

Tour info for Fall SWS Conference in Redding, CA
September 28th – October 1st, 2017

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Sundial Bridge

The Sundial Bridge at Turtle Bay crosses the Sacramento River in the heart of Redding, California. Opened July 4, 2004, the bridge links the north and south campuses of Turtle Bay Exploration Park and serves as a new downtown entrance for Redding's extensive Sacramento River Trail system.

As the name suggests, the Sundial Bridge is, in fact, a working sundial and is one of the largest in the world. The sundial shadow traces such a large arc that it can record only four hours a day, from 11am - 3pm. It is not accurate in winter because the shadow is too far into the arboretum to be seen. The shadow, when it's visible, moves about one foot per minute, so you can readily see it move.

Turtle Bay Museum is the heart of the Turtle Bay experience. It contains permanent, interactive exhibits and two large special exhibition galleries. The experiences here — underwater fish viewing, walking through historic re-creations, experimenting with scientific equipment, viewing art — are also springboards for the authentic outdoor experiences on the rest of the campus. The exhibits feature a mix of richly layered interpretative material, multimedia exhibits, science experiments, self-guided exploration, and play features.

Local and regional history is center stage in permanent exhibits in the Museum and Paul Bunyan's Forest Camp. Step into a Wintu bark house and learn about our local Native American culture. Investigate the historic use of our area's natural resources and find out what has drawn people to Redding. Visit the timber-themed Forest Camp for a hands-on look at the history of the industry in Northern California.

TURTLE BAY'S MCCONNELL ARBORETUM & BOTANICAL GARDENS



The Botanical Gardens portion of the McConnell Arboretum & Botanical Gardens is the newest addition to Turtle Bay Exploration Park. The Redding Arboretum, one of four organizations that merged to create Turtle Bay Exploration Park, along with its supporters, initially drove the development of a series of gardens. Turtle Bay inherited and embraced the plan to develop the site as seen today. Today the Gardens comprise 20 acres of Mediterranean-climate display gardens, a children's garden, a medicinal garden, and two beautiful and unique water features.

The Arboretum extends over 200 acres with direct links to the award-winning Sacramento River Trail. The Gardens carry Turtle Bay's sustainability message to another level and express a very positive ethic about a harmonious fit between natural systems and human activity.

SHASTA DAM Tours and recreation



US Bureau of Reclamation holds guided tours of the Shasta Dam year round, each taking two to three hours. There also are a visitor center and auditorium. The tours comprise a 428-foot (130 m) elevator ride to the base of the dam, and visits to the dam's inner galleries and the powerhouse among other areas.^[71] Shasta Lake has a surface of 30,310 acres (12,270 ha) at full pool and is surrounded by the [Shasta-Trinity National Forest](#). Many public and private marinas, campgrounds, RV parks, resorts and boat launches border the reservoir, one of the most popular recreational lakes in California. House boating, water-skiing, swimming and fishing are among the numerous activities available at the lake; hiking, picnicking, mountain biking, hunting and camping are popular in the mountainous vicinity surrounding it.



Redding Air Attack Base

Battalion Chief - Aaron Burough (B2408)



The Redding Air Attack Base (RAAB) was established in the late 1960's and is located at the CAL FIRE Northern Operations Center on Airport Road. The RAAB is an interagency base between the CAL FIRE and the Forest Service.

RAAB responds to an average of 200 calls per year. CAL FIRE staff at the base consists of one Battalion Chief, two Fire Captains and 5 seasonal firefighters. The complement of aircraft assigned includes, Air Attack 240, which is an OV-10 Bronco, and two S-2T air tankers, T-94 and T-95. These air tankers are capable of carrying 1200 gallons of fire retardant. Also assigned to the base is Air Attack 503, a King Air. This aircraft is used as a training platform for new Air Tactical Group Supervisors students. (ATGS)

FLY FISHING ON THE Lower Sacramento River



The Sacramento River below Shasta Dam - known as the Lower Sacramento, or "Lower Sac" - has to be rated as among the best tailwater fisheries in the country.

ITS WILD RAINBOWS are big, tough, and plentiful, and the river's controlled flows, combined with northern California's temperate climate - result in near-optimum fishing conditions nearly every day of the year. Our guides concentrate on the 16 trout-filled miles between Redding and Anderson, and the 30 red-hot fly fishing miles as the river winds its way toward Red Bluff.

