

The 2009 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 18-19, 2009. Associated sessions and field trips will be held afterwards from July 20th through July 27th, 2009.

CONFERENCE GOALS AND STRUCTURE:

Opportunities to engage in meaningful dialogue about current research in specialized subfields, such as zooarchaeology, are not readily available. It is our desire in the context of the Eagle Lake Zooarchaeology Conference to provide productive dialogue and interaction in a relatively isolated field setting among a limited number of common-minded participants.

The primary open session, held on July 18th and 19th, is entitled "Human Paleoeology: A Zooarchaeological Perspective". Depending on the number of presenting participants, the Saturday session will run from 9:00am – 12:00pm and 1:00 – 4:00pm. This session will highlight Dr. Mary C. Stiner, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, as a guest speaker. The Sunday session will run from 9:00am to 12:00pm, beginning with the poster session, followed by papers, and a farewell lunch. Most presentations or discussion forums will be 30+ minutes in length with sufficient time allotted for questions and discussions; we will also have several 20 minute time slots for student presentations. A panel of judges will evaluate all student presentations (posters and papers) for the Stanley J. Olsen Student Scholarship competition. Award number and amount will vary based upon the availability of funds.

Additional opportunities to dialogue and discuss research will continue throughout the subsequent week from Monday through Friday. Documentaries on human-animal interactions will be shown, and this year will host the second annual 'fishing derby'. Please indicate your interest in participating in the derby during registration (For a history of fishing 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-Monday, July 24th – 27th.

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, labs and a conference room.

INFORMATION:

For more information, check out our link on the CSU, Chico Anthropology website: <http://www.csuchico.edu/anth/>. This year's conference is being organized by Kelly Beck, Deanna Grimstead, and Raymond J. Bogiatto. Those interested in presenting or participating should contact either Kelly or Deanna.

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