



California Naturalist Program Spring 2016 REGISTRATION FORM

UC Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve
in collaboration with Merced County UC Cooperative Extension
and the Upper Merced River Watershed Council

Early Deadline For Scholarships: Wednesday, January 20, 2016
Deadline: Friday, February 8, 2016

*Required Information

Contact Information

Name*

Date of Application*

Email*

Mailing Address* (Street, City, State, Zip)

(_____)_____
Phone*

Organizational Affiliation, if you have one

Questionnaire

Please complete all of the questions (feel free to use additional space if needed). Your answers will help the instructors tailor the course to the needs and interests of the class.

1. Please give your reason(s) for applying for the California Naturalist program.

2. Describe your volunteer experience. Please include the organizations and the role you played.

3. Please describe your outdoor, nature, or science-based experiences. Include any college degrees and relevant training. Please indicate any areas of personal interest.

4. Do you have any special skills or expertise? (In addition to any "naturalist skills" -birder, geologist, restoration expert - consider artist, teacher, computer specialist, marketing, finance, photography, teaching, other)

5. Where did you learn about the CA Naturalist Training at UC Merced Vernal Pools and Grassland Reserve? (E.g. CA Naturalist website, UC Merced Vernal Pool & Grassland website, particular newspaper, friend, flyer, etc.)

Health Form

For some or all of every class meeting, it is possible that we will be outdoors, away from the building. It is important for us to be aware of any health issue that might affect you during class time. Please complete the following:

1. Please list all allergies (including foods): *

2. Are there any physical or health conditions that might require special attention? If so, please explain: *

Participant Agreement

Attendance*

To become a Certified California Naturalist, participants are expected to attend all Thursday evening classes. Only one evening class session can be missed and the participant will be expected to complete make-up activities at the direction of the instructor. One field trip can be missed without make-up work. Please contact the instructor if you plan to miss a class or a field trip.

- I have read and agree to the terms of attendance

Participant Requirements*

Class participants are required to complete a final project either individually, with a partner, or in a group. Additional requirements include maintaining a Field Notebook for recording observations, submitting iNaturalist observations during the training, and completing all reading assignments.

- I have read and agree to the participant requirements.

Computer Access*

Communication to members of the class will be via email; documents will be sent electronically. Computer availability is essential. Following training, California Naturalists use the web-based Volunteer Management System for recording hours and to access opportunities, activities, and teaching materials.

- I have the ability to open and send documents and emails, and have internet access.

Class Payment*

Tuition: \$350, which includes the California Naturalist Handbook (de Nevers et al. 2013) and another surprise book!

- I agree to send payment to UC Regents upon completion of this form to secure a spot for myself in the program.

My payment will be by:

- Check made out to UC Regents, write "CA Naturalist" in the memo
- On-line Credit Card payment at <http://cemerced.ucanr.edu>
- Cash – **DO NOT MAIL**. Bring cash payment to the address below.

Please return this registration form with your payment to the address listed below.

Applications must be received by **February 8, 2016**.

Scholarships

There are a limited number of partial scholarships. If you are interested, please fill out the scholarship application (<http://cemerced.ucanr.edu>), submit it with the registration form, and *wait to send payment until you hear about your scholarship application status*.

Please return this registration form and scholarship form without payment to the address listed below. Scholarship applications must be received by **January 20, 2016**.

If you have any questions about the course or scholarships, please contact California Naturalist course coordinator and instructor, Monique Kolster at mkolster@ucmerced.edu. If you have any questions about the registration process, please contact Cathy Marks (209-385-7403).

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