

ALUMNI ADVENTURES

Explore the world with Carleton College

Classroom by the Sea

Frequently Asked Questions

What's this trip really going to be like?

If you've ever been to a professional conference, it'll be something similar to that. Asilomar Conference Grounds offers us opportunities for hiking, swimming, biking, and more. We will not be going off-site during this adventure.

There will be ample time to connect as a group and individually with our faculty members. This trip presents us a unique opportunity to return to the classroom so our time "in session" will be focused on facilitated discussions and presentations (similar to an Alumni College or TED-style talk at Reunion). Faculty will also be part of our informal social time, during meals, receptions, and free time.

How do I communicate individual needs to the conference center?

In November, registered participants will receive confirmation of their payment. At that time participants will be able to communicate individual needs to the conference center. If you would like to speak with Asilomar directly to determine activity and lodging accessibility, please call the front desk: 831-372-8016.

We will be housed at Asilomar, in hotel-style rooms. All rooms offer private bathrooms.

How do I get to and from the airport?

Please visit Asilomar's website for car and public transit options:
<http://www.visitasilomar.com/discover/getting-here/>

If enough registered participants want it, Carleton staff will organize a carpooling listserv. Please contact Aliza Ross (aross@carleton.edu) if you are interested in this option.

I want to bring my children along. Will there be childcare available?

The ideal age for this adventure is college-age and up. Childcare will not be provided and child-friendly activities are not being planned.

How active is this trip? How physically fit do I need to be?

This trip is as active as you want it to be. Free time for exploring Asilomar is just that.

We do recommend, however, that if you choose to go hiking or exploring on the beach, you go with at least one other person. You are responsible for your own whereabouts.

What kind of weather can I expect?

While we will be in California, it will still be February. The weather may afford us some sun and comfortable though cool temperatures. We recommend packing layers so you can dress to your comfort during time we spend indoors and outdoors.

Asilomar provides a heated pool. If you are interested in open-water swimming, you may wish to pack a wetsuit to keep warm.

Is there WiFi access at the conference center?

Yes.

What should I wear for this?

Generally, we hope you will dress for comfort. What you wear to a Carleton Reunion is appropriate for this adventure, though we would like to emphasize that most will be comfortable with layered clothing. Below is a suggested packing list of additional items you might wish to bring along:

- Sweater (especially one that can be layered easily if you get chilly)
- Long pants
- Hiking shoes
- Bathing suit (or wetsuit if you want to open-water swim)
- Sunscreen

What kind of communication should I expect from Carleton staff?

Staff will email the participant group approximately three times between registration and the trip to provide more information and answer general questions. In interim periods, feel free to connect with Aliza Ross (aross@carleton.edu).

What if, at the last minute, I can no longer attend the trip?

Please let us know as soon as possible if you need to cancel. We will take care of informing the conference center. If we are able to fill your spot on the trip we will grant you a refund.