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Saturday

April 22, 2017

Rogue Community College
Grants Pass, Oregon

LIVING ON YOUR LAND–TREE SCHOOL ROGUE presents a one-day conference for small farmers, small woodland owners, land owners/managers, wildlife enthusiasts, backyard gardeners, and those interested in our region’s natural resources.

Expand your knowledge and leave with a renewed enthusiasm and enhanced vision for your land.



Presented In cooperation with:

Rogue Community College
Oregon Forest Resources Institute
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Registration Deadline
April 14 *Don't miss it!*
NO WALK-IN REGISTRATION!

EVENT PLAN

WELCOME!

Packet pickup is at 8:00 am in the lobby next to the Café at Rogue Community College. Come here first to pick up your class packet that includes your class schedule, room assignments, and lunch ticket, if you have purchased lunch in advance. Note that you must have registered for the event in advance; there is NO registration at the door. **Please give yourself plenty of time to park, walk to the Café, register, and get to class.** Join us for coffee and refreshments in the lobby and browse the exhibit tables before heading to class. The lobby/registration area is open all day.

PARKING

Parking is free and widely available. See map on page 6 for lot locations. Do not park in reserved spaces.

ABOUT THE FIELD SESSIONS

Some classes will take place partly or entirely outside on the campus grounds or in the woods next to campus. These are noted in the class descriptions. Short walks on uneven terrain may be involved. Spring weather is unpredictable so be prepared! Boots or walking shoes, sunscreen, and hats are recommended, and rain gear if rain threatens.

SCHEDULE

Refer to page 3 for the complete schedule for information regarding class, break, lunch, and exhibit times.

EXHIBIT LOCATIONS

Most exhibits will be located in the lobby next to the Café. You are encouraged to browse these exhibits for tips, tricks, ideas, and information that will make your participation in the Living on Your Land (LOYL)—Tree School Rogue Conference even more rewarding!

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Living on Your Land (LOYL)—Tree School Rogue April 22, 2017

Do you own or manage acreage in southern Oregon? Do you have a small farm or a small woodlot? Are you thinking about acquiring property? Are you a land manager or simply a natural resource enthusiast? If you answer yes to any or all of these questions, then this conference is for you!

Living on Your Land—Tree School Rogue features 27 classes on a wide variety of topics related to natural resources and land management. Browse this catalog to learn more about our class offerings. Classes are taught by working farmers, foresters, or other experts in their fields. You will gain practical insights and tips you can put to use the next day!

Each class is 90 minutes long, and you can participate in up to four during the day.

Be sure to check out the exhibits. A number of local natural-resource agencies and organizations will join us to discuss their programs and answer your questions.

Registration must be completed in advance by April 14 (sorry, no walk-ins allowed). The registration fee is only \$50 per person. You can purchase a delicious lunch (soup, salad, and sandwich bar, for \$10) in advance when you register, or you may eat on your own.

Classroom space is limited and some popular classes fill up early, so don't delay in registering. We reserve the right to cancel classes with low enrollment. If this happens, we will contact you in advance and work with you to select an alternative.

Additional copies of this brochure can be requested from our office or downloaded from our website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/sorec/land-steward-program>

See you at Living on Your Land—Tree School Rogue!



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CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

BLOCK A: 8:30-10:00am

1A The Oregon Conservation Strategy

The Oregon Conservation Strategy is the State of Oregon's plan for conserving at-risk species and habitats. This presentation will introduce the Strategy, including a description of the seven key conservation issues threatening Oregon's natural environment, an overview of the Klamath Mountains Ecoregion, a focus on strategy species, and an introduction to oak woodland conservation. Steve will pay special attention to the role of private-property landowners and citizen scientists.

Instructor: Steve Niemela, Wildlife Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Central Point

2A Revegetation with Native Plants

This panel discussion featuring four native-plant experts will help landowners better understand why, how, when, and where to plant and re-plant with native species, including wildflowers, grasses, groundcovers, shrubs, and trees. Special areas of focus will include restoration of riparian and upland plant communities, the role of natives in reducing noxious-weed infestations, recommendations for use of locally sourced native plant materials, and current efforts to increase the regional native-plant supply.

Panelists: Eugene Wier, The Freshwater Trust; Suzie Savoie, Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds; Sean Prive, Lomakatsi Restoration Project; Sasha Joachims, Medford BLM

3A Getting Your Water Where You Want It

This presentation will introduce some basic concepts for storing and conveying water, such as water pressure, pipe flow, open channel flow, pumps, and storage

tanks. We will apply these principles to the functioning of wells, septic tanks, rainwater harvesting, and irrigations systems. Understanding how water systems work will lead to important considerations when planning water system improvements on your property.

