

Lincoln Hills Photo Club Field Trip Survey 2024

“Results & Recommendations”

September 2024

Survey Approach

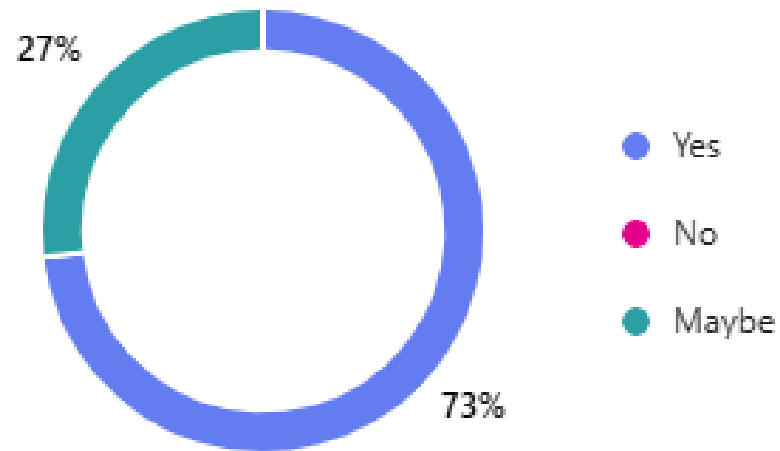
- Sent 170 survey email invites.
- Received 67 responses.
- All responses were done as anonymous.
- Nine questions were asked to address:
 - Subject of a field trip (topic, location)
 - Duration and frequency of a field trip
 - Approach to a field trip (learning, social content, repeat a subject/location, etc.)
 - Logistics and cost (access to lodging, food, distance, spending, etc.)

Summary Questions

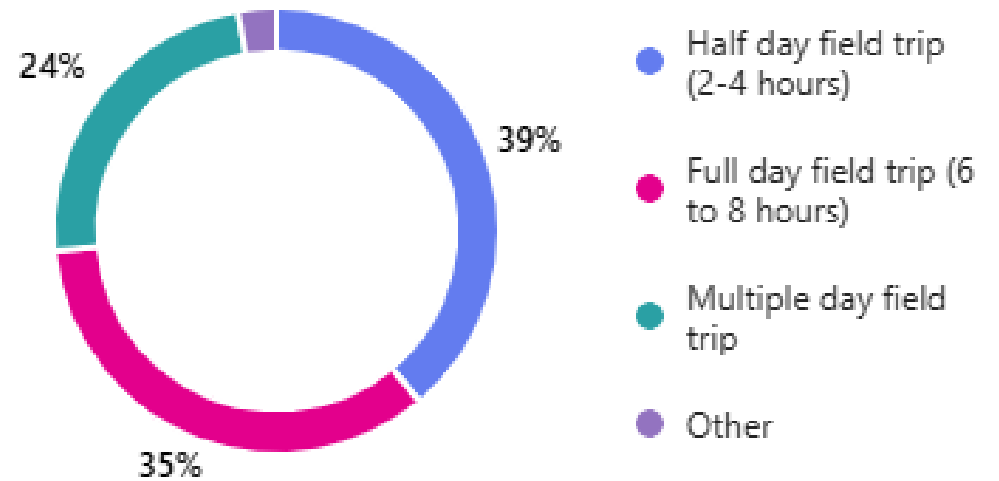
- ❑ Field Trip (FT) Interest: Yes – 73%. Maybe - 27%
- ❑ Field Trip Duration: Day/Less – 74%. Multi Day – 26%
- ❑ Day or Less FT Frequency: Monthly – 53%. Seasonal – 43%. Other – 4%
- ❑ Multi Day FT Frequency: Seasonal – 54%. Yearly – 34%. Other – 11%.
- ❑ Nature oriented FT was the most popular subject area.
- ❑ Budget/cost (multi-day) - \$1,000 per trip seemed to be the threshold.
- ❑ Trip characteristics most wanted: see new places, learn something new, hotel access, being in same area, some social activities.
- ❑ Received 27 comments for subject/events ideas.
- ❑ Received 23 comments for improving FT's (scheduling, communication, trip resource that know the area, consider physical limitations, etc.)

