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Registration opens April 16th for the sixth annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua

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Registration opens on Monday, April 16 for the annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua. This immensely popular birding festival is in its sixth year and is scheduled for June 15–17, 2007. The weekend workshops and field trips fill quickly, so check www.birdchautauqua.org to find a complete schedule of events and plan your weekend soon!

This year's Chautauqua will feature experts in the birding world, such as Jon Dunn, Rich Stallcup, and David Winkler. Local birders and researchers leading workshops at the Chautauqua include Don Banta, Chris McCreedy, Paul McFarland, Kristie Nelson, and Mike Prather. Many Chautauqua presenters are very popular with participants, and are returning for their third and fourth years.

A combination of presentations, field trips, workshops, lectures, and hands-on activities ensure that all participants find something to dive into during the weekend. A Sunday afternoon picnic and concert at the Mono Lake County Park rounds out the weekend with an opportunity to relax among friends. This year's musical guest is Conjunto Jardin, a lively Los Angeles-based band that specializes in the *son jarocho* style of music from Veracruz, Mexico.

Registration for the Chautauqua is available online through a secure site at www.birdchautauqua.org. Mail- or fax-in registration forms can also be found on the website, along with a complete schedule of the weekend's events.

The Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua is organized and sponsored by California State Parks, Eastern Sierra Audubon, the Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, Friends of the Inyo, the Inyo National Forest, the Mono Lake Committee, the National Park Service, and PRBO Conservation Science. For more information, please visit www.birdchautauqua.org or call (760) 647-6595.

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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.