Instructors: Stan Dean, Land Steward and Registered Engineer, Paul DeMaggio, Registered Engineer, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District

4A Bark Beetles and Wood Borers

This class will focus on the identification, biology, and management of major bark beetles and wood-boring insects attacking trees in southern Oregon. Bark beetles are among the most common causes of tree mortality in stressed trees. Wood borers typically are secondary agents that can finish off a tree in an advanced state of decline. However, one wood borer, the flatheaded fir borer, is a primary agent of Douglas-fir mortality in this region. Management practices will be discussed for both prevention and response to insect outbreaks.

Instructor: Don Goheen, Forest Entomologist, US Forest Service (retired), Central Point

5A Harvesting and Building with Small Poles

This is a field class; dress accordingly. This class will provide one answer to the perennial question, "What can I do with all those small trees?" Local woodland owner and craftsman Christoph Buchler will demonstrate how to build attractive pole fences, gates, and small outbuildings, using small logs generated from thinning dense thickets of trees. Effective techniques for harvesting, transporting, and peeling poles will be shown. This is a hands-on session, so expect to learn by doing!

Instructor: Christoph Buchler, woodland owner and barn builder/craftsman, Medford

GENERAL SCHEDULE

Registration: 8:00-8:30am. Pick up class packets in Café

Class Block A: 8:30-10:00am

Break & Exhibits: 10:00-10:30am. Café

Class Block B: 10:30am-12:00pm

Lunch & Exhibits: 12:00-1:00pm. Café

Class Block C: 1:00-2:30pm

Break & Exhibits: 2:30-3:00pm. Café

Class Block D: 3:00-4:30pm

6A Salmon and Steelhead in Small Streams, Urban Streams, and Seasonal Streams

The Rogue River is renowned for its salmon and steelhead populations and the fisheries provided by these fish. Less well known is the surprising importance of the smaller streams of the Rogue Valley that make up a large part of the watershed. These are the streams that flow through neighborhoods, shopping center parking lots, and farm fields. Even streams that dry up naturally in summer are important for fish. This presentation will offer examples and photos of fish and fish habitat in local streams. Landowners will learn tips for being good stewards of streams flowing through their property and how to access additional information.

Instructor: Dan Van Dyke, District Fish Biologist, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, Central Point

7A Ecologically-Based Thinning and Stand Management in Southwestern Oregon Forests

This presentation will discuss thinning—the process of judiciously removing trees from your forest—to help accomplish ownership objectives, such as reducing fire susceptibility, maximizing growth and income, promoting wildlife habitat, emulating historic stand conditions, retaining desirable species, and minimizing insect/dis-

ease issues. Thinning is a “planned disturbance” that can be achieved in a way that emulates historical disturbances from events like low-severity fire, insects, and disease. Local examples will be featured, and the session is designed to be interactive, to enable the speaker to answer lots of questions from the participants.

Instructor: Marty Main, forester and owner, Small Woodland Services, Inc.

BLOCK B: 10:30am-12:00pm

1B Compost, Worm Bins, Bokashi, and Hügelkultur

There are a variety of methods of composting, each with its place in a land steward’s tool box. These methods along with the other techniques of Vermicomposting, worm bins, Bokashi, and Hügelkultur can keep organic material out of landfills and burn piles.

Instructor: Scott Goode, OSU Land Steward, Environmental Scientist (retired), Nourishing Systems owner

2B Geology of Southwestern Oregon: Everything You Wanted to Know

The Southern Oregon Klamath Mountains contain a bewildering variety of rocks including altered mantle material (serpentine), deep sea sediment, and volcanic lavas of various ages all shoved together along great faults. Find out about the dynamic processes that formed the landscape you live in!

Instructor: Jad D’Allura PhD, Professor of Geology at Southern Oregon University (retired)

3B Leaving a Legacy: Land Conservation with Land Trust Agreements

Future stewardship and conservation of rural property is a real concern. Learn how land trusts and conservancy agreements can help secure your stewardship values, while you continue to

work and use your land and resources. Find out how the Southern Oregon Land Conservancy protects land, focus areas and the conservation values they protect, the tools for legal land protection (such as conservation easements), the benefits of conservation, and some of the potential advantages to landowners. Learn also how establishing a land trust may affect real-estate values. See some examples of conserved land, including the new 352-acre Rogue River Preserve.

