




TAFT-NICHOLSON CENTER
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES EDUCATION



*John and Melody Taft,
the International Center for Earth Concerns,
& the University of Utah, College of Humanities*

*invite you to join a celebration for
Artist-in-Residence Program,
Taft-Nicholson Environmental Humanities Education Center
August 17-23, 2014*



You are invited to attend a very special and exciting seven days and six nights in Montana's beautiful and remote Centennial Valley, in the heart of the Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, one hour from Yellowstone National Park.

John and Melody Taft invite you to their wilderness ranch. Guests will have their own deluxe log cabins and enjoy gourmet cooking and a full bar.

Wilderness hiking, canoeing, fishing, horseback riding, bird-watching and just lounging beside one of several splendid ponds are all in the offing.

Space is limited, so please reserve by June 1st, 2014

RSVP to:

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Sample Schedule (*Subject to Change*)

Sunday, August 17: Guests Arrive

Guests may fly into one of three airports:
West Yellowstone, Montana: one hour from Taft Ranch
Idaho Falls, Idaho: two hours from Taft Ranch
Bozeman, Montana: three hours from Taft Ranch

Ground transportation will be provided for guests flying into West Yellowstone. Guests arriving at other airports may rent cars and request driving directions to the ranch. After arriving at the Taft Ranch, guests will have a chance to get acquainted over sundowners and dinner.

Monday, August 18: Red Rock Lakes Wildlife Refuge

8:30 AM- Breakfast. Guests will have an opportunity to relax at the ranch, canoe, hike or go birding.

11 AM- Leave for a picnic lunch and tour of the Red Rock Lakes Wildlife Refuge, home to dozens of species of waterfowl and other bird life.

The afternoon will conclude with sundowners at one of the scenic vistas in the Centennial Valley, followed by dinner back at the Taft Ranch.

Tuesday, August 19: Artists-in-Residence Day, Taft-Nicholson Environmental Humanities Center

8:30 AM – Breakfast.

10 AM- Leave for Taft-Nicholson Environmental Humanities Center in Lakeview, Montana, a restored town in the Centennial Valley. The environmental research and education center is owned and operated by the University of Utah, College of Humanities. Learn about the fascinating history of this pioneer town and its new unique role in protecting and preserving the ecosystem of the Centennial Valley.

Noon- Picnic lunch at Lakeview.

Afternoon- Guests will have an opportunity to visit with the artists in residence at the center and participate in creating art.

5 PM- Return to the Taft Ranch for sundowners and dinner.

Wednesday, August 20: Elk Lake, Centennial Valley

8:30 AM – Breakfast.

10 AM- Jeep rides to beautiful Elk Lake to see wildlife, including pronghorn antelope, moose, hawks, falcons, and magnificent wildflowers.

Noon- Picnic Lunch at Elk Lake.

Afternoon tour of other parts of the Centennial Valley.

5 PM- Return to the Taft Ranch for sundowners and dinner.

Thursday, August 21: Free for Individual Guest Activities

8:30 AM – Breakfast.

Guests may choose to go fishing at Henry's Lake, horseback riding, canoeing, bird watching, painting, and more.

Friday, August 22: Free for Individual Guest Activities

8:30 AM – Breakfast.

Guests may choose to go fishing at Henry's Lake, horseback riding, canoeing, bird watching, painting, and more.

Saturday, August 23: Guests Depart

8:30 AM Breakfast, followed by guests' departures.



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TRAVEL DETAILS

Getting there:

Guests can book flights into one of three airports: West Yellowstone, Montana; Idaho Falls, Idaho; or Bozeman, Montana. These are located one, two and three hours, respectively, from the Taft Ranch.

Accommodations:

Guests will stay in comfortable log cabins situated around a small pond with spectacular view of the valley and mountains. All cabins accommodate up to two guests each and have king beds and bathrooms.

Meals:

Gourmet cuisine will be prepared by Melody Taft and the staff. All meals are served family-style. Efforts will be made to accommodate special dietary needs - please let us know in advance.

Climate:

Days are usually sunny, with temperatures ranging from the mid-to-high 70's. Nights are cool (usually in the 40's). Occasional afternoon showers may occur.

Dress:

Daytime activities are most suitable for casual outdoor clothes. Jackets and skirts are expected at dinner.

Gear:

Be sure to bring insect repellent, binoculars, camera, hiking shoes or boots, hat, sunglasses, and rain gear.

COST

\$2500/couple \$1500/individual All-inclusive

Your donation to the International Center for Earth Concerns (ICEC) is tax deductible to the full extent of the law.

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