Questions 1 – 2 Details

1. Are you interested in attending any type of field trip? ↗

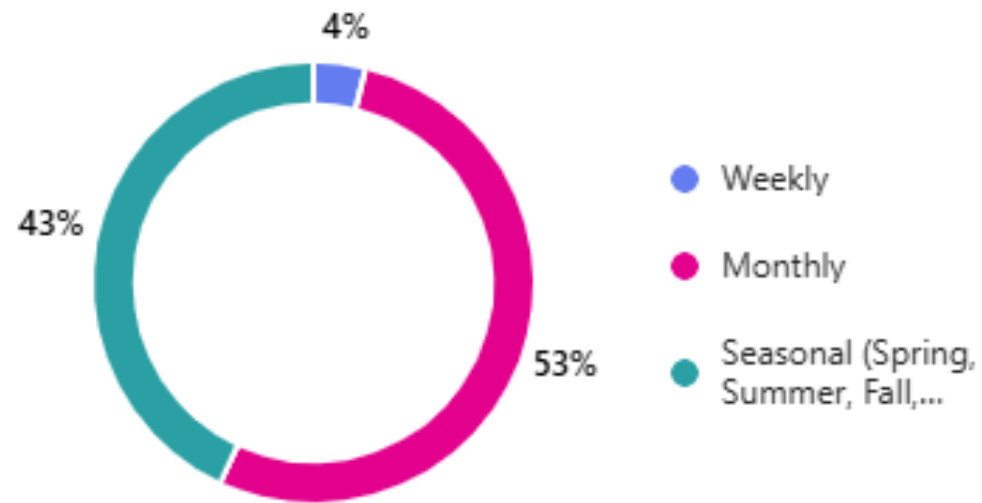


2. What type of field trip do you prefer to go on (select all ... ↗

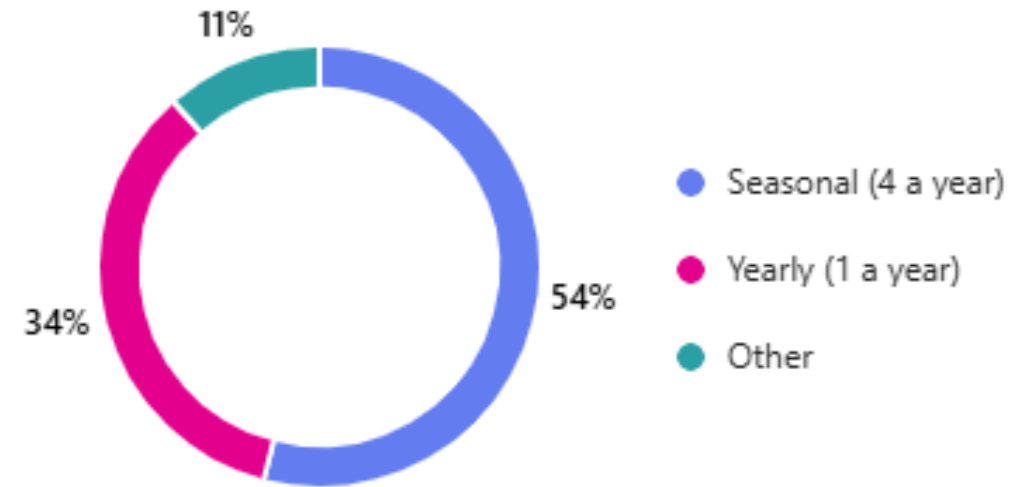


Questions 3 – 4 Details

3. How often would you recommend we do Half or Full ... ↗



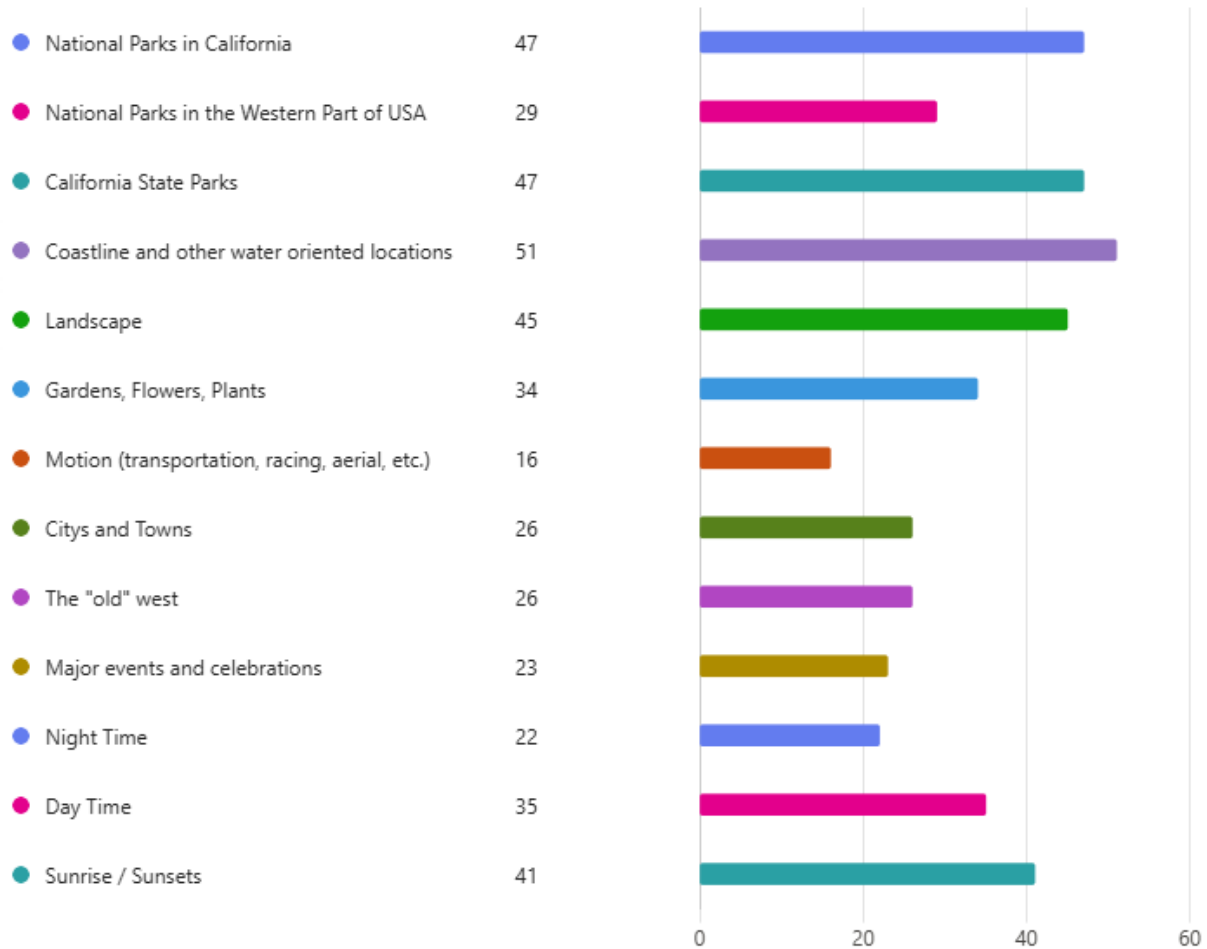
4. How often would recommend we do Multi Day Field T... ↗



Question 5 Detail

5. What would be ideal places you would like to visit on a field trip (select as many as you would like)?

66 Responses



Nature and outdoor oriented trips dominate with a focus on the dramatic light impacts (sunrise/sunsets) averaged 40 people.

Events, architecture and history oriented interested an averaged of 22 people.

#6 What other areas, events or places would like to see included in field trips?

