



Announcing: PSSAC's Annual Meeting & Field Tour June 17-19, 2010



Please join us for this interesting and informative meeting based at Cal Poly's Swanton-Pacific Ranch along the beautiful northern Santa Cruz County coast.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 14, 2010

ORGANIZERS: Ron Taskey, Roberta Smith, Brian Dietterick, Tom Rice, and Mary Reed

Tour Highlights

Thursday Evening (6:30 pm) Pre Tour Presentations:

- The ranch, what it is and what's happening—it's a busy place.
- Local land-use history—from those who know.
- Geologic and geomorphic setting—large diversity in a small area.
- Soils and tour overview—including LIDAR images.

Friday Field Tour and Activities:

- Soils and land-use on marine terraces.
- Soils and organic culinary herb farming on the Scotts Creek floodplain.
- Watercourse realignment and rehabilitation.
- Steelhead and salmon monitoring.
- Educational program in natural resources, earth sciences, and agriculture.
- PSSAC business discussions.
- BBQ among the redwoods with uplifting ocean view and great company.

Saturday Field Tour and Activities:

- Geology-soils-hydrology-forestry-fire in redwood and Douglas-fir forests.
- Some soils are stable, others are not.
- Soil conditions, hillslope erosion, and salvage logging after the 2009 Lockheed fire.
- Stream channel responses and water quality monitoring.
- Lunch-time train ride.

Where is it again?

Cal Poly's Swanton-Pacific Ranch, on Swanton Rd., about 2 miles north of Davenport. Where's Davenport? On Hwy 1 about 10 miles north of Santa Cruz. (Note: Swanton Rd. connects with Hwy 1 in two places: from the south, it's about 1 mi north of Davenport (turn right); and from the north it's immediately south of Big Creek Lumber mill (turn left). Park at the "Red House" on Swanton Road immediately south of the Little Creek bridge.

LOGISTICS

Lodging

Participants must make their own lodging reservations. A partial list of near-by accommodations is given below. No lodging is available at Swanton-Pacific Ranch, except that students are welcome to camp-out in open dormitory style in canvas-covered yurts on the Ranch (reservation required).

The driving distance from the northern end of Santa Cruz to Swanton-Pacific Ranch is about 13 miles.

Davenport Area Hotels and Inns			
Property	Location	URL	Phone
Davenport Roadhouse	Downtown Davenport	www.davenportroadhouse.com	831-426-8801
Costanoa	15 min. north of SPR off Hwy 1	www.costanoa.com	650-879-1100
Sunset Inn	north end of Mission St., Santa Cruz	www.sunsetinnsantacruz.com	831-423-7500
Dream Inn	On the beach by the boardwalk, downtown Santa Cruz	www.dreaminnsantacruz.com	866-774-7735



Meals

Registration includes continental breakfast and box lunch on Friday and Saturday, field refreshments, and an excellent BBQ dinner on Friday evening. (Nonalcoholic beverages are included. If you prefer beer or wine at the BBQ, and are over 21 yrs, you must bring your own.)

Transportation

Registration fees cover the use of vans and support vehicles on the Ranch. Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Ranch.

Parking for Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday is available at the Ranch's "Red House," which is on Swanton Road immediately south of the Little Creek bridge. (For more information, see www.spranch.org and click on "Directions" in the left-side menu.)

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Professional Soil Scientists Association of California
Swanton-Pacific Ranch**



**Davenport, CA
June 17 - 19, 2010
REGISTRATION FORM
Please return by May 14, 2010**

Return this completed form, along with your payment, to Mary Reed, PSSAC Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 5972, Vacaville, CA 95696-5972. The tour is limited to 45 participants. Registration is on a first-paid basis.

Students: The specially discounted registration fee for full-time students enrolled in soil science or a related natural resources program is \$50.00 each, available for up to 20 students through May 14th. Students please indicate your university, degree and major, and anticipated graduation date in the "Company/Title" line below. Provide your academic email account in the email line, and sign your name in the space to the right of the PSSAC logo.

Registration Fee includes: Friday and Saturday van transportation, continental breakfast and box lunch for each day, and BBQ Friday evening. You'll enjoy a train ride too!

Registration Fee:	<i>Before May 14, 2010</i>	<i>After May 14, 2010</i>
	Fee: \$175.00	Fee: \$200.00

PSSAC scholarship fund donation	_____	_____
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Total Enclosed: (Make check payable to PSSAC.)	_____	_____
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PayPal Alternative. You may also register for this meeting online, using your PayPal account. <http://www.pssac.org/AnnualMeetingAlbums/2010Meeting/2010-Annual-Meeting.htm>

Please Print: Name: _____

Company/Title: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ (W) _____ (C)

E-mail: _____

I am registering as a student, please reserve space for me in one of the yurts at the SP Ranch.





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