference Department, 6771 N. Palm Ave., Fresno, CA 93704. Don't forget to include the 10% tax and 1% tourism fee. Be sure to note that you are with the "Soil Field Trip –PSSAC/CFSC."



Don't Forget to Protect Your Travel Investment!

It is not unusual for vacations to be interrupted, or cancelled altogether, by unforeseen circumstances. So how do you protect yourself and your investment against the unexpected?

Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts, Inc. is proud to offer a comprehensive low-cost vacation insurance program through TRAVEL GUARD INTERNATIONAL.

The following is a brief description of what is covered:

Trip Cancellation & Interruption

Protects your trip investment if you must cancel or interrupt your trip for many reasons, such as:

- Unforeseen sickness, injury, or death to you, your traveling companion, or a family member
- Weather conditions causing delay or cancellation of travel
- Your home being made uninhabitable by fire, flood, vandalism, burglary or natural disaster
- Being subpoenaed, requested to serve on jury duty
- Being involved or delayed by a traffic accident en route to your departure

\$400.00 Travel Delay (\$100.00 maximum per day)

Reimburses (up to \$100 a day) for additional expenses incurred when you are delayed (i.e., hotel, rental car, flight change fees):

- Carrier delay such as mechanical difficulties
- Lost passport, money, or travel documents
- Weather
- Injury or sickness of insured or traveling companion

\$400.00 Baggage Delay (\$100.00 maximum per day)

Reimburses for purchasing essential items (such as toiletries) when bags are delayed more than 24 hours.

California Residents: this plan contains disability insurance benefits or health insurance benefits, or both, that only apply during your covered trip. You may have coverage from other sources that already provide you with these benefits. You should review your existing policies. If you have any questions about your current coverage, call your insurer or health plan.

What is the cost?

Simply select the total cost of your reservation including tax, and the corresponding insurance premium will be listed to the right. Travel Guard is pleased to offer guests of Delaware North Companies Parks & Resorts, Inc. a "flat fee" rate; no matter age, gender or number of guests per reservation.

Total Cost	Premium	Total Cost	Premium
\$ 0 - \$ 200	\$ 15.00	\$3,400.01 - \$ 3,600	\$211.00
\$ 200.01 - \$ 400	\$ 22.00	\$3,600.01 - \$ 3,800	\$223.00
\$ 400.01 - \$ 600	\$ 33.00	\$3,800.01 - \$ 4,000	\$235.00
\$ 600.01 - \$ 800	\$ 43.00	\$4,000.01 - \$ 4,200	\$247.00
\$ 800.01 - \$1,000	\$ 55.00	\$4,200.01 - \$ 4,400	\$259.00
\$1,000.01 - \$1,200	\$ 67.00	\$4,400.01 - \$ 4,600	\$271.00
\$1,200.01 - \$1,400	\$ 79.00	\$4,600.01 - \$ 4,800	\$283.00
\$1,400.01 - \$1,600	\$ 91.00	\$4,800.01 - \$ 5,000	\$295.00
\$1,600.01 - \$1,800	\$103.00	\$5,000.01 - \$ 5,200	\$307.00
\$1,800.01 - \$2,000	\$115.00	\$5,200.01 - \$ 5,400	\$319.00
\$2,000.01 - \$2,200	\$127.00	\$5,400.01 - \$ 5,600	\$331.00
\$2,200.01 - \$2,400	\$139.00	\$5,600.01 - \$ 5,800	\$343.00
\$2,400.01 - \$2,600	\$151.00	\$5,800.01 - \$ 6,000	\$355.00
\$2,600.01 - \$2,800	\$163.00	\$6,000.01 - \$ 6,200	\$367.00
\$2,800.01 - \$3,000	\$175.00	\$6,200.01 - \$ 6,400	\$379.00
\$3,000.01 - \$3,200	\$187.00	\$6,400.01 - \$ 6,600	\$391.00
\$3,200.01 - \$3,400	\$199.00	\$6,600.01 - \$ 6,800	\$403.00

Questions?