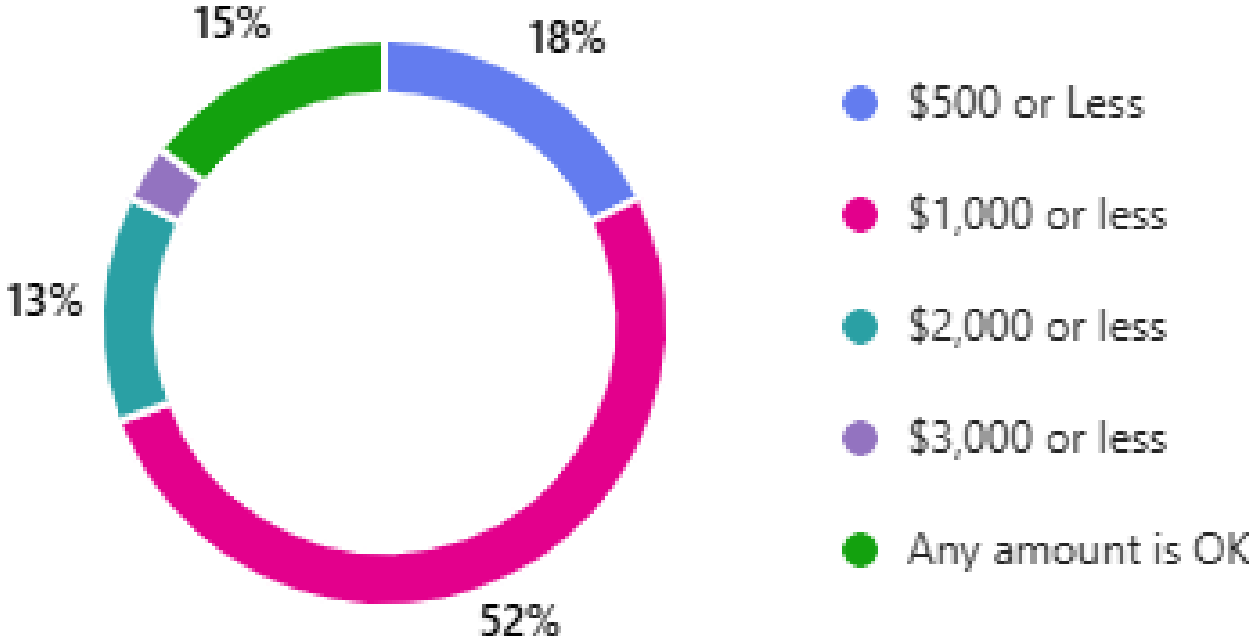
1	Events with people in character are fun.	15	local events and scenery. day and night displaces. local school and their events (sports in particular). Drone perspectives. Flora/fauna seasonally featured. Color/face/feet/sky images. Feature local vocations and occupations (realtors, bar tenders, golfers, bicycles, swimmers. food service, etc.
2	Rodeo in Lincoln, Festivals, Parades, people having fun, wildlife, landscapes,	16	manufacturing plants of interest, ghost towns, mines, hiking trails,
3	Wine Tasting, and harvest time. Fall foliage. Indoor activities, museums, events in the winter time.	17	Different local events and options that we could travel to on our own time schedule and select our motel/hotel. Plus having a gathering point to exchange sites, routes and experiences.
4	Special Occasions.	18	Places of historical interest, Americana
5	#1. Fish hatchery during the Salmon run. #2. Folsom power house; Old Sac, sunrise or sunset.	19	Attend photography shows and lectures. 200
6	Bird sanctuaries, wildlife in general.	20	Death Valley, Anza Borrega desert, Bodie, Carrizzo Plain Nat'l Monument
7	Flower shows, architecture	21	Tulip festival, rose gardens
8	1. Ghost towns or near-ghost towns, such as Bodie, Old Shasta, Locke, Calico, Darwin, North Bloomfield, Laws, Randsburg, Shasta State Historic Park, Cerro Gordo and any associated special access, such as Bodie interiors. 2. County parks & regional areas of interest, such as Hidden Falls Regional Park or Sutter Buttes or Gray Lodge 3. Lakes & waterfalls	22	Milky Way and perhaps Andromeda, Orion etc.
9	I'm good with all the items listed in Item 5.	23	right now field trips are not on my "to do" list. Maybe sometime in the future. I'm not big on doing things in groups at this time.
10	You've thought of a lot!!	24	Pier 24 in San Francisco is closing for good in July 25. It might be nice to do a day trip to SF before it closes... Could do 1/2 day at Pier 24. Lunch. Then a 1/2 day shooting... Just a thought.
11	You covered it.	25	SCLH events and places
12	Lake Tahoe area Yosemite area doesn't have to be the park - fall or early spring to beat the crowds/expense Moss Landing - close to Monterey, less expensive Healdsburg and surrounding areas - fall is great colors Bodega Bay Area Shasta area - the dam is open for tours again, lakes and rivers abound, it's a large area	26	Places close to Lincoln, wetlands, Grey Lodge, gardens. I just returned from Ferndale where some of my family lives. It was beautiful weather there. I haven't been in the club very long and I understand you have been to the redwoods. It is a suggestion for a trip.
13	I have a limited vehicle for access so I unpaved roads are not a option as I camp where photo opportunities can be accessible for me to spend time!	27	Local
14	Wildlife. Birds. Natural areas not as crowded as major National and State Parks.		

