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Fall Outdoor Adventures



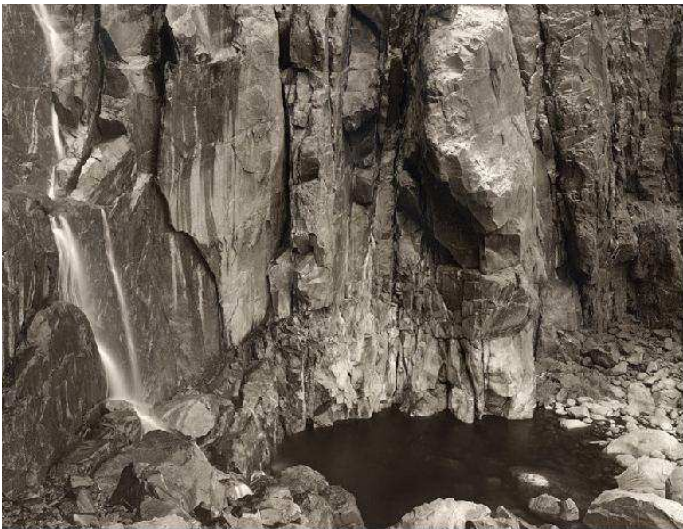
Spaces remain in two Outdoor Adventures courses for 2007. October 19-21, participants in artist Andie Thrans' "Forest Illuminations" course in Yosemite Valley will spend contemplative time with the park's great trees. A goal is to

capture some of the rich autumn magic of the mountains in an illustrated field journal. December 8 is a day for beginning and veteran birders to focus their binoculars on just the woodpeckers. YA naturalist Pete Devine leads a quest to see as many of the eleven Sierran species as you can by visiting diverse forest types.

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Yosemite Renaissance XXIII Call for Entries



The Yosemite Renaissance Juried Exhibition is an annual competition/exhibition intended to encourage diverse artistic interpretations of Yosemite. Its goals are to bring together the works of serious contemporary artists that do not simply duplicate traditional representations. Historically, the arts

YA Mourns the Loss of Cartoonist Emeritus Phil Frank



On September 12, 2007, YA Cartoonist Emeritus Phil Frank died as the result of a brain tumor at the age of 64. For thirty years, Phil's wit and whimsy graced the pages of the San Francisco Chronicle and other papers across the country in the form of comic strips "Farley" and "Elderberries".

Phil was a great friend to Yosemite and the Yosemite Association. He served many years on the YA board, and continued as Cartoonist Emeritus following his resignation offering many spot illustrations for everything from invitations to envelopes. With YA, Phil published two collections of his work *Fur and Loafing in Yosemite* (1999) and *Eat, Drink, and Be Hairy* (2005).

Phil's spirit and humor will be greatly missed by all his fans, and certainly by everyone here at YA.

To read more about Phil and his memorial in San Francisco, visit the [San Francisco Chronicle](#).

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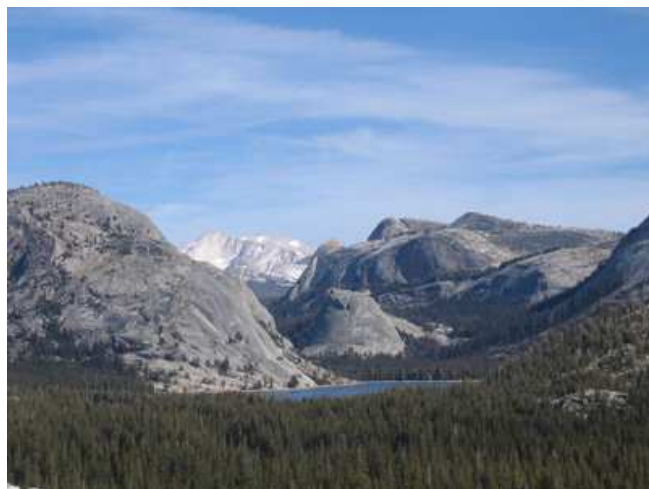
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have played a very important role in the establishment of our State and National Parks. It is our hope that they can be just as important in future efforts to preserve and protect that heritage.

Subject matter is limited to recent works on the landscape, environment, wildlife, and people of Yosemite or the Sierra. Both representational and non-representational submissions are accepted. Entries may be in any fine art medium including painting, photography, drawing, and printmaking, textile and sculpture. Initial entries by slide or digital file are due by December 1, 2007. Up to 40 pieces will be selected for exhibition. Please visit www.yosemiterenaissance.org for details and entry forms, or send SASE to Yosemite Renaissance, P.O. Box 767, Yosemite, CA 95389.

Image: "Base of Bridalveil Falls, Yosemite National Park" by Vaughn Hutchins.

The Centennial Initiative for Yosemite



Sixteen projects in Yosemite were certified as eligible for funding in Fiscal Year 2008, including the Yosemite Association (YA) advancing the Junior Ranger Program by producing multi-lingual handbooks; the University of California (UC) Merced Leadership Program (including student interns); and multi-cultural field seminars. The Yosemite Fund and Yosemite Institute also had many exciting projects certified in this process.

For these projects to move forward, federal funding in the budget is essential, yet the federal budget process is unclear. California Senator Feinstein is the chair of the Interior Appropriations Committee and Senator Boxer will also be key to secure funding for these projects. YA has joined the other Yosemite park partners in letters urging the California Senators to support funding for the Centennial Initiative. Your voice is also very important. We recommend a simple letter to the Senators urging them to support our National Parks and to provide federal funding for the Centennial Initiative and Challenge. These letters can be sent or calls made to:

Senator Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

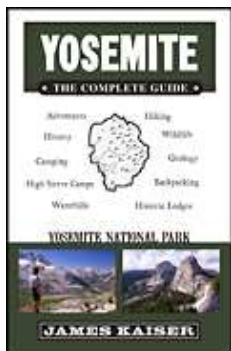
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***Yosemite: The Complete Guide* by James Kaiser \$22.95**



From luxury lodges to rugged multi-day backpacks, this handy guide reveals the best of Yosemite National Park through vivid, full-color photography and informed writing. More than 20 hikes, ranging from easy to difficult, are covered in depth, with trail descriptions, elevation charts, maps, and photos. Chapters on history, geology, ecology, and wildlife are included along with essential information on lodging, camping, outdoor adventures, and popular park activities in Yosemite Valley, Tuolumne Meadows, Wawona, and Hetch Hetchy. From the world-famous views of cliffs, waterfalls, polished granite domes, and giant sequoia groves to fine dining at the High Sierra Camps, this comprehensive travel companion allows anyone to access Yosemite. **James Kaiser** is an award-winning travel writer and photographer and the author of *Acadia: The Complete Guide* and *Joshua Tree: The Complete Guide*. He lives in Santa Monica, California.

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