

Hi Night Snorkelers,

CalNeva and our night snorkeling field trip is just over a week away! In an effort to make this field trip free we need your help with transportation and gear.

Transportation

We will meet at the Red Lion Hotel Tuesday evening at 7:00 and carpool/caravan to Freshwater Park. If you want to get a head start or miss the group we will meet at Freshwater Park, Freshwater at 7:15 PM.

[Map- Red Lion to Freshwater Park](#)

Gear

As you can imagine snorkeling a night in the winter/early spring can get pretty chilly in Northern California. We recommend either a drysuit or wetsuit (7mm) for the field trip. Our goal is to provide a drysuit to everyone without access to one. Thankfully, Stillwater Sciences and Kokatat will be donating drysuits for the majority of participants, but we need people with access to one (or more) to bring them.

Things you will need to bring:

Wading boots or dive booties with a hard sole

Snorkel and mask

Comfortable base layers to wear under drysuit

Pair of wool socks and neoprene socks (for inside and outside of drysuit)

Headlamp

Towel

Change of clothes (drysuits can leak!)

Things you should bring if you have them:

Dive hood

Neoprene gloves (>2mm)

Dive light

If possible, please decontaminate all your gear before arrival. In the chance you cannot decontaminate or want to be extra cautious we will have a decontamination station setup at the park.

I have created a google drive spreadsheet that you can update with the gear you have and the gear you need. This will be important for getting a range of drysuit sizes that fit people in both groups. If you have extra gear to share please note that in the comment section of the spreadsheet. **Please access the Google drive to fill in your gear requests in the next 48 hrs!** If you have any trouble accessing the spreadsheet please email me ASAP.

[Google Drive- Gear List](#)

Note: Select response from drop down menus. Google sheets is a little funky and 15 editors might make this really interesting. Good luck!

Weather

It looks like we have a bit of a dry spell on the horizon, hopefully just in time. However, if the stream becomes too turbid to sample plan b is to give a presentation about night snorkeling concepts (location TBD).

Schedule

7:00- Meet at Red Lion

7:15- Arrive at Freshwater Park; decontaminate gear

7:30- Short talk on night snorkeling; sunset

7:50- Gear up

8:30- Go snorkeling!

I am looking forward to meeting everyone, and excited so many people are interested in this awesome and effective sampling method.

Thanks, Sam Rizza