

Dear Master Class Participant,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to our **Winter Photography Master Class** at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. Whether there is snow or not, you'll get to see a side of Great Smoky Mountains National Park few visitors ever do.

This one-of-a-kind workshop led by veteran photographers Will Clay and Ken Thompson will feature the "creative uses of winter light." An emphasis will be placed on the use of focus stack techniques to create extreme depth of field for both landscape and close-up photographs. The workshop will also feature the conversion of color photographs to black & white. There will be formal lectures and instruction during this workshop on both focus stack and black & white conversions in the classroom and in the field. Class participants will present a short portfolio of their work on Sunday evening.

Plan to arrive and check in at our office on **Friday between 1:00pm and 5:00pm**. This will give you time to settle into the dorm before supper, which will be served promptly at 6:00pm. *Beginning at 2:00pm there will be an optional shooting session at Tremont along the Middle Prong. Even if you come after 2:00pm, you can join us along the river for a first look at the Smoky Mountains in winter.* After an exciting weekend the **program ends after breakfast on Monday**. (We do have an optional morning shoot, location TBA.)

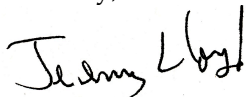
Weather & Things to Anticipate: Winter in the Smokies is typically moderate, but extremes do occur, especially at higher elevations. The average daily high temperature in January here in Walker Valley is 49 degrees Fahrenheit. So dress warm, bring raingear and extra socks, and expect the unexpected. Mother Nature follows her own schedule and we will adjust accordingly.

Read Your Visit to Tremont to learn important information you need to know about your visit. You'll also want to look over the Tentative Schedule where you can learn more about the workshop. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Please fill out the Health/Waiver Form and bring it with you at check-in. If you have special needs, dietary (see information at <http://www.gsmit.org/Food.html> for more specifics), medical, or otherwise, please send in your form at least 2 weeks before the program starts. This form must be filled out and turned in to us for you to participate in the class. Please note that food is not allowed in the dorm.

Once again, on behalf of all of us here in Walker Valley, welcome! We look forward to enjoying a lovely winter weekend with you.

Sincerely,



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