Lots of good ideas for identifying trip subjects, places and timing.

Some could be one day trips while other would probably require a multi-day commitment.

Question 7 Detail

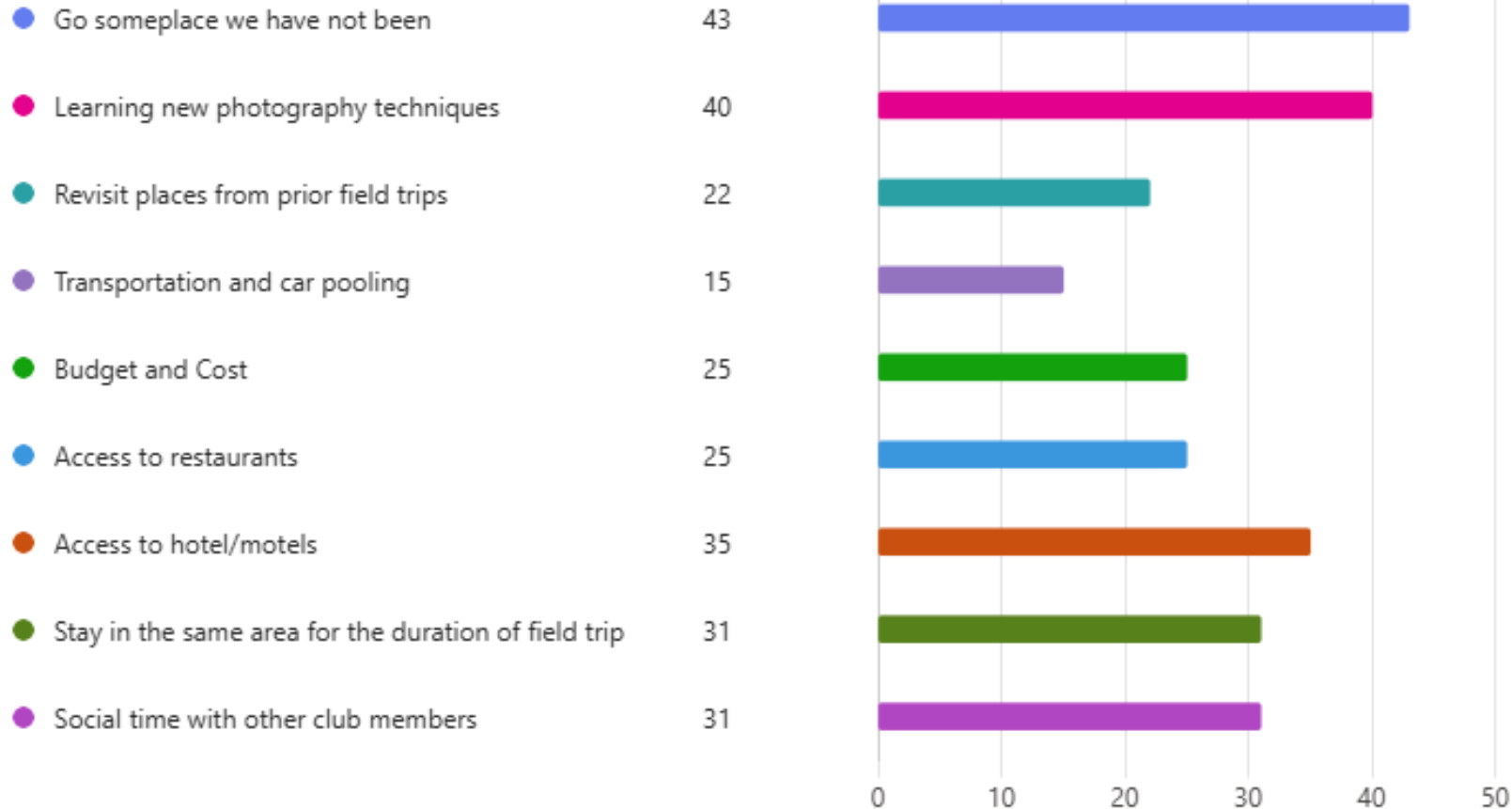
7. What is your expense (lodging, food) limit on a field tr... ↗



Question 8 Detail

8. What are the most important aspects of a field trip to you (select all that apply)?

67 Responses



Seeing something new and having some new learning photo opportunities are important as trips are identified and planned.

