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Learning Opportunities Abound in Autumn - notes from Pete Devine



We want to remind you that there is still space in a few of our fall Outdoor Adventures. On Friday, September 7, the day before the YA Members' Meeting. Join me to discover the incredible view at the Valley's rim at North Dome. I'm also looking for fit and experienced backpackers to measure the shrinkage of the Maclure Glacier (the same one Muir measured) with me in late September. Gifted artist Andie Thrans shares her

journaling magic in her October "Forest Illuminations" course and Keith Walklet's November seminar shows photographers the best of autumn lighting. We go on a quest for diverse woodpeckers in early December, and Custom Adventures are always available for families and other groups.

Members receive tuition discounts, and motel rooms or free campsites are available for each course. Yosemite in autumn; make plans to explore it in person.

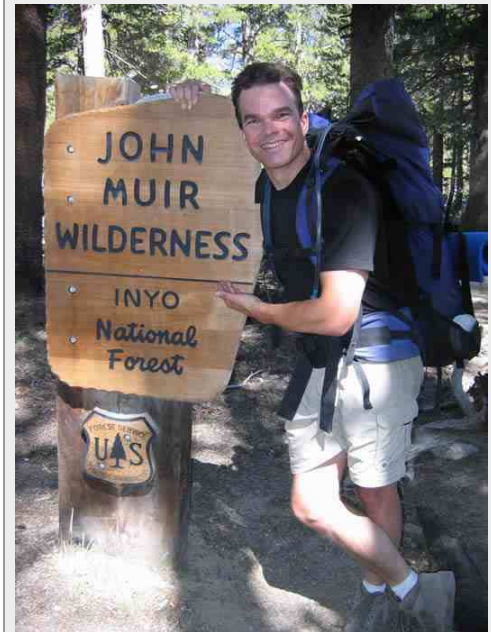
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Spend an Evening with John Muir, a Pioneer Woman or a World Famous Rock Climber!

In other words, come to Yosemite Theatre! Did you know that Yosemite has professional theatre almost every night at 8pm? Shows run Monday-Friday & Sundays, cost \$8/adults, \$4/child and



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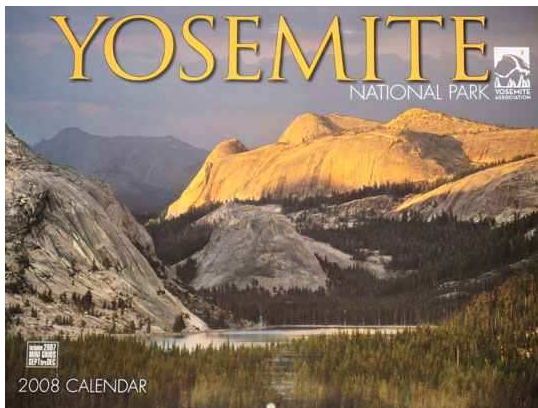
Naturalist, educator, and artist John (Jack) Muir Laws delights in exploring the natural world and sharing this love with others. He promises to do just that at YA's 32nd Annual Fall Members' Meeting on Saturday, September 8, 2007. Laws will be the featured speaker at our afternoon gathering outside Tuolumne Lodge, and will sign books at the reception immediately following the meeting.

Laws has worked as an environmental educator for over 25 years in California, Wyoming, and Alaska. He is trained as a wildlife biologist and is a research associate of the California Academy of Sciences. His illustrations capture the feeling of the living plant or animal, while also including details critical for identification. He teaches classes on natural history, conservation biology, scientific illustration, and field sketching. His newly-released book, *The Laws Field Guide to the*

are FREE for park volunteers (tickets are available at the door or at any tour desk). On Monday and Wednesday learn about a pioneer life and life as a woman in the 1800s as "Sarah Hawkins Contemplates a Fourth Marriage"; Tuesday & Thursday gives you an opportunity to learn from John Muir about the trials and tribulations surrounding Hetch Hetchy in "Conversations with a Tramp"; Muir also performs on Sunday nights in a "Campfire Chat with John Muir"--come ask all of your burning questions; finally on Friday and Sunday nights meet Ron Kauk and discuss the ethics of living in Yosemite with his film, "Return to Balance." All shows are at the Visitor Center Theater except for the Campfire Chat which is at Happy Isles. Come celebrate the 25th year of theatre and attend these fantastic shows!

2008 Yosemite Association Calendar Now Available

John Muir lived in the Yosemite Valley from 1868 to 1873 and wrote, "Nowhere will you see the majestic operations of nature more clearly revealed beside the frailest, most gentle and peaceful things."



The Yosemite calendar shares the spirit of awe Muir felt so clearly more than 130 years ago. Featuring full-color photographs of Yosemite National Park in all seasons.

2008 Yosemite National Park Calendar \$13.95
Member Price \$11.86

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A Room with a View

Sierra Nevada, is a guide to more than 1,700 species of plants and animals, beautifully illustrated with 2,710 original watercolor paintings. An accomplished author, Laws also published *Sierra Birds: A Hiker's Guide*, and is a regular contributor to *Bay Nature* magazine.

Park superintendent Mike Tollefson, YA Board Chair Christy Holloway, and YA CEO David Guy will address the Saturday afternoon assemblage as well. We will offer a variety of interpretive walks on Saturday and Sunday morning, an optional buffet lunch on Saturday, book signings with authors Jack Laws, Susan Snyder (*Past Tents - The Way We Camped*), and Steve Botti (*An Illustrated Flora of Yosemite National Park*), and our popular fundraising raffle and silent auction.

Event registration is \$10 per adult and \$7 per child aged 3 to 12, and Saturday's lunch is \$15 per adult and \$11 per child. Call the membership department at 209-379-2317 for more information. We hope you'll join us in Tuolumne!

This event is for YA members, but it's easy to join. [Just click here!](#)

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Early evening at Red Devil Lake with Mounts Florence, Maclure, and Lyell in the background.

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