



YELLOWSTONE FOREVER

YELLOWSTONE SUMMER SOLSTICE LANDSCAPE & WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

Itinerary & Details

FIELD SEMINAR – SUMMER 2024

INSTRUCTOR: Kevin League, M.A.

INSTRUCTOR BIOGRAPHY: Kevin is a Helena, Montana based award-winning professional landscape, lifestyle, and wildlife photographer, capturing Montana and the western United States' most beautiful, fleeting, and fascinating moments. He has been a student of photography for several decades beginning as a teenager when his parents handed down their 35mm film Nikon cameras to him. Fast forward a few decades later, Kevin would establish his photography business in 2015, and in 2020 he opened a gallery in downtown Helena, fulfilling a lifelong dream and quickly becoming one of Montana's favorite new visual artists.

Inspired by early conservation photographers, Kevin believes his ability to share the beauty of our last best places will inspire others to respect, protect, and enjoy them. Kevin has dedicated his life to conservation through his photography, educational workshops and throughout a career protecting natural places that has spanned over 20 years with governmental and non-governmental organizations.

ACTIVITY LEVEL: This course is activity **level 2** and students enrolled in this course are expected to be active participants. Be prepared to hike up to 3 miles per day, comfortably, with elevation gains up to 600 feet. Some off-trail hiking possible.

**All field activities will be conducted as a group. If participants cannot meet the activity level expectations during the program, they may be restricted from participation in daily outings. Program itineraries or activities will not be altered to accommodate participants who cannot meet the expectations of the stated activity level.*

LOCATION: Lamar Buffalo Ranch – Yellowstone National Park, WY

PROGRAM DATES & TIMES: The program begins at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, and goes through Friday, June 21, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

LODGING CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT: Lodging check-in begins at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 and lodging check-out is at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 21, 2024.

MEALS: This course is not catered. Participants will need to bring their own food; lunch should be able to travel in the field.

For general information about the facilities, preparation for classes, what to expect, cancellation policies, and more, please see the [Lamar Buffalo Ranch - Summer General Information](#) document.

PROGRAM ITINERARY

Early Summer is one of the most splendid times for you to capture Yellowstone's wildlife and stunning landscape! This workshop is all about focusing on capturing the park's pristine scenery and abundant wildlife. The timing of this workshop is intended to coincide with major wildflower blooms. You will explore the park's northern region from Lamar Valley and beyond, stopping to capture with your camera the park's inspiring spring landscape while searching for elusive predators like wolves, foxes, and coyotes, as well as large mammals like big-horned sheep, moose, elk, bison, and mule deer. Immerse yourself and your camera during Yellowstone's most exciting and arguably most beautiful season! While you will spend most of your time together in the field, there will be some limited classroom time for discussing camera technique, creative composition, and post-processing strategies.

The itinerary is designed to take advantage of the best opportunities in the park, but may be adjusted to adapt to weather conditions, wildlife activity, holidays, and road construction.

The details and timing of the agenda are subject to change.

Day 1 **Welcome**

The course will begin with some time in the classroom discussing camera technique and settings for landscape and wildlife photography. Afterwards you will head out to a location close to the ranch for a sunset shoot.

Day 2 - 3 **In the Field!** It will be an early start (before sunrise ~5:30 a.m.) and a late evening (a little after sunset ~9 p.m.). There will be some time mid-day for taking some well-deserved downtime as you will likely circle back to the Buffalo Ranch for a break before heading out again in the afternoon.

Day 4 **Check-Out**

Check out of cabins by 9:00 a.m. The course will conclude with an Adobe Lightroom image development session in the classroom.

PROGRAM EQUIPMENT

For a full list of what is included in this course, in addition to recommended equipment check out the [Lamar Buffalo Ranch - Summer General Information](#) document.

Items specific to this course are:

- 1 or 2 DSLR or Mirrorless Camera body(ies)
- Tripod – good quality, sturdy. Hex wrench to tighten bolts.
- Camera manual(s)
- Extra batteries and chargers
- Wide angle lens (14-35mm) - for landscape
- Medium lens (24-120mm)- for landscape
- Long lens (200-600mm) - for wildlife
- Teleconverter - optional
- Spare liner gloves
- Microfiber or dry cloths – for moisture maintenance
- Weather covering for camera/lens
- Camera backpack
- Laptop with a card reader (Optional).

RECOMMENDED READING

There are books and reference materials at the ranch for the class to enjoy during the stay. In addition to those materials, the following recommended readings are not required but may enhance the visit.

- National Park Service. *2023 Resource and Issues Handbook*. NPS, 2023.

WHOM TO CONTACT

For any questions, concerns, or additional information please contact the following:

- Program itinerary, health forms, payment, and general program questions please contact Yellowstone Forever at institute@yellowstone.org or 406-848-2400
- Road updates, park conditions, and general park information please contact Yellowstone National Park Service at <https://www.nps.gov/yell/contacts.htm>
- If running late for a program, please contact 406-848-2400.