Call Travel Guard toll-free:

1-866-570-6871

Representatives are available to answer your questions 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Purchase Today!

Call the DNC insurance line toll-free:

1-888-252-9191

24 hours a day, 7 days a week
Insurance must be purchased 30 days prior to arrival or final payment due date, whichever comes first.

Camping

The California Forest Soils Council (CFSC) and Humboldt State University class have reserved campsites at Crane Flat within Yosemite Park that will be shared with interested individuals, Thursday through Sunday nights. Please RSVP to CFSC to reserve a slot for camping and provide payment upon arrival (please use attached CFSC form to RSVP). We will carpool to meet the bus each morning, or arrange a pick-up. To make the field tour affordable, CFSC is offering free camping to students. If you would like your own individual campsite, we encourage you to choose Crane Flat to make group logistics easier; you may do this through Reserve America at Recreation.gov (space is limited).

Meal Options

Curry Village Main Pavilion: 7—10 am, 5:30—8 pm.

Pizza Deck & Bar: Noon—10 pm.

Box lunches for field tours included in registration fee.

Yosemite National Park Entrance Fee/Bear Reminder

\$20.00 per vehicle collected at Park entrance stations. Remember, no food or scented items may be left in vehicles or unsecured lodging areas.

Travel Guard insurance information included as per DNC contract.



YOSEMITE

DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc.

RESERVATION REQUEST FORM FOR A GROUP ACCOMMODATION IN YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

SOIL FIELD TRIP - PSSAC / CFSC

ARRIVAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 DEPARTURE DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

(PLEASE MARK IN ORDER OF PREFERENCE...1ST, 2ND)

_____ **CURRY VILLAGE CABIN WITH PRIVATE BATH \$134.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT**

_____ **CURRY VILLAGE CABIN WITHOUT BATH \$101.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT**

_____ **CURRY VILLAGE HEATED CANVAS TENT CABINS \$94.00 PER ROOM PER NIGHT**

RATE BASED ON SINGLE (1) OR DOUBLE (2) OCCUPANCY. ADD 'L ADULT RATE \$13.75 CURRY CABIN WITH PRIVATE BATH, \$13.00 CURRY CABIN WITHOUT PRIVATE BATH, \$10.00 CURRY CANVAS TENT CABINS

(There is no charge for children 12 and under staying in adult's room, except in Canvas Tent Cabins.

If there is a 3rd child add'l rate will apply)

First night's room including 10% tax and 1% tourism fee is required to secure your room reservation

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ DEPARTURE DATE: _____ #ADULTS _____ #CHILDREN _____

TITLE: _____ FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____ PHONE (DAY TIME): _____

E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE CHARGE MY FIRST NIGHT'S DEPOSIT (ROOM & TAX) TO:

American Express/Visa/Master Card/Discover/Diners Club/Carte Blanche and JCB

CREDIT CARD # _____ - _____ - _____ EXP. _____ / _____

(If paying by credit card you may fax your request with credit card information to (559) 456-0542)

BILLING ADDRESS: _____

_____ **I HAVE REVIEWED THE ENCLOSED TRAVEL GUARD INFORMATION AND WOULD LIKE TO ADD TRAVEL GUARD INSURANCE WITH THE REQUIRED DEPOSIT PAYMENT. PLEASE NOTE TRAVEL GUARD INSURANCE PREMIUM IS NON REFUNDABLE.** (PLEASE INITIAL)

_____ **I HAVE READ THE ATTACHED RESERVATON REQUEST FORM POLICIES AND INFORMATION PROVIDED.** (PLEASE INITIAL)

(CARDHOLDER'S FULL NAME & BILLING ADDRESS ARE REQUIRED TO PROCESS CHARGE)

CARDHOLDER'S SIGNATURE: _____

RESERVATION FORM DEADLINE: 8/3/2009 12:00:00 AM

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SOIL FIELD TRIP - PSSAC / CFSC

ARRIVAL DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 DEPARTURE DATE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

Reservations may not be booked by phone – FORM IS REQUIRED (A Reservation confirmation letter will be mailed to you upon processing your reservation form)

Reservation Form Deadline – 8/3/2009 12:00:00 AM

The rooms being held for this group are limited. They are booked on first-come, first-served basis. Forms received after the specified deadline date or after rooms are filled will be reserved on a space and rate available basis.

