

2022
Opossum Creek Retreat & The Institute for Bird Populations
Beginner Bird Banding Class
Proof of Covid-19 Vaccine is required to attend.

Thank you for your interest in the Beginner Bird Banding Class at Opossum Creek Retreat, instructed by the Institute for Bird Populations of Petaluma, California, and hosted by Opossum Creek Retreat. Opossum Creek Retreat is nestled uniquely just minutes from the New River Gorge National Park and Preserve (the newest National Park in the US) in South Central West Virginia. The class will be held beginning on the afternoon of Wednesday the 18th of May and ending after banding on Tuesday the 24th of May. The fee for the beginner class is \$ 1,900.00 per person and includes all class materials, instructors' fees, lodging, and meals.

WHAT TO EXPECT

The class will begin the afternoon of Wednesday, May 18th and end on Tuesday, May 24th, after the morning banding session. Each day we will be in the field at sunrise and work the nets for 5-6 hours. Lunch (one hour), then a 2–3-hour classroom session followed by a break and then dinner. There will be some “homework”. Information and details of course materials can be found at the IBP website – www.birdpop.org. Proper field attire is necessary (mud boots and rain gear too). We are in the woods. Mosquitos and ticks are present.

FACILITIES & LODGING

Classroom activities will be held in the 1000 square foot meeting /great room of the Meadows Cabin at Opossum Creek Retreat. On-site, in Cabin lodging at the Meadows Cabin is included in the registration fee. Each registrant will have his/her own private or semi-private room (all linens and towels are provided). There are three full bathrooms to share. There are several other cabins available at an additional fee if you would like your own private cabin. There is a guest laundry available for your convenience during your stay. Also included in the registration fee is a continental breakfast, lunch, and a home-cooked dinner each day. Please let us know of any dietary needs or issues upon registration.

Registration

Class is limited to 8 people with a minimum of 6. Full payment is due upon registration. To Register contact Keith at 304-573-0153 or email Keith@birding-wv.com. Please do not book your flights until the class minimum is met. (We will let you know ASAP.)

Refunds

If you cancel your reservation outside of 90 days a refund will be given, less a 10% Cancellation fee. If you cancel within 90 days, you will forfeit your payment unless we can fill your spot in its entirety in which case you will be charged a 10% cancellation fee.