

TOUR GUIDES FIELD SCHOOL

Tropical Coast: 6 - 7 December 2013

You are invited to participate in our next Wet Tropics Tour Guides Field School, being held on the Tropical Coast around Tully Valley and Mission Beach 6–7 December 2013. This two day event will welcome Tour Guides, locals, tourism businesses, Visitor Information Centre staff, land managers, traditional owners, researchers and government agency representatives for valuable information sharing and network building. Our field trips and presentations will provide valuable natural and cultural insights, and we'll enjoy some memorable times together in our spectacular National Landscape, including more fabulous prizes in our fun competitions.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thursday 5 December 2013

Early arrivals are welcome to join us for an informal night on Thursday at [Echo Creek](#), Tully Valley. Thursday dinner (6.30pm) and Friday breakfast is available for a small charge – see registration form.

Friday 6 December 2013

0900 Registration opens with tea and coffee at Echo Creek
 0930 Workshop commences with Welcomes and introductions all round. Through the day we'll walk to a traditional healing pond in the rainforest, have interactive workshops on our diverse customers and how to interpret those tricky Wet Tropics plants, hear exciting updates on the Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program and developments on the Tropical Coast and more. After dinner Jack and Sue Hasenpusch of the [Insect Farm](#) will reveal tonight's catch in the night light and talk about our spectacular insects. Overnight at Echo Creek.

Saturday 7 December 2013

After an optional early bird walk and breakfast we'll drive to Fruit Forest farm, an amazing example of harmonious agriculture and new tour product riding in a converted banana trailer. The interpretive Tropical Fruit Safari Tasting session will open your mind and your taste buds! We'll visit C4 - The Community for Coastal and Cassowary Conservation and learn about guiding experiences around the world. An afternoon walk around the prime Cassowary habitat of [Djiru National Park](#)'s Lacey Creek will investigate post cyclone flora and fauna recovery.

1600 Workshop closes, Lacey Creek

(Note: program is subject to change, including more great additions)

- **Accommodation** - please arrange your accommodation for Thursday 5 and/or Friday 6 March with Echo Creek as required. See registration form for details (not included in registration fee).
- **Transport** - participants must make their own transport arrangements to/from Echo Creek – lifts may be available if required. Cooperative transport among participants will be arranged between workshop locations.
- **Please bring** - walking shoes, rain gear, day pack, water bottle, hat, sunscreen, insect repellent, torch, notepad & pens/pencils. Bird field guides and binoculars. Towel, sleeping gear, AND BYO alcohol!
- **Bonus Offer** – Book [Ingan Tours Tully Kayak Tour](#) on Sunday for only \$75.00 per person. Phone Sonya on 0448 067 227 for details.



ABOUT THE WET TROPICS TOUR GUIDE PROGRAM

This two day field school is a part of the [Wet Tropics Tour Guide Program](#) which provides professional development opportunities for interpreters of the Wet Tropics. Other components include:

- The online Wet Tropics Tour Guide Course - three accredited units in natural landscapes, cultural elements and commentary delivery run by [Industry Accreditation](#);
- E-Newsletter & [Facebook community](#) to share experiences;
- Access to resources on the Wet Tropics website;
- One day workshops, family and research venue visits;
- Links to the [Savannah Guides](#) network of guiding resources, field schools & professional development.



Please pass this information on through your networks.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Wet Tropics Tour Guides Field School: 6-7 December 2013

Name of Individual/s attending: _____

From – Operator /Organisation: _____

Email: _____ [print clearly]

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____ Fax: _____

Postal Address: _____

Dietary or Medical Requirements: _____

- Please do not distribute my contact details to other participants after the Workshop
- I am willing to offer transfers on field trips for up to ____ passengers

2 Day Workshop Registration

\$160 Registration Fee

Your Registration Fee includes: Participation in all presentations and activities; Participant Kit; Friday 6 December Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner; Saturday 7 December Breakfast, Fruit and Wine Tasting, Fruit Farm Tour, Lunch.

Disclaimer: The program is correct at time of printing. Wet Tropics reserves the right to change the program without notice should unforeseen circumstances arise.

Conditions: Limit of 50 participants. Payment must be received to confirm registration/participation.

ACCOMMODATION

Please book your accommodation direct with Echo Creek: (07) 4068 9161 / michelle@echocreek.com.au
Choose from the student style options below. Thursday 5 December is available as well as Friday 6 December.

- Share Accommodation in dorm style hard based tents with stretchers and bunks, nearby amenities block. BYO sleeping gear (sleeping bag or sheets etc, pillow). \$15 per person per night
- Jackaroo Quarters Rooms (only 4 available!) each with 2-4 double bunk beds, share amenities, linen supplied. Book the room for yourself or to share. \$60 per room per night
- Camping in your tent or vehicle with use of amenities block \$10 per person per night

EARLY ARRIVAL OPTIONS

Meals are available for those arriving on Thursday evening.

- I will have dinner on Thursday 5 December at Echo Creek for \$20
- I will have breakfast on Friday 6 December at Echo Creek for \$10

PAYMENT CALCULATION

Registration Fee	\$160
Thu Dinner/Fri Breakfast	\$ ____
TOTAL PAYMENT	\$ ____

PAYMENT

Please tick and complete your payment method below:

- a) **Direct Deposit:** Account Name: Savannah Guides Ltd BSB: 034-167 Account No: 47-1141
To help identify your deposit please complete the reference/notes field on your transfer with your surname or company name. Please also email on info@savannah-guides.com.au to advise us of your payment.
I have paid by Direct Deposit on ____ / ____ /2013
- b) **Credit Card:** Please circle: VISA / Mastercard
Name on card: _____ Signature: _____
Card No: _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ Expiry date: ____ / ____
- c) **Cheque/Money Order:** Please make your cheque or money order payable to Savannah Guides Ltd and mail with your registration form to Savannah Guides, PO Box 2312 CAIRNS QLD 4870.
- d) **My enterprise** will be paying. Please send a tax invoice.

A Tax Invoice will be issued on receipt of payment. A \$40 per person administration fee applies to cancellations.

Please send your completed form to:

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