



Nature Photography Weekend

FIELD SESSIONS

Sign-up sheets will be available at the registration booth during check-in and at Berrie Smith's lens cleaning booth in the Nature Museum after check-in.

- Friday, 4-4:45 p.m.;
Saturday, 12-12:45 p.m. **Astrophotography Primer with Tommy White & Jason Frye**
Join instructors Tommy White and Jason Frye for an informal explanation of how to capture the night sky and an overview of camera settings, etc. Participants who are new to astrophotography will want to attend this crash course before attempting to learn the basics in the dark. **Meet at Let-It-Rain Picnic Shelter next to the Nature Museum.**
- Friday and Saturday, 7:45-9 p.m. **Guided Sunset Shoot with Tony Sweet**
Join instructor Tony Sweet atop Grandfather Mountain for a hands-on lesson on capturing the perfect sunset! **Weather permitting. Meet at Top Shop parking lot (look for the "Breakout Session" sign). Please carpool!**
- Friday and Saturday, 10-11:30 p.m. **Astrophotography with Tommy White & Jason Frye**
Participants will learn how to choose the correct settings for night photography, as well as how to focus in complete darkness and choose compelling compositions in complete darkness. You'll also learn how to function in a group environment at night, including safety and courtesy to others without polluting their images with random light. Jason will conduct a light painting demonstration both nights to enhance the main subject and supporting elements, adding depth to your night image. This session is open to students of all levels. Advanced participants are also welcome to join, share their experiences and pair up with folks trying to learn. Questions about retouching at all levels should be addressed during the day sessions or by e-mailing Tommy at white_tommy@bellsouth.net. **Weather permitting. Limited to 15 participants each night. Meet at Top Shop parking lot. Please carpool!**
NOTE: Those not camping must leave the mountain before midnight.
- Saturday, 9-10 a.m. **Photography Crash Course with Kyle Cook and Melissa Southern**
This is a compact introduction to photography for anyone wanting to learn more photography. Instructors Kyle Cook and Melissa Southern will concentrate on the basics: aperture, shutter speed, ISO, histograms, depth of field and composition. They will also discuss camera modes: Aperture Priority, Shutter (Time) Priority, Program and Manual. Please bring your camera, your manual and your questions! **Meet in Auditorium.**
- Saturday, 10-10:45 a.m.;
12-12:45 p.m.;
2-2:45 p.m. **Photographing Raptors with Vinny Colucci**
Join instructor Vinny Colucci in this workshop on photographing birds of prey! Vinny will demonstrate and discuss composition and depth of field to help create a better background for portraits with these incredible subjects. He will go over camera settings and focal lengths, while you capture some stunning images. These images can be submitted for the competition. A telephoto lens in the 80-400mm range is recommended. Meanwhile, wildlife expert Jessie Schmitt will present and discuss the special feathered guests. **Limited to 40 participants per session. Meet at Linville Bluffs (look for the "Breakout Session" sign).**
- Saturday, 10-11 a.m.;
12-1 p.m.;
2-3 p.m. **Creative Photography Scavenger Hunt with Lisa Langell**
Join instructor Lisa Langell as she will first demonstrate three critical principles that will help you photograph nature in ways that enhance its functionality and sell-ability as decorative art for home or office. Next, you will head out into the field for a fun-filled "scavenger hunt," where Lisa will provide each participant with their own creative assignment. Explore the area and push your imagination! Lisa will offer support to nurture your creativity and your photographic skills as you scavenge the area to complete this fun assignment! **Limited to 15 participants per session. Meet at the Top Shop parking lot (look for the "Breakout Session" sign). Please carpool!**