

Field Trips

Pelagic Trip

Date: September 5
Time: 6:30 AM to 12:00 PM
Price: \$ 85.00 (limited spaces)

Oregon Pelagic Tours will host a five-hour pelagic trip to give participants a sense of what a day-long pelagic trip is like. Potential sightings include Black-footed albatross, Parasitic Jaeger, Sabine's Gull, Fork-tailed Storm-petrel, Sooty Shearwater, Pink-footed Shearwater, Northern Fulmar, Pomarine Jaeger, Red-necked Phalarope, Cassin's Auklet and more! Onboard expert guides will identify birds and other marine life and describe their natural history. Register at www.oregonpelagictours.com. Meet at Betty Kay Charters in the Charleston Marina at 6:30 AM for a 7:00 AM departure.

Bandon Marsh and Beach

Dates: September 5 & 6
Time: 7:45 AM to 3:00 PM

This guided field trip will visit the best birding locations in Bandon. Bandon Marsh National Wildlife Refuge often has an abundance of fall migrating shorebirds including Black-bellied Plover, Semipalmated Plover, Dunlin, Western and Least Sandpiper, Whimbrel, and Long-billed Dowitcher. At the south jetty expect to see Surf-bird, Wandering Tattler, and Black and Ruddy Turnstone. You can also walk a mile of Bandon Beach to see the Western Snowy Plover (federally listed as threatened). Sign up for this field trip on Friday during registration.

Coos Bay Field Trip

Dates: September 5 & 6
Time: 7:45 AM to 3:00 PM

This guided field trip makes stops at popular birding spots including Cape Arago, Charleston, Empire, Millicoma Marsh and the North Spit. Habitats include ocean, tide flats, willow patches and freshwater marsh. Cape Arago is a great place to see Harlequin Duck, Black Oystercatcher and Marbled Murrelet. Expected shorebirds include Western and Least Sandpiper, Short and Long-billed Dowitcher, and Semipalmated and Black-bellied Plover. Sign up for this field trip on Friday during registration.

Paddle the South Slough

Date: September 6 & 7
Time: 7:00 AM to 2:00 PM

FULL

Float with the tide and explore the shores of South Slough by canoe or kayak as we search for winged wildlife. Boats, PFD's and paddles are provided. Prepare for both sunny and inclement weather. Wear shoes that can get wet and muddy. Bring your own water and a lunch. Sorry this trip has filled.

SEA Watch

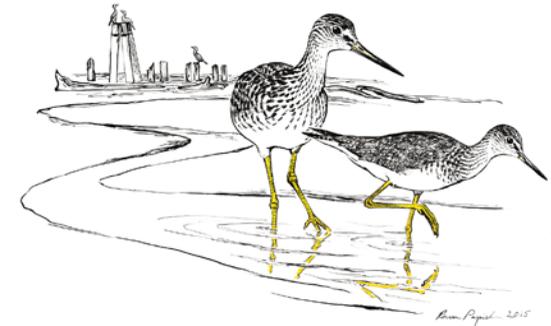
Dates: September 5
Time: 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Take a drive out to Simpson Reef overlook where volunteers from Shoreline Education for Awareness (SEA) will have spotting scopes to view Harlequin Duck, Surf Scoter, and thousands of seals and sea lions.

For more information visit our website at:
http://www.fws.gov/refuge/Bandon_Marsh/visit/visitor_activities/shorebird_festival.html

29th Annual Oregon Shorebird Festival

Sept. 4-6, 2015



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~ Festival Headquarters ~
Oregon Institute of Marine Biology
63566 Boat Basin Road
Charleston, Oregon

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2127 SE Marine Science Drive
Newport OR 97365

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 4

4:00 – 6:30 PM Registration at the Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB) Cafeteria

7:00 PM Evening Program

OIMB Boathouse Auditorium

- Field trip announcements

- Featured program:

Patrick Chandler, *Education Director*.

The **Washed Ashore** Project is a non-profit with a mission of educating and creating awareness about marine debris and plastic pollution through art. Learn about the impacts of marine debris on wildlife and how Washed Ashore's creative work is making a positive impact on ending debris in our coastal communities.

Saturday, September 5

6:30 AM Pelagic Trip - Meet at Betty Kay Charter in the Charleston Marina

7:45 AM Field Trips to Bandon/Coos Bay

Meet in parking lot across from OIMB at 7:30 a.m. to carpool

11:00 AM SEA Watches

Simpson Reef Overlook

5:30 PM Sustainable Seafood Dinner

OIMB cafeteria

7:00 PM Evening Program

OIMB Boathouse Auditorium

- Checklist of Birds

- Featured program:

Dr. Daniel Roby: *Professor, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University*
"Double-crested cormorant ecology and management in the Columbia River estuary."

Sunday, September 6

7 AM – 2PM Paddle the South Slough (**FULL**)

Meet in the parking lot across from OIMB to carpool to launch site.

7:45 AM Field Trips to Bandon/Coos Bay

Meet in parking lot across from OIMB to carpool

Directions to the Festival

From Coos Bay you can reach OIMB from Hwy 101 by following signs to "Ocean Beaches / Charleston." This is an 8 mile drive from Coos Bay along Cape Arago Hwy. In Charleston, cross the South Slough Bridge and turn right on Boat Basin Dr. OIMB is 1/2 mile on the left at 63566 Boat Basin Road.



General Information

Rain or sun is expected this time of year; layered clothing is best. Pack extra water, sunscreen, a sunhat, rain gear and mud boots for land-based field trips. For information: Dawn Harris 541-867-4550 or dawn_harris@fws.gov.

Lodging

Dorms

The dormitory at OIMB is available Friday and Saturday night at \$20 per person per night. This is bunk-style lodging. Bring your own bedding, toiletries and towels. Dorm lodging can be noisy; if you are a light sleeper bring **earplugs**. **Bunks are limited; register early** to reserve your space.

Motels and Vacation Rentals

Charleston Harbor Inn • 877-888-1178

Captain John's Motel • 541-888-4041

Plainview Motel • 800-962-2815

Loft by the Lighthouse • 541-888-8386

Vacasa • 503-208-9861

Camping and RV Parks

Bastendorff Beach Park • 541-888-5353

Sunset Bay State Park • 800-452-5687

Charleston Marina RV Park • 541-888-9512

Meals

The festival does not provide options for dining on Friday evening nor for any breakfast or lunch.

At 5:30 PM on Saturday there will be an optional Sustainable Seafood Dinner in the OIMB cafeteria. The dinner includes Albacore Tuna, salad, side dishes, bread, dessert and a drink. The cost is \$25 per person. Pre-registration for tickets to this dinner is encouraged.

Registration and Fees

Registration: \$ 30 per person
\$ 55 per family

OIMB Lodging: \$ 20 per person/night

Dinner (Sat.): \$ 25 per person

Shirts: \$ 17
(S-2XL)

Shirts are 100% cotton and feature Greater & Lesser Yellowlegs.

Cash or Checks ONLY

Checks payable to:

Shoreline Education for Awareness

Mail check and completed form to:

Oregon Shorebird Festival
2127 SE Marine Science Drive
Newport OR 97365

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Registration Fee: please (✓) all that apply
Individual (\$30) _____ Family (\$55) _____

OIMB Lodging:
Friday (\$20) _____ Saturday (\$20) _____

Sustainable Seafood Dinner \$ _____
(\$25)

Shirt: (\$17) \$ _____
Shirt Quantity _____ Shirt Size(s) _____

TOTAL \$ _____