Instructor: Paul Belson, Southern Oregon Land Conservancy

4B Diseases of Forest Trees in Southwestern Oregon

This class will focus on the most important diseases affecting native conifers and hardwoods in Southwestern Oregon. Come learn the latest information on foliage, canker, and root diseases, stem and butt rots, mistletoe, and other disease issues. We will cover identification of problems as well as control and management options. Do you have a

CLASS SCHEDULE

BLOCK A 8:30-10:00am	BLOCK B 10:30am-12:00pm	BLOCK C 1:00-2:30pm	BLOCK D 3:00-4:30pm
1A: The Oregon Conservation Strategy	1B: Compost, Worm Bins, Bokashi, and Hügelkultur	1C: Fungi, Fungi Everywhere	1D: Native American Land Stewardship
2A: Revegetation with Native Plants	2B: Geology of SW Oregon: Everything You Wanted to Know	2C: Getting to Know Your Native Plants: a Guided Walk	2D: Biology and Management of Oaks and Oak Woodlands
3A: Getting Your Water Where You Want It	3B: Leaving a Legacy: Land Conservation with Land Trust Agreements	3C: Biochar: Creating a Valuable Soil Amendment from Forest Residuals	3D: Beyond Chickens
4A: Bark Beetles and Wood Borers	4B: Diseases of Forest Trees in Southwestern Oregon	4C: Trees on the Move: Migration of Tree Species in Response to Climate Change	4D: Firewise Fuel Reduction
5A: Harvesting & Building with Small Poles	5B: Creating a Backyard Wild Bird Habitat	5C: Urban Homesteading	5D: Permaculture for the Urban Farmer: How to Get Started
6A: Salmon and Steelhead in Small Streams, Urban Streams and Seasonal Streams	6B: Solar—Is it Right for You?	6C: Working on Your Forestland, Safely and Effectively	6D: Integrated Weed Management: Controlling Blackberry, Starthistle & Other Common Weeds
7A: Ecologically-Based Thinning and Stand Management in SW Oregon Forests	7B: Small-Scale Harvesting for Woodland Owners	7C: Financial and Technical Assistance for Landowners: A Panel Discussion	

sick tree? Bring a sample for diagnosis!

Instructor: Ellen Michaels Goheen, Forest Pathologist, US Forest Service, Central Point

5B Creating a Backyard Wild Bird Habitat

This session will discuss the four major elements necessary for any suitable bird/wildlife habitat and how you can provide these on your property. We will provide examples of the natural resources you may already have and supplemental means of providing each of those elements. We will describe the kinds of birds you might attract and how to bring them in close by using landscaping, bird feeders, bird seed, nesting boxes, and water features, as well as dealing with problems you may encounter.

Instructor: Laura Fleming, Boards of Directors for Klamath Bird Observatory and Rogue Valley Audubon Society, owner, Wild Birds Unlimited

6B Solar—Is It Right for You?

This class will discuss components of solar systems, including panels, inverters, data monitoring, and racking. We will also address questions about availability of solar resources on your land (enough sunshine), system sizing, solar incentives, debunking solar myths, and how to choose a solar contractor. Join us to determine if a home solar system is right for you.

Instructor: Shaun Franks, True South Solar, Ashland

7B Small-Scale Harvesting for Woodland Owners

Planning a small-volume timber sale comes with many of the same issues as a large-timber sale: easements, access and layout, selecting a logger and log buyer, and post-harvest considerations. There are also some unique areas involved in small-scale harvesting, including adjacency (proximity to neighbors, property lines, and homes),

how to merchandise these small volumes (are log buyers interested?), and the feasibility of a harvest (are loggers interested and if so, can you afford them?). In this class, you will have a chance to hear directly from a logger who has completed many harvests on small-woodland properties of all sizes. Learn about some of the issues loggers face in dealing with small-scale harvests and hear tips on how to best manage your prospective harvesting project.

Instructor: Don Hamann, Don Hamann, Inc., Butte Falls

BLOCK C: 1:00-2:30pm

1C Fungi, Fungi Everywhere

As mycologists and ecologists uncover more and more influences that fungi hold on the environment, it is becoming increasingly clear that the fifth kingdom might need to be placed as number one! Fungi are everywhere, filling every plant, swapping DNA with other organisms, and ensuring the overall health of all ecological webs. In this presentation, Peter will explain these various ecological intersections and how anyone can easily support fungi in the Northwest and beyond. The result just may change the way you think about fungi and the world at large.

Instructor: Peter McCoy, founder, Radical Mycology, Portland

2C Getting to Know Your Native Plants: A Guided Walk

This is a field class; dress accordingly. Space is limited to 20! Do you have a mixed woodland with a variety of native trees, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers? Would you like to become more familiar with our native plant species? This class features a fun, slow-paced walk through typical southwest Oregon woods on mostly level or gently sloping trails. Guided by our enthusiastic botanist, you will encounter many native plants, learn how to identify them, and discover their benefits and uses. Bring a camera and notebook so you will remember what we see.