Payments: Make check payable to **DNC Parks & Resorts at Yosemite, Inc. and mail to Attn: Conference Department, 6771 N. Palm Ave., Fresno, CA 93704.** If paying by credit card, **you may fax your request with credit card information to (559) 456-0542.**

Rates: Rates listed above are proposed rates and should be used as a guideline. All rates are subject to change pending approval from the National Park Service. Quoted rates do not include 10% Room Tax and 1% Tourism Fee.

Cancellation/Change Policy: Cancellations and changes must be received at least **seven (7) days** prior to arrival date in order to receive deposit refund. All early departures and no shows will be charged the contracted nightly rate for each night reserved.

For Assistance with Rooms: Please contact the Conference Reservations Department at (801) 559-4932 Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.

Check-In & Check-Out Times: Registration begins at 12:00 p.m. and check-in is guaranteed by 4:00 p.m. at The Ahwahnee and 5:00 p.m. at Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Curry Village and Wawona Hotel. Check-out is 12:00 p.m. at The Ahwahnee and 11:00 a.m. at the Yosemite Lodge at the Falls, Curry Village and Wawona Hotel.

Ahwahnee Dining Room Seating: Individual dinner reservations are advised and may be made up to 60 days in advance by calling (209) 372-1489. Gentlemen are respectfully requested to wear sport coats or dress sweaters and long pants. Ladies are respectfully requested to wear skirts, dresses, pantsuits or pants that reach below the knee. Shorts and athletic wear may be worn at breakfast and lunch.

Road & Weather Info: Please call (209) 372-0209 for road and weather information prior to your arrival.

It is recommended that you carry tire chains in your vehicle between November and April. Under state regulations, any vehicle entering a signed chain control area must carry chains, even if their use is not mandatory at the time. There is a \$20.00 entrance fee per vehicle collected by the National Park Service at park entrance stations. Gasoline is no longer available in Yosemite Valley. Gasoline is available at service stations near park entrances and in Yosemite National Park at Crane Flat and Wawona, as well as Tuolumne Meadows seasonally.

Contact Information: During your stay in Yosemite you may be reached at (209)-372-1000.

Guest Recreation and Park Activities: Visit our website for current park activities available during your visit.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.YOSEMITEPARK.COM



CA Forest Soils Council has reserved campsites at *Crane Flat* within Yosemite Park, for Thursday through Sunday nights. We will group folks onto campsites up to 6 individuals per site (group site was unavailable). We will carpool to meet the bus each morning or arrange for a pick-up. ***Please RSVP to reserve a camp slot and provide payment to CFSC upon arrival.***

Please provide the following information to reserve a camp spot with CFSC:

Name _____

Affiliation/Company _____

Mail Address _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

CFSC Member _____ YES _____ NO

Camping # of Adults: _____

of Children: _____

of Tent(s): _____

Dates: _____ Thurs 17th _____ Fri 18th _____ Sat 19th _____ Sun 20th

Special Considerations:

_____ Quiet Camp

_____ Family Camp

_____ I would like to camp with specific individuals _____

_____ Other _____

Payment:

\$10 per tent per night for up to 2 persons (\$5 additional per person per tent)

College Students Camp for FREE

(Total # Nights _____) x (# Tents _____) x (\$10/night) = _____

(Additional persons/per tent _____) x (# nights _____) x (\$5/night) = _____

I am a full time student at _____ FREE

Join CFSC (\$10/year) _____

TOTAL (to pay to CFSC upon arrival) = _____

1. If you would like your own individual campsite at Crane Flat, you may do this if space is available, through Reserve America at Recreation.gov
Humboldt State University students who are registered and attending field tour as part of a class, do not need to RSVP for camping through CFSC

Please contact Lia Webb, CFSC Co-Chair, (707) 498-9327 (cell) if you have questions.

Please email this form to liawebb@w-and-k.com



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