

November 16, 2015

Dear friends of Owens Lake,

Thank you all for your generous contribution to our first Owens Lake Bird Festival. We are already planning for next year's event to be held April 22-24. Lots of feedback came in from leaders and participants this year and we are using it during this planning.

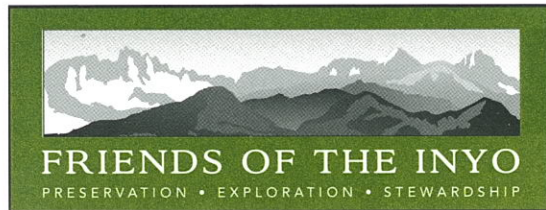
We are inviting you to join us again as a trip leader or presenter and hope that you will accept. In addition, we are asking you for any suggestions of potential outings and leaders/presenters that you might have.

Here are some new things for this year's Owens Lake bird Festival:

- An additional day has been added.
- Trip leaders write up their own title for their outing/presentation.
- Trip leaders chose how long they would like their outing and how many trips they would care to lead – Saturday AM, PM & all day and Sunday AM
- Leaders may scout the lake prior to the event
- LADWP safety training will be available via CD or remotely.
- Travel mileage reimbursement may be requested by leaders
- Trips (Saturday & Sunday) out on the lake will be morning trips – 6AM, 6:30AM, 7AM, 7:30AM, 8AM.
- There will be an all day/crack-of-dawn trip on Saturday.
- Off-lake trips will be any time of day
- The cap on participants will be raised to 150 as will the cost of registration.
- Complimentary coffee/pastries each morning courtesy of ESIA.
- Participants may purchase a lunch-to-go or bring their own on Saturday. Trip leaders and presenters may have a lunch for free as a thank you.
- Catered dinner (separate cost from OLBF registration) and speaker Saturday night. Trip leaders and presenters have dinner for free as a thank you.
- Sunday afternoon closing in Lone Pine Park – picnic/entertainment.

Possible activities (Friday-Sunday):

- Morning birding – leaders?
- Saturday all day birding – leaders?
- Natural history outing (Paul McFarland)
- History outing – Soda ash plants (Richard Potashin)
- Geology outing (need a leader – we have a suggested itinerary)
- Habitat Suitability Model and bird guilds outing (Dave Herbst & Mike Prather).



- Manzanar outing – leader?
- Talk topics? – migration, saline lakes, bird ID? (presenters?)
- School classroom visits and birding fieldtrips the week of OLBF.
- Bird/landscape art show at Inter Agency Visitor Center.
- Photography outing (need a leader)
- Owens Lake Master Project outing (Jeff Nordin LADWP?)

Thank you again for being a part of the first Owens Lake Bird Festival this year and we hope that you will join us again next year. Please confirm as soon as you can.

Mike Prather - Friends of the Inyo