

Fundamentals of Songbird Banding Workshop

Hosted by Klamath Bird Observatory at Upper Klamath Lake, Oregon

Klamath Bird Observatory is offering a Bird Banding Workshop at its Upper Klamath Lake Field Station in southern Oregon on **August 22 2016 - August 26 2016**. The workshop content will be NABC-based and instructors will be NABC-certified Bander Trainers. Registration fees contribute directly to funding our long-term monitoring and banding training program.

The four days of classroom and hands-on instruction will provide an excellent opportunity for individuals to experience an active bird monitoring station and learn the skills needed for its operation. Participants will receive training in bird safety, mist net use and maintenance, data collection, bird identification, bird banding, and sexing and ageing techniques - through both hands-on instruction while capturing birds and numerous seminars. The workshop program has been developed for people with little or no bird handling and banding experience, although is also appropriate for those with intermediate skills for which it will build upon their existing skills and knowledge.

This is an introductory course and participants will be exposed to the fundamental skills and knowledge that serve as the foundation for becoming a skilled bird bander. Participants should not expect to emerge from this workshop as qualified bird banders. This course provides excellent preparation for those interested in pursuing the NABC Bander certification. This workshop is designed for undergraduates, graduate students, bird observatory volunteers, naturalists, and others interested in learning more about bird monitoring and conservation science. The course is particularly suitable for those interested in pursuing careers in ornithology or assisting at bird banding stations. No previous experience necessary!

The registration fee is \$1,600 per person and is non-refundable. Registration includes all meals (including beverages and snacks) beginning with dinner Monday August 22 and ending with lunch Friday August 26. Space is available for free tent camping at KBO's Upper Klamath Lake Field Station. There is lodging nearby at Rocky Point Resort, Lake of the Woods Resort, Comfort Point Lodge, the Harriman Springs Resort and Marina, (all with rooms and/or cabins as well as RV and tent camping), the Crystalwood Lodge B&B, and a few options on Airbnb (search Rocky Point, Oregon).

Come for a top-notch banding learning experience and help keep our long-running monitoring and training program going. For more information and to register please contact Bob Frey at **bif<AT>klamathbird.org**. Registration deadline has been extended to July 29, 2016.

