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COMING OUTDOORS

FIELD CLASS / SPRING 2024 / INSTRUCTORS: Dr. Justin Lenzi,

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Saturday April 13th, 2024, Hike From 4:00PM - 5:30PM

LGBTQ+ Mixer from 6:00PM to 8:00PM

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Come out for a fun, friendly, and educational hike in Joshua Tree National Park. We will hike along the Hi-View Trail loop and learn about the plants and animals that are native to the park. The hike is fairly easy, only 1.3 miles long, with a 400 ft elevation gain. Desert Institute staff will share their knowledge and stories from the park. After the hike, we will gather at the Yucca Valley visitor center for a mixer to get to know local folks and new friends from the surrounding communities. This event is very Queer friendly, all friends of Dorothy invited!

PROGRAM AGENDA

Hi-View Hike 4:00PM - 5:00PM (1.3 Miles)
LGBTQ+ Mixer 6:00PM - 8:00PM (Yucca Valley)

MEETING LOCATION

The hike will be located at [Hi-View Trailhead](#), Yucca Valley, CA 92284. Approximately 12.5 miles from the Joshua Tree National Park WEST entrance. The mixer will be located at JTNPA Visitor Center West - [55922 29 Palms Hwy, Yucca Valley, CA 92284](#)

REQUIRED PREPARATION

Waiver: All participants going on the hike must complete the [participation waiver](#). *Failure to do so may forfeit your right to participate.*

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Easy/Moderate The hike ascends 400 feet of elevation gain and reaches a high point with sweeping views of the surrounding mountains. We will stop at multiple points to discuss plants, wildlife, and geologic features.

Please contact us if you have questions about your ability to participate.
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WHAT'S INCLUDED

- First aid and emergency supplies for the group
- At the mixer we will provide free food and drinks!

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Admission to Joshua Tree National Park
- Lodging, or Transportation

WHAT TO BRING

The essentials for all field courses:

- Water, between 3 and 4 liters per person for a full day outing
- Food and snacks, easily packed and eaten in the field (please leave no trace)
- Close-toed athletic shoes or hiking boots; no sandals, not even hiking sandals!
- Sun protection: hat, sunglasses, sunscreen; light-colored long-sleeved shirts are recommended and very effective on hot days
- Warm layers for cooler mornings/evenings (it can be surprisingly cold!)
- Backpack to carry food, water, and any personal items you need for the day

SPECIAL NOTES ABOUT THIS ACTIVITY

There is no cell service in the park! Please allow ample time to arrive at the meeting location; park entrances may be very busy on weekends (see FAQs). Please make sure you check weather conditions and dress accordingly.

This activity is for LGBTQ+ participants and their friends/allies.



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WHO DO I CONTACT IF I AM RUNNING LATE?

Desert Institute Manager Benny Erdahl: **949-241-9693**
or Education Director Dr. Justin Lenzi: **760-819-4714**

For classes meeting inside the park, it can take up to 45 minutes to go through an entrance gate on weekends after 9am (though 15-20 minutes is typical). Please allot time to park, as parking lots tend to be congested between 10am and 4p in the busy season. ***There is no cell service in the park***, please plan accordingly.

WHAT IF I NEED TO CANCEL?

Desert Institute will provide a full refund if we are notified more than 14 days in advance. We are unable to process refunds for *any* cancellations less than 14 days in advance.

DOES DESERT INSTITUTE CANCEL ACTIVITIES FOR WEATHER OR LOW ENROLLMENT?

If we do not meet our minimum of 6 registered participants for any given activity, we will likely cancel the activity with at least 48+ hours notice.

Desert Institute runs classes rain or shine, with the exception of astrophotography classes, which require mostly clear skies in order to be successful.

We recommend that you purchase travel insurance, as we are unable to reimburse for expenses you incur due to a canceled class, such as airfare and hotel.

WHAT IF I FORGOT SOMETHING I NEED?

Our visitor centers and park stores are stocked with amazing essentials for your adventure. Preview or purchase items from our [online shop](#); we carry [hats](#), [shirts](#), bandanas, water bottles, notebooks, [maps](#), [books](#). And more!

CAN I BRING MY KIDS? MY SPOUSE? PETS?

Only registered participants may attend Desert Institute activities (unless noted in the activity description). If this is a kid-friendly activity, please make sure your child(ren) are registered and meet the age requirements.

As much as we love pets, we don't allow them in the field with any of our activities.

