

## Thanksgiving 2017 Activities & Guided Trips

*(schedule and activities subject to weather and changing conditions - visit Recreation Desk for updates)*

### DAILY GUIDED RECREATION TRIPS

*Trip capacity and availability is limited. Reservations strongly encouraged.*



#### 'Range of Light' Yosemite Valley Naturalist Tour

Have an incredible day exploring the many wonders of Yosemite National Park while learning about the natural processes that sculpted this landscape and the people who shaped its legacy. This tour is great for all ages and includes short walks & scenic vistas, serene meadows, and other renowned Valley attractions.

**9am-3pm.** \$105 per adult, \$65 per youth (12 and under)

#### Valley Explorer Hike

Come explore the hidden trails of Yosemite Valley! Our a gentle to moderate, 4 to 5 mile hike that winds around many of Yosemite's iconic wonders and provides splendid walking among creeks, meadows and boulders, with memorable views of Yosemite's Iconic Sites!

**9:30am-3:30pm.** \$105 per adult, \$65 per youth (8 to 12)

#### Hetch Hetchy Hike

Come explore Yosemite's hidden secret, the stunning Hetch Hetchy Valley. Our 5-mile hike (round trip) winds above the shores of serene Hetch Hetchy reservoir and provides splendid walking among creeks, meadows and boulders, with memorable views of the reservoir and the domes guarding its shores.

**10am-2:30pm.** \$80 per adult, \$50 per youth (8 to 12)

#### Giant Sequoia Naturalist Hike

Enjoy a guided walk (or snowshoe!) to an intimate, majestic grove of Giant Sequoias. This 3 mile (round trip) trail, which leads us to the largest tree species on earth, was also one of the original roads into Yosemite Valley and is steeped in history and natural beauty.

**9am-1:30pm.** \$80 per adult, \$50 per youth (8 to 12)

#### Sierra Sunset Hike

Experience the best of our 'home' area, as we walk through secluded old growth forest in search of our forest friends that emerge at twilight. Bring your camera to capture the fall colors, wildlife & beautiful light at sunset and twilight on this 3 ½ mile walk. Dress warmly; headlamps and cocoa are provided for the walk back to the Lodge.

**3-6pm.** \$45 per adult, \$25 per youth (8-12)

### ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE EVERY DAY ON PROPERTY

- **Rentals:** Mountain Strollers, Snowshoes, Trekking Poles, Daypacks, Child Carrier Backpack & GPS Devices
- **Movies:** Portable DVD Player Rentals & DVD Lending Library available in Rec Center.
- **Onsite Geocaching Circuit:** Enjoy a GPS guided treasure hunt around the lodge. Fun for all ages! See Rec Desk.



## Thanksgiving Week Daily Activities

### MONDAY (November 20<sup>st</sup>)

- **Bear Craft:** 3-5pm, Tuolumne Hall
- **Natural History Film Series:** 5pm, T-Hall Theater. The Giant Sequoias of Mariposa Grove
- **NFL Monday Night Football:** 5:30pm, Tavern (No Sound). Atlanta Falcons vs. Seattle Seahawks
- **S 'mores:** 7-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Adventure Film Series:** 7:30pm, T-Hall Theater. El Capitan: Climbing the Wall

### TUESDAY (November 21<sup>nd</sup>)

- **Sierra Reptiles:** 3-5pm, Tuolumne Hall. Come by for a self guided craft decorating your very own snake or lizard!
- **Natural History Film Series:** 5pm, T-Hall Theater. The Mono Lake Story
- **Intro to Yosemite:** 6pm, Recreation Center. Join our knowledgeable naturalists and for a brief information session on the basics of Yosemite.
- **S 'mores:** 7-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Miwok Stories:** 7:30pm, Indoor Fireplace in the Recreation Center. Join us as we share these Native American tales.
- **Adventure Film Series:** 7:30pm, T-Hall Theater. Vertical Frontier – A History of Rock Climbing in Yosemite

### WEDNESDAY (November 22<sup>nd</sup>)

- **Fossil Find Activity:** 3-5pm – \$5 per fossil, see Rec Desk for Details. Gently remove the sediment to expose real trilobite and diving beetle replicas - small, ocean dwelling creatures that lived over 250 million years ago.
- **Natural History Film Series:** 5pm, T-Hall Theater. Counting Sheep: Restoring the Sierra Nevada Bighorn
- **Intro to Yosemite:** 6pm, Recreation Center. See Tuesday's description.
- **S 'mores:** 7-9pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Yosemite Trivia:** 7:30pm, Recreation Center. Test your knowledge, learn something new and win prizes!
- **Adventure Film Series:** 7:30pm, T-Hall Theater. Valley Uprising: Yosemite's Rock Climbing Revolution

### THURSDAY (November 23<sup>th</sup> - Thanksgiving Day)

- **NFL Football Games:** Tavern (no sound) & T-Hall Theater (with sound). Vikings v. Lions 9:30am (T-Hall Theater only), Chargers v. Cowboys 1:30pm, Giants v. Redskins 5:30pm
- **Hayrides with Bird Bingo:** 1-3pm, Bike Shed. Grab a hot cocoa or apple cider and enjoy a ride through the woods!
- **Thanksgiving Dinner:** 3-8:30pm, Dining Room. Reservations required—see Front Desk for details.
- **Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt:** 3:30-5:30pm, Recreation Center. Gather a team and come at your leisure for this noncompetitive scavenger hunt. Get your first clue at the Recreation Desk. Complete the hunt for a prize!
- **Intro to Yosemite:** 6pm, Recreation Center. See Tuesday's description.
- **S 'mores:** 7-9pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!

### FRIDAY (November 24<sup>th</sup>)

- **Owl Pellets:** 3-5pm – \$5 per pellet, see Rec Desk for Details. Find out what an owl has eaten by dissecting its pellet!
- **History Film Series:** 5pm, T-Hall Theater. Hetch Hetchy: Yosemite's Lost Valley
- **Fireside Music Jamboree:** 5:30-8:30pm, Recreation Center. Featuring live music with Sequoia and hot drinks!
- **S 'mores:** 7-9pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Adventure Film Series:** 7:30pm, T-Hall Theater. Return to Balance: A Climber's Journey
- **Live Music with Hunter Green:** 10:00pm, Tavern. LA based Hunter Green is a young band, quickly gaining momentum in the Reggae and Rock scenes.

### SATURDAY (November 25<sup>th</sup>)

- **Fall Crafts:** 9am-12:30pm, Tuolumne Hall
- **Natural History Film Series:** 5pm, Tuolumne Hall Theater. Bears: In Our National Parks
- **S 'mores:** 7-9pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Bingo!** 7:30pm, Recreation Center
- **Adventure Film Series:** 7:30pm, T-Hall Theater. Alone on the Wall: The story of climber, Alex Honnold

### SUNDAY (November 26<sup>th</sup>)

- **Nature Craft:** 9-11am, Tuolumne Hall. Join us for a self-guided, kid friendly craft!
- **Natural History Film Series:** 5pm, T-Hall Theater. Ordinary Extraordinary Junco
- **Intro to Yosemite:** 6pm, Recreation Center. See Tuesday's description
- **S 'mores:** 7-8pm, Outdoor Fireplace. A treat of marshmallow, chocolate and graham cracker!
- **Adventure Film Series:** 7:30pm, T-Hall Theater. Tell it on The Mountain: Tales from the Pacific Crest Trail