

EVENT CONFIRMATION – FIELD TRIP CONFIRMATION

You are scheduled for the Post-Summit Northwest Trek Wildlife Park field trip on January 25, 2004, at the 10th Annual Summit. This is a **final confirmation letter** containing important information about your participation and **requesting your response** to some specific needs to finalize arrangements for you.

MEET WITH INSTRUCTORS:

You will also need to attend a short 15-minute **mandatory** meeting with your field trip leaders prior to leaving for the trip to get instructions for final logistics and answer any questions you may have. The meeting will be held on **Saturday** at **4pm** in the NANPA registration area (the **Hotel Lobby** of the **Jantzen Beach DoubleTree Hotel**). If you are unable to attend the meeting, you will need to make other arrangements to receive any last minute information through the NANPA staff at registration.

WHAT TO WEAR AND EQUIPMENT TO BRING:

Photographers should bring strong and really waterproof outerwear, warm sweaters and fleece and some kind of thermal pants (snowboarding pants are actually too bulky but it might be the right thing for those who chill easily or who are also shooting in snow) -- fleece pullover pants and wicking underwear under rain pants a good choice. Avoid thin cotton, jeans, go to the mall coats, and cotton caps. Hats that are waterproof, and something for ear warmth, are a must; photo gloves like the ones with sticky rubber fingers like Lowepro sells are great and perhaps mittens to go over. Waterproof boots like Wellies are much better than winter boots like pacs (not water proof enough). However, those considering photographing in snow (which is still not out of the question for Portland) in any mountains or the Columbia Gorge and east side of the Cascades, pacs are a good idea. Wool sox of course, inside those waterproof boots, for warmth. There will be waterfall spray in the Gorge and ocean spray on beaches, along with the possible rain. Thus at many locations one must guard against hypothermia and protect cameras. Bringing heavy plastic bags like oven bags or the largest heavy zip locks will be important. Also consider having extra sox and gloves, snack foods for energy, and perhaps even a small thermos in your photography kit.

Participants should bring a tripod, flash unit (a flash extender is optional, but nice to have), a shorter telephoto lens (80-200mm for instance), one or more longer telephoto lens (300mm to 600mm), and adequate rolls of fast speed as well as your favorite speed film. Rain and mist are very possible; be sure to bring protection for you and your equipment. Temperatures will also be very cool at times so be prepared with layered clothing. Chemical hand warmers may be helpful in keeping your fingers nimble.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation is **provided** from the Jantzen Beach DoubleTree Hotel, Portland, OR to the Northwest Trek Wildlife Park and then returning to the DoubleTree Hotel in Portland, OR from the Park. The bus has adequate features for the trip, including bathrooms, storage for your camera equipment and comfortable seats. There will also be a staff person from the transportation company to assist with any needs or questions you may have while on the trip. To maintain all of the logistics for the trip, if you are registered we **require** you to **travel on the bus** with the group. We cannot allow participants to drive personal vehicles and follow the bus. If you have any special needs or have a conflict riding the bus, please **indicate** them in the survey below.

MEALS:

Breakfast is included in your trips registration. Remember to bring money for lunch and refreshments, if you so desire. You may bring your own refreshments on the bus. You will be contacted directly by Columbia Crossroads, the tour company running the trip for meal requests and any special needs.

BOARDING INFORMATION:

Those attending the field trip will need to meet as a group and check-in with the instructors on Sunday starting at **6:00am**. The Bus will leave from the banquet entrance (across from the Grand Ballroom) of the **Jantzen Beach Hotel**. Please do not be late; **the bus must depart promptly at 6:30am**. At this time, we will have roll call for the group and will get instructions for loading equipment, getting your breakfast, and boarding the bus. While on the trip, each time we reload the bus after a stop there will be a roll call to account for each attendee.

If you are checking out of the hotel, make sure you give yourself plenty of time to do this and/or store your luggage before meeting the group in the morning.