Instructor: Rachel Werling, Botanist, OSU Land Steward Program Coordinator

3C Biochar: Creating a Valuable Soil Amendment from Forest Residuals

Some of this class will be in the field; dress accordingly. This class will teach you how to make biochar from woody debris and other “waste” material from fuel treatments. Biochar (essentially, charcoal) is a valuable soil amendment that helps retain water and nutrients in the root zone of plants. It also sequesters carbon from the atmosphere, preventing further global warming. The instructor, a consultant who is very active in biochar circles regionally and nationally, will explain how and why biochar works to provide benefits in soil, compost, and livestock management. She will share pictures and stories of landowners who have made their own biochar, through simple, low-cost techniques, and she will show you how you can make biochar from your own burn piles, using safe burning techniques that reduce smoke pollution.

Instructor: Kelpie Wilson, Wilson Biochar Associates, Cave Junction

4C Trees on the Move: Migration of Tree Species in Response to Climate Change

Choosing the right species for the right climate is fundamental to the success of foresters and horticulturists. However, what if the climate changes? Will natural and planted forests still be well adapted to the places where they are growing now? Can species migrate quickly enough to keep pace with climate change? Should we help by using assisted migration? Learn where tree species are growing today, and where they are expected to do well in the future—they're not necessarily the same. Learn how you can make wise decisions about planting trees—even with climate change.

Instructor: Glenn Howe, Forest Geneticist, Oregon State University, Corvallis

5C Urban Homesteading

Come learn how to grow your own food in urban or small spaces. Richard and Tresa will discuss self-composting grow towers, vertical pallet planters, fodder systems, raised garden beds, aquaponics, hydroponics, and much more.

Instructors: *Richard Jarel, OSU Land Steward & Tresa Jarel, OSU Master Gardener, owners of Jarel Sustainable Living, Medford*

6C Working on Your Forestland, Safely and Effectively

This is a field class; dress accordingly.

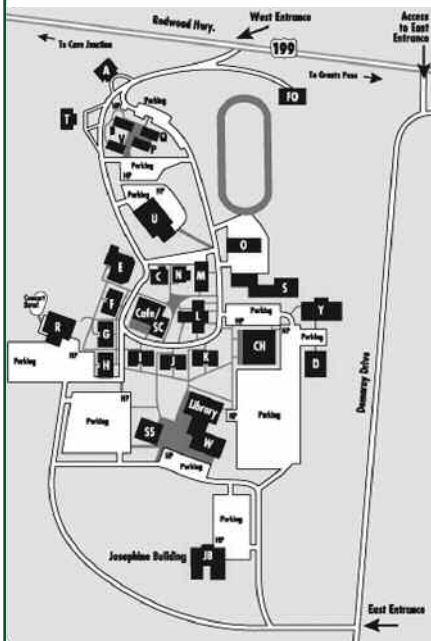
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For a larger map, go to:

http://web.roguecc.edu/sites/web.roguecc.edu/files/Sites/Locations/pdf/RWC_Map.pdf (case sensitive)

- From Interstate 5
- Exit 55 to the US-199 Redwood Hwy. towards the Oregon Caves/Crescent City
- Merge onto Grants Pass Pkwy.
- Turn slight right onto Redwood Hwy./US-199. Turn left from Redwood Hwy. onto Willow Lane. Bear right onto Demaray Drive
- Turn right into College Drive (east entrance)



This class will address various aspects of work in the woods, focusing on tools and techniques that can make it safe, effective, and enjoyable. We will demonstrate the use of chainsaws, various hand tools, and larger equipment for actually moving logs and producing something useful like firewood or logs or lumber.

Instructor: *Mark Havel, Owner, Future Forestry Products, Inc., Willamina, Oregon*

7C Financial and Technical Assistance for Landowners: A Panel Discussion

Do you have dreams for your land but are short on the funds needed to make them a reality? Do you need technical assistance to complete projects? If you are designing or implementing a conservation plan, working on fuels reduction, rehabilitating riparian lands, improving habitat for wildlife, or just want to learn more about how to get fiscal and other help in stewarding your land, this panel is for you!

Panelists: *Nick Haile, Oregon Department of Forestry, Vince Oredson, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Clint Nichols, Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District, representative, Natural Resources Conservation Service*

BLOCK D: 3:00-4:30pm

1D Native American Land Stewardship

This session will cover the historical practices of Native Americans in Southern Oregon in relation to the flora and fauna of the Klamath-Siskiyou region. Learn how Native Americans lived on the land for food and shelter and about their relationship with the land to insure that the resources they needed were available for future generations.