All this data provides some good guidelines.

#9 Additional information you would like to provide regarding field trips.

1	Need advance notification of trips at least a couple of months ahead of time.	13	Areas easy to access, fun to be at Allow time for non photo activities or be nearby to access such activities (hikes, wine tasting, shopping, etc
2	Make announcement after a pre planned trip and inform all club members. Do they wish to attend? RSVP after they buy their tickets or accomodation then email to confirm they will be attending. Need to set up a justification for cancelling trips.	14	I shoot both film and digital cameras so sometimes it's better to just have the opportunity to explore the world at different times and seasons!
3	Weather is an important factor, especially temperature. Trips should be planned around moderate temperatures at the destination.	15	Its tough for me to participate as I have physical limitations and often have conflicts with other groups and activities. Nothing can be done about that!
4	Having a club member who knows the location be there and guide us to great photo locations. I went for the Tahoe trip earlier this year. Les spent a 1/2 day with me driving me around and pointing out great phot possibilities.	16	See #6
5	I've appreciated the trip planning and resources provided by Les prior to the field trip. The post-trip get togethers are fun and improve the social connections we formed while on the trip.	17	Jim, I have really enjoyed your posts on Facebook and locations you have traveled that are not that far away. It's like knowing our neighbors within a few miles.
6	Specially selected times & places, such as places with hotels/motels close to scenic locations for sunsets / sunrises or spring flowers - close enough to arrive before crowds. Regional Land Trust events.	18	My husband and I do quiet abet of traveling. I would like to learn how to create better and more interesting photos. I would also like to learn various ways to organize my photos on my PC, the iClouds and iPhone.
7	Go to area where a club member knows the photo locations.	19	I'd be happy to help getting the information together.
8	Unable to answer item number 4 Other. My response would be a multi-day field trip twice a year, winter, spring or fall.	20	Limit travel time to 3-4 hours.
9	I'm new to the club so I don't know where y'all have already been so I'm game for anywhere but would prefer not to do a lot of driving at night.	21	We travel a lot
10	I don't have any at this moment.	22	Some of us were annoyed that the Milky Way trip to Caples lake was cancelled AFTER the club sanctioned the trip and non refundable reservations were made. Guidelines need to be followed for cancelling trips and exactly what criteria is used to cancel a trip? Since the club sactioned the trip, it should not have been cancelled.
11	I am probably the only one that does drone cinematography/photos so my suggestions take this into consideration. I also do regular photography but my priority is my flying camera. Im relatively new to using my flying camera but it is a total different perspective for video and photo.	23	Would prefer meals (such as dinner) are not scheduled at 4 p.m. We were left out on prior field trip, since meals were so early, which makes for a long evening for those that stay up late. I guess this is geared toward those that want to get up very early and photograph the sunrise.
12	When scheduling events (particularly those involving Landscape opportunities) it would be good to have the trip scheduled around some celestial events i.e., full moon rise, galaxy etc.		

Covers a range of learning opportunities, admin improvement, trip focus and improvement considerations.

Proposed Field Trip Structure Based on Survey

	Field Trip	FOTO OP
Duration	Multi Days Single Day	Full Day / Less
Frequency	Multi Day - Twice Yearly Single Day: 6 - 8	Any Time
Location	CA State, Sac Region, Local	Local
Cost	Multi-Day, Ideal: \$500 - \$1,000 Single Day, Ideal: \$100 <	\$50 <
Coordination	Provide Coordination Dependent on Scope. Provide Materials/Information Guides. Announcement: Meetings, Facebook, Webpages.	Announcement Only (Club Facebook)

Recommendations / Next Steps

- ❑ Create an annual calendar for field trips.
 - Publish and ask for pre-interest to gauge attendance.
 - Allows for greater lead-time to prepare for a trip (writing materials, scouting site, researching, etc.).
 - Address concerns about trip cancelations.

- ❑ Form a Field Trip team of 3-5 people.
 - With the quantity of requested interest in FT we need help to pull things together.