

Field Training Session
2010 Santa Cruz Long-Toed Salamander Workshop
Field Session 1

PLEASE READ THIS
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Meeting Time and Place

We plan on meeting promptly at 9:00 a.m. at the Elkhorn National Estuarine Research Reserve main parking lot. We will return to that parking lot by 1:00 p.m. Details on meeting location may be changed during the classroom portion of the workshop, so please be sure to adjust your plans accordingly

It is very important that you arrive on time! Please leave enough time for traffic, for getting lost, and so forth. We will begin promptly at 4:30 and depart very shortly thereafter to places where you cannot meet us. In an emergency only, call organizer Grey Hayes at (831) 905-8561

Supplies and equipment

A CLEAN pair of waders or waterproof boots is required for the field session. Clean means scrubbed and dirt-less, as well as rinsed off with any substance guaranteed to remove diseases that could spread from pond to pond. Bleach is suggested at a 10% solution. Boots will be adequate if participants do not wish to venture into the water, but waders would provide the ability to conduct a thorough field investigation.

Also, the instructors request that you bring: field guides, camera, field notebook, hat, water bottle, sunscreen, and field clothes. Please be prepared for many hours in the field far away from our vehicles.

If you have a dip net, please bring that along, too. Practice with your own dip net could help prepare you for future surveys for this species.

Carpooling

See the workshop web page 2 weeks prior to the event to download and view a contact list of those registered for the workshop. You can contact others registered if you would like to ride share to the event.

We will be taking just 4 vehicles to the field site, so that you cannot leave the field session early or arrive late.

Restrooms

There are no restroom facilities at the field location.

Comfort and Safety

Please be prepared for our sometimes very chilly conditions or high heat. Participants have been ill prepared in the past for the cold, windy, foggy, and moist conditions that are typical here on the coast. There is a possibility that it will rain, and fog can sometimes precipitate as if it were

rain. On the other hand, we can get high heat and no wind during this time of year, so also be prepared for those conditions. The field locations contain bodies of water within which participants will be surveying. The sides of these pools are slippery, there is mud, and there are no trained lifeguards as part of the training. If you are concerned about your ability to swim, manage slippery aquatic conditions in field equipment, etc., please let the instructors or workshop organizers know.

We will not be providing food or beverage as part of the field training session. If you are concerned about these items, please be sure to bring them yourself.

The sites may also present the following hazards: ticks, leaches, fleas, mosquitoes, other biting insects, poison oak, and rattlesnakes. Difficult to penetrate shrub communities surround the sites; the field session includes opportunity to assess upland habitat and some participants may wish to explore this typically difficult territory. The sites have uneven ground and travel to and from the vehicles may include uneven surfaces and short, moderately difficult hikes.