Instructor: *David West, Native Studies Program Coordinator, SOU (retired), Citizen Potawatomi*

2D Biology and Management of Oaks and Oak Woodlands

This presentation will review the basic biology of oaks and oak woodlands found here in the Rogue Basin and Northern California. Included will be descriptions of wildlife and birds that are dependent on oaks, guidelines for managing oak habitat, a review of the status of oak habitat and oak woodlands in this area, and a list of potential opportunities to restore oak woodlands. Oaks tolerate dry conditions and poor soils, provide shade in the summer, are important to birds and wildlife, and are a significant type of vegetation in the Rogue Valley.

Instructor: *Terry Fairbanks, Silviculturist, BLM (retired), Jacksonville*

3D Beyond Chickens

This class on homesteading poultry will describe how chickens, turkeys, and ducks can make excellent additions to your farm-to-table operations. We will discuss which varieties of poultry will work best for you, how to have a successful and sustainable flock, and how to provide a proper diet for your birds, so they offer optimal nutrition for you. We will include gardening with and for your birds, processing poultry, and composting their wastes.

Instructor: *Logan Miller, Medford Grange Co-op*

4D Firewise Fuel Reduction

Controlled burning is an effective tool for fuels reduction as well as for achieving other objectives, such as thinning, wildlife habitat improvement, and control of unwanted vegetation. However, given the high potential risks and liabilities, this is something that requires planning and preparation. This class will present the principles and techniques of using thinning, pruning, pile burning, and prescribed underburning to manage vegetation. It will cover burn plans, preparing control

lines, firing techniques, permitting, liability issues, coordination with neighbors and related topics. We will discuss brush management and general maintenance of areas treated for fuels reduction, so you can maintain a more fire-safe property now and in the future.

Instructor: Rich Fairbanks, US Forest Service (retired)

5C Permaculture for the Urban Farmer: How to Get Started

Tresa will offer an informative and

entertaining look at the permaculture principals of small lot planning and offer you a hands-on opportunity to apply this information to your own space.

Instructor: Tresa Jarel, Master Gardener, co-owner of Jarel Sustainable Living, Medford

6D Integrated Weed Management: Controlling Blackberry, Starthistle & Other Common Weeds

Integrated weed management is the control of weeds through a long-term

approach that uses some combination of mechanical, cultural, biological, and chemical techniques. This class will focus on these approaches for control of Himalayan blackberry, yellow starthistle, and other common weeds encountered on rural properties in our region. Though not considered a noxious weed, we will also cover options for control of poison oak. And we'll talk about which desirable native plants are best suited to replace the weeds on your land.

Instructor: Kyle Strauss, Strauss Ecological Services, Grants Pass



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REGISTRATION FORM

Saturday, April 22, 2017
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Registration fee is \$50/person. Lunch is \$10. Registration deadline is Friday, April 14.

- HOW TO REGISTER:**
- BY MAIL:** pay by check and use the mail-in registration form below. Address: Community Education, Rogue Community College, 3345 Redwood Hwy, Grants Pass, OR 97527
 - BY PHONE:** call 541-956-7303 with your credit card information. Please be ready with your class selections. Sorry, we cannot offer online registration

ATTENDEE 1

NAME _____
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 REGISTER FOR NO MORE THAN 4 CLASSES ONLY ONE CLASS PER TIME SLOT. NOTE: for 3.5 hour classes (A/B or C/D classes) you will fill two time slots
FEES: \$50 Adult \$10 Lunch
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 PHONE (DAY) _____
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FEES: \$50 Adult \$10 Lunch
TOTAL DUE: \$ _____

- Registration fee covers instruction, class materials, and coffee breaks.
 - Lunch (soup, salad & sandwich bar) available for an additional \$10.
 - **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS April 14.** Mailed registrations must be postmarked by Wednesday, April 12. No walk-in registration.
 - **REFUND POLICY:** Because of the financial commitments required for this conference, we cannot offer refunds. Registrations are non-transferrable.
 - **CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION:** Confirmation emails will be sent to registrants who supply emails. Please keep track of the titles and numbers of the classes you have chosen. When you check in, you will be given a packet listing your class selections.
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- live safely in wildfire prone areas
- reduce vegetation waste and create compost
- identify and eradicate noxious weeds
- promote and develop wildlife habitat
- maintain healthy fields, forests and trees
- use and conserve water more efficiently
- avoid problems on your land

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