SFO 2017 General Information

What if I miss a lecture?

If you miss a lecture for any reason, you can view it at any time through December 1st, 2017 via the course portal: https://academy.allaboutbirds.org/courses/spring-field-ornithology-northeast/. The course portal will contain the lectures, the handouts, links of interest and the ID quizzes associated with each lecture. Information about field trips will NOT appear in the course portal, for that use the “classic” SFO website: http://www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo/ >> 2017 Class Information.

What if I will miss a field trip?

If you are not able to attend a local field trip, you do not need to notify the SFO staff. Since you are assigned to a particular group for the course, unfortunately we cannot accommodate switching of field trip days or make up trips on alternate days (i.e. you cannot make up a missed Saturday trip by going on Sunday).

If you are running late, you will probably have a small window of time (about 15 minutes) in which to arrive before all of the field groups leave the Lab. If you will be more than 15 minutes late you can contact the volunteer for the weekend field trips (see contact information below) and see if they can give you directions of where your group was heading. We encourage groups to share cell phone numbers as well.

If you have signed up, but are not able to make it to our overnight trips to Montezuma or Magee Marsh, please notify Marc Devokaitis, the Course Coordinator, as soon as possible.

How can I find out what other SFO students are seeing?

Whether you are in the field trip or lecture sections, you can see where the field groups went each week and what they saw by visiting http://www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo/ >> 2017 Class Information >> checklists. You can also share photos at the SFO Class Album: https://www.flickr.com/groups/sfoclass/

For more SFO questions

There is a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page on the SFO website www.birds.cornell.edu/sfo/SFOFAQ or contact the Course Coordinator.

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