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Mono Lake Committee Field Seminars Open for Registrations

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Have you ever wondered how the Bighorn Sheep survive the harsh Sierra winters? Want to learn how to identify local wildflowers? Curious about local geology? Have you ever been butterflying? For hands-on seminars on these and many more topics consider enrolling in a Mono Lake Committee Field Seminar! Registration is now available for the 2006 Field Seminar series.

Field Seminars are the perfect way to delve into the Eastside's more elusive secrets, such as century-old arborglyphs carved into local aspen trees. The season kicks off with an extended kayaking trip along Mono Lake's south shore, and other summer offerings include wildflower macrophotography, identifying moths and butterflies, and an in-depth look at the fascinating web of water operations in the Mono Basin.

The Field Seminar courses continue into the autumn; catch a glimpse of the fall bird migration, get the inside stories at three local ghost towns, or learn to weave your own Paiute baskets, among other course offerings. Whether you're a veteran resident of the Eastern Sierra or just a first-time visitor, attending a Field Seminar will enhance your experience in this region.

The Mono Lake Committee works with seminar leaders who are experts in their fields and who have received high ratings from past seminar participants. Class sizes are limited to 15 participants in most cases to emphasize a spirit of learning and camaraderie in the Eastern Sierra's magnificent outdoor setting. Proceeds from the Field Seminars benefit research and education in the Mono Basin.

A complete list of 2006 Field Seminar courses is available online at www.monolake.org/main/seminars. You can register at the same site or call the Mono Lake Committee at (760) 647-6595 to sign up. Field Seminars make great gifts as well, but reserve your space soon before they fill up!

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The Mono Lake Committee is a nonprofit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and restoring the Mono Basin ecosystem, educating the public about Mono Lake and the impacts on the

environment of excessive water use, and promoting cooperative solutions that protect Mono Lake and meet real water needs without transferring environmental problems to other areas.