

2023 Cal-PBR WORKSHOP FAQs

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WHERE IS THE Cal-PBR WORKSHOP?

During the 2 days in the field—October 12-13, 2023—we will be camping and meeting at 8:30 am each morning of training at what is often called “Hunters Camp”—a dispersed campsite on U.S. Forest Service land, located [here](#): 40°09'26.9"N 121°17'23.9"W. Recommended route to avoid high clearance logging roads is to take 32 out of Chico to 36 to 89, then take Humboldt Rd and Road 27N04 to the dispersed camping area. You may arrive at Hunters Camp the afternoon-evening of Wednesday, October 11, and feel free to camp Friday, October 13. Porta potties will be onsite Oct. 11-14. The location of activities during the training will be made available on an Avenza map the week before the training but will be subject to changes.

Detailed written directions and map from Chico, CA, to Hunters Camp dispersed group camping area are provided in a separate document, and the link is on the Cal-PBR website. Chester, CA, is the closest town to pick up any needed or forgotten essentials, supplies, goods, or fuel.

IS THERE ANYTHING I NEED TO DO BEFORE CAL-PBR TRAINING?

Please review informational resources from past trainings, found on the Cal-PBR Network website [here](#). We ask that you download and review any course materials in advance of heading to Yellow Creek as there is limited cell reception. PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN a signed Cal-PBR Training Liability Waiver to syd.godfrey@sierrafund.org via email prior to your arrival. In the case that you arrive without a signed liability waiver submitted, we will have a handful on hand.

WHAT AMENITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT CAL-PBR TRAINING?

For the Cal-PBR Training at Yellow Creek, you should be prepared for limited amenities while camping. This means no showers, **no potable drinking water**, no picnic tables, and no trash service. Please bring your own and plenty of water and food and be prepared to put food and trash away in your car each night so that we do not attract the attention of wildlife. Leave no trace and pack out what you pack in. There will be port-a-johns available at Hunters Camp, but please be prepared to bring your own toilet paper as a back-up.

There is no reception in the riparian areas, okay reception at Hunters Camp, and great cell reception on “the causeway” road that bisects the valley.

Campfires are permitted within established rings at the campsite. A campfire permit is required: <https://www.readyforwildfire.org/permits/campfire-permit/>

If you're not up for camping, lodging options are available in Chester, CA. Chester recommendations include Best Western Rose Quartz (government rate honored only if you call their direct number 530-258-2002) and Antlers Motel. We highly encourage you to make your reservations in Chester ASAP.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING TO Cal-PBR TRAINING?

In order for the Cal-PBR Training to be efficient in terms of achieving on-the-ground objectives, everyone attending needs to be prepared to take care of their own day-to-day needs. Safety of all participants comes first, and you can help keep things running smoothly by anticipating what your own personal needs are for staying safe, warm (or cool), dry, fed, and hydrated. Basics you should be prepared to bring for yourself are listed below by category.

- **CAMPING GEAR:** Tent (including stakes, rainfly and footprint or tarp), sleeping pad, sleeping bag, pillow, flashlight, and camp chair. Remember—weather can be variable, so when you set up, it always pays to set up with the worst weather in mind. It gets **cold** at night, so bring enough warm sleeping gear.
- **COOKING GEAR:** Camp stove and fuel, pots/pans, utensils, plate/cup/flatware, and a portable table.
- **WATER:** We will **NOT** have access to potable water in the group camping area. Be sure to **bring plenty of water for your drinking, cooking, rinsing, and washing needs.** Bring a water bottle that you can carry during the day.
- **FOOD:** Plan to bring an ice chest to keep perishable foods fresh. Bring easy to consume snacks in addition to meals. Bring lots of food! Hard work outside tends to make folks extra hungry. Thursday night we will be having a BYOB campfire with smores provided!
- **CLOTHING:** Please bring clothing appropriate for work outdoors and in cold water (less than 50 °F). Generally, this means long pants and long-sleeved shirts, socks, and hiking shoes or work boots, and camp slippers. Always bring rain gear just in case. Always bring a sunhat, sunglasses, and a warm knit hat. Work gloves and warm gloves will keep you comfortable. In some circumstances and depending on your planned level of involvement, mud boots, waders, or water shoes are appropriate. Temperatures in the valley can vary greatly in one day so be prepared for anything from very hot (90 °F) days and cold (25 °F) nights.
- **OTHER:** Please bring any medications you require or anticipate needing (i.e. prescriptions, aspirin, antihistamines), flashlights, paper towels, garbage bags, large Ziploc bags (great for food and other storage needs), baby wipes (great for sticky hands, dirty faces, and other clean- up), lip balm, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, bug repellent, toothbrush/paste, towel, and whatever other grooming essentials you require.
- **FIELD GEAR:** This is a hands-on training, so dress appropriately to jump in and get wet and dirty: sturdy boots (ideally waterproof), pants, hat, eye protection, work gloves, and waders* (chest or hip) and knee pads if you have them.

We will supply equipment and tools; however, the more tools we have the more “hands on” we can be. So you are encouraged to bring your own shovels, rock bars, loppers, hammers, hand

saws, post-pounders, and hard hats, etc. If you've got shovels, loppers, pick axes, and other cutting/digging implements, those will be useful.

Please bring a backpack for carrying personal gear (extra clothes, food, water) and equipment (as needed) as well as any personal gear you would like to have along (field guides, binoculars, cameras, field notebooks, etc.).

*Waders are nice, but far from necessary. We've been wet wading everything, and it's fine. A few days shoveling and wading around will kill most running/hiking shoes, so consider hitting a thrift store and buying a cheap pair you're willing to toss afterwards. Ditto socks. If you're going to work in the water, quick-dry pants will be your friend, and jeans/Carhartts your enemy. If you're going to work in the dry collecting materials, work pants are better. Same with gloves—leather turns to soup in the water, and you'll be better off with nitrile work gloves. Leather's better on land.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME DURING Cal-PBR TRAINING?

Be well prepared for working outside all day in various weather conditions. We expect that if something is wrong you let us know immediately. If you are not feeling well, are unsure, have forgotten something, need help, or have any questions let us know! We want you to feel good, be safe, and have fun. We also expect you to be a flexible team player, exercise good judgment, be respectful, and listen to team leads. While a PBR build is a low-hazard environment and we usually encourage all ages and families, to foster a more focused learning environment, we respectfully request that pets, children, and non-attendeess be left at home.