The character of the Lower Sacramento changes dramatically as it carves its way south through the Central Valley. The upper sections meander through the city, through parks, below office buildings, beside golf courses, and through the back yards of residential Redding, while downstream stretches flow through majestic canyons and designated wilderness areas. Each of the half dozen float trips cover from 6 to 14 miles during a typical fishing day, and our guides typically choose the best float for the day based on conditions.

THE SACRAMENTO RIVER was dammed just north of Redding in the early 40's, resulting in the formation of Shasta Lake, and the taming of the powerful flood waters that habitually threatened the rural communities and farmlands of the Central Valley. Whether by design or as a by-product, this flood control project guaranteed California agriculture millions of acre-feet of cheap water which could be utilized for agriculture, irrigation, and enough hydro-electric power to supply tens of thousands of homes. At the same time, the Sacramento River Delta began a catastrophic decline, and one of the most formidable runs of Chinook Salmon in the world was decimated.

When we opened The Fly Shop® in 1978, the tail water below the dam, now commonly known as the Lower Sacramento River, could hardly be considered a quality trout fishery. The hatcheries were a failure, and the town of Redding had a population larger than spawning runs of salmon that had once numbered in the millions.

Then the California Department of Fish & Game, in a desperate search for a solution to the decline of the King Salmon hit upon the construction of a Temperature Control Device (TCD) to extract colder water from the depths of Shasta Lake and send it downstream. The logic was that cooler temperatures would enhance successful salmon spawning. In 1992 the TCD was completed, and the Lower Sacramento River near Redding maintains a consistent temperature today of approximately 56 degrees. These colder flows at first appeared to be working, as the salmon runs slowly began making a comeback. But the cooler, more consistent water temperatures have proven to be far more beneficial to the Sacramento River trout population.

Lake Redding Golf Course



The location of Lake Redding Golf Course being in downtown Redding makes this a great little par 29, nine hole course very convenient. In the summers they run night golf with glowing golf balls and cups. The fairways and greens are primarily Bermuda with some Poa Anna.

Kayaking on Whiskeytown Lake. Limited to 25 people.

Includes life jackets.



This starts at Brandy Creek Marina, and lasts several hours. Remember to bring you sunscreen and hats to this fun off-site event.

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Prices for Conference Registration and Events

Registration prices:

Registration Time	Price
At Bay City Spring Conference	\$109
Early Registration, postmarked by June 15, 2017	\$129
Standard Registration, postmarked by August 15, 2017	\$135
Late Registration, postmarked after August 15, 2017, and onsite registration	\$155
One Day (Includes Saturday Night's Dinner)	\$99

Event prices:

	Time	Price
Thursday, September 28, 2016		
Hospitality at Red Lion, ordure's (cost included with Registration for 99s) Guest cost	6:00 to 8:00 PM	\$30
Friday, September 29, 2017		
Kayaking	9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	\$65
Shasta Dam Tour	12:30 to 4:00 PM	\$20
Dinner-- Bridge Bay Resort on Shasta Lake Southwest Fiesta Buffet	6:00 to 8:30 PM	\$49
Saturday, September 30, 2017		
Fly Fishing in Lower Sacramento River	6:00 to 11:00 AM	\$459 for 2 anglers
Golf at Lake Redding (9 Holes Course)	8:00 AM to Noon	\$20 for 9 holes/ \$12 for Cart for 9 holes)
Sundial Bridge, Arboretum, and Turtle Bay	1:00 to 4:00 PM	\$25
CalFire/Forest Service Tour	1:30 to 4:00 PM	\$20
Dinner—Red Lion (Cost Included with Registration For 99s) Guest cost	6:00 PM to 8:30 PM	\$49

Notes:

Thursday, September 28, 2017

Hospitality at Red Lion, includes a no host bar, and the price of 49-1/2s or guests is \$30

Friday, September 29th, 2017

Kayaking limited to 25 persons, life jackets are included in price

Shasta Dam Tour limited to 40 persons

Dinner at Bridge Bay on Shasta Lake, name of restaurant has been changed to The Cookhouse

Saturday, September 30th, 2017

Golf at Lake Redding (9 Hole Course), but 18 holes can be played for an additional cost

Banquet Dinner—Guests or 49-1/2s for Saturday night is \$49, includes a no host bar, and entrée:

- 1) Chicken Marsala w/mashed potatoes and veg.
- 2) Chargrilled Salmon Fillet w/mashed potatoes and veg.
- 3) Eggplant Parmesan.