

The 2008 Stanley J. Olsen

EAGLE LAKE ZOOARCHAEOLOGY

CONFERENCE

To honor the late zooarchaeological pioneer, Stanley J. Olsen, we are continuing the 'Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology Conference' in the remote field setting of the Eagle Lake Field Station. We welcome zooarchaeology professionals, practitioners, and students to participate in one or more of a series of formal and informal discussions on current zooarchaeological research. The main open session will be held on the weekend of July 26-27, 2008. Associated sessions and field trips will be held afterwards from July 28 through August 3, 2008.

CONFERENCE GOALS AND STRUCTURE:

Opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue about current research in specialized subfields, such as zooarchaeology, are not readily available. In the context of numerous field projects and activities, we have continually been reminded that productive dialogue and interaction can often occur in a relatively isolated field setting among a limited number of common-minded participants. It is our desire in the context of the Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology Conference to provide such an opportunity.

The primary open session is entitled "Current Research and Issues in Zooarchaeology," and will be on July 26 and 27, Saturday and Sunday. Depending on the number of presenting participants, the Saturday session will run from 9:00AM – 12:00 noon, and 1:00 – 4:00 PM; the Sunday session will run from 9:00AM to 12:00 noon. Most presentations or discussion forums will be 30+ minutes in length; we will also have several 20 minute time slots for student presentations. Time for poster presentations will also be available and these are encouraged.

Additional opportunities to continue dialogue or discuss research will continue throughout the subsequent week from Monday through Friday. Some special films/videos on human-animal interactions will be shown, and this year we will be introducing a 'fishing derby'; more information on this will be forthcoming (check out this site on fishing at Eagle Lake: <http://eaglelakeandrv.com/history.htm>). The conference will culminate in an optional field trip focused on the archaeology and field ecology of NE California and/or NW Nevada from Friday-Sunday, August 1-3.

LOCATION:

The Eagle Lake Field Station is situated on the shore of scenic Eagle Lake, located in the relatively undeveloped and undisturbed northeastern tip of California (<http://www.csuchico.edu/biol/EagleLake/eaglelake.html>). This region offers a unique geological and biological setting on the western fringe of the Great Basin. The Eagle Lake Field Station includes student dormitories, a dining hall, library, some labs and a conference room.

INFORMATION:

This conference is being organized by Frank E. Bayham, Jack M. Broughton and Raymond J. Bogiatto. Capacity is limited to 30-35 individuals. Individuals who would like to be involved either as a presenter or a participant should contact Frank Bayham and/or Jack Broughton at the addresses below:

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