

SNRS Use Requirements and Preconditions

In applying for use of SNRS facilities, all guests agree to abide by the following:

Application Procedure

Visitors are asked to use our on-line registration system and calendar to apply for access to the facility and to describe their intended use (see website). Applicants can use the system to request specific housing and classroom space; every effort will be made to accommodate requests within the limits of congruent station use. All reservations must be approved in advance by the station manager.

Waiver of Liability

Non-UC visitors wishing to use the field station **must** submit a signed “Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement” form prior to or upon arrival (available for download from our website).

Visitors must also listen to an orientation talk upon arrival, agree to adhere to the station rules outlined in this document, and acknowledge that they have reviewed and understood the safety-related information (see the “Fire, Emergency and Medical Information,” “Vector-borne Disease,” and “Living with Wild Animals”) contained both in the visitor manual and on our “info” web page. Failure to comply or breach of agreement will result in immediate expulsion from the facility. Some failures are violation of federal law and could even result in a citation.

Permits

SNRS Yosemite Field Station is in Yosemite National Park. Station visitors are required to obtain any applicable permits prior to beginning work in the Park or in the adjacent Sierra National Forest. See our website for more information.

Fees

Fees will be assessed for your stay at the SNRS Yosemite Field Station. All guest fees go directly toward operation of the station. For current rates, see our website.

Code of conduct

In addition to abiding by Yosemite National Park rules, guests must abide by the University of Merced Code of Conduct, found here: <http://studentlife.ucmerced.edu/content/uc-conduct-standards>. Unsafe or illegal behavior, harassment, and bullying are prohibited. Please report problems to the station director. When you stay at the Yosemite Field Station, you are in a neighborhood with long-term residents; be a good neighbor and limit noise, drive carefully, and be respectful of the community.

Facility use, cleanliness, and maintenance

Guests must keep facilities clean during their stay, and thoroughly clean all facilities used upon departure. There is no housekeeping at the station. Guests must not leave behind personal belongings, trash, or food. If guests wish to donate items to the station, they may

be dropped off at the office with the permission of station staff. Report any maintenance issues to station staff. Failure to keep station facilities clean may result in an invoice for cleaning and/or repairs and loss of use privileges.

Guests of SNRS Guests

Your personal guests are welcome at SNRS if the station director is notified in advance and space is available, reserved through the RAMS system. Since they do not receive the standard SNRS orientation, it is your responsibility to inform your visitors of the rules outlined here. Any breach of rules by your guest(s) is your responsibility and may result in your own loss of privileges. Guests are expected to fulfill all the duties of regular station guests, including cleaning and payment of applicable fees.

Safety

Visitors should be familiar with the safety information available on our “info” web page. Each cabin contains a binder of information about the station, including safety and medical facility information.

Pet Policy

No pets are allowed. Service animals are permitted; notify the station director prior to arrival.

Annual Summary

Researchers agree to provide an annual summary of work undertaken in relation to studies done at the SNRS field station. Please provide the following by June 30 of each year (the summary and list of publications will be published in the SNRS Annual Report and on the SNRS web page):

- brief summary of your research accomplishments, including the title of the project, a
- list of all participants on the project with their affiliations
- list of your current publications based on research done at the SNRS field station (complete references)
- one electronic copy of *all* published materials (e.g., papers, book chapters, abstracts, tech reports, etc.) resulting from your research (email to the Station director). Please acknowledge the *University of California Merced, Sierra Nevada Research Station, Yosemite Field Station* in any publication resulting from use of the reserve.
- source of funding for your project, dates of funding, and the funding amount

SNRS Acknowledgment

To ensure that the University of California, the Sierra Nevada Research Stations, and Yosemite National Park are properly recognized, the following acknowledgments must be included in all publications, theses, reports, etc. that benefit from use of SNRS sites or research support:

“This work was performed (in part) at the University of California, Merced, Sierra Nevada Research Station, in Yosemite National Park”

“This work was supported by a grant from the University of California, Merced, Sierra Nevada Research Stations”

Submission of Bibliographic Data

Whenever you work at an SNRS field station, you must provide the SNRS with the full bibliographic citation - whether you did a report, thesis, book, research paper, conference proceedings, or other publication. You must do this within six months of publication.

Please include “Sierra Nevada Research Station” and “Yosemite National Park” as key words in every manuscript you prepare. You must provide an electronic version (PDF file) to the manager of your reserve. Failure to deposit bibliographic information as requested may lead to automatic denial of future use applications.

Submission of Metadata

Whenever you create a dataset from work you do at the SNRS, you must fill out a form that describes your dataset, including:

- title of the dataset
- your name
- your mailing address
- your e-mail address
- an abstract (500 words maximum)
- keywords, and
- the temporal/spatial coverage of your data.

Please email these metadata to the SNRS station director.

If your work involves ongoing, multiyear studies, please submit your metadata database entry at the end of the second year of your investigations and, once again, when you complete the study. Failure to deposit Metadata information as requested may lead to automatic denial of future use applications.