

# Parsons Memorial Lodge Summer Series



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## JULY

### Friday, July 20

*Words of Preservation: Poets Laureate National Parks Tour*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Texas Poets Laureate Alan Birkelbach and Karla Morton perform poetry inspired by National Parks.

### Saturday, July 21

*Backpacking the Best Mountains on Earth*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Conversation with Kim Stanley Robinson, author of *Naming Mt Thoreau*, the *Green Earth*, *Shaman*, and other books.

### Sunday, July 22

*The Once and Future California: Climate, Wildlife and Connection.*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Talk and discussion with Erika Zavaleta, professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at University of California Santa Cruz.

### High Sierra Natural History Celebration Weekend

#### Saturday, July 28

*The California Field Atlas: A Love Story*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Conversation with author, naturalist, and artist Obi Kaufmann.

### Sunday, July 29

*Natural History: Reciprocal Healing and the Path of Delight*  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Discussion with contributors to *Nature, Love, Medicine: Essays on Wildness and Wellness*, including environmental artist Edie Dillon, environmental educator Gwen Heistand, author and illustrator Sarah Juniper Rabkin, and Tom Fleischner, naturalist and editor of the collection.

## AUGUST

### Saturday, August 4

*High Country Council of All Beings*  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
A play in three acts featuring local flora, fauna, and forces of Tuolumne Meadows.

### Sunday, August 5

*For Future Generations through Thick and Thin*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Conversation with Laurel Munson Boyers, long-time Yosemite resident and the park's first female wilderness manager.

### Saturday, August 11

*Urban in Nature: Yosemite, Cars, and California's Cities, 1913–1970*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Talk and discussion with Guy McClellan, historian, teacher, and Yosemite Park Ranger.

### Sunday, August 12

*Hearing Hidden Melodies: Birdsong and Human Music*  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Conversation with musician and birder Rob Frye

### Saturday & Sunday, August 18 & 19

*22th Annual Tuolumne Meadows Poetry Festival*  
Workshops and readings with music featuring poets Rajiv Mohabir, Kai Carlson-Wee, Joy Harjo, and musician Shira Kammen.

#### Saturday, August 18

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Rajiv Mohabir  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music  
7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Open reading and music

#### Sunday, August 19

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Poetry workshop with Kai Carlson-Wee  
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. Featured poets and music



**Allow 30 minutes walking time to Parsons Memorial Lodge from either Lembert Dome parking area or the Tuolumne Meadows Visitor Center. Admission is free.**

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