



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the **Springtime in the Smokies Photography Workshop** at Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont. What better place to celebrate spring and improve your nature photography skills than in Great Smoky Mountains National Park? Whether this is the first or twenty-first time you've participated in one of Tremont's many course offerings, we look forward to getting to know you. Please read this letter in full, as it contains information about our new procedures related to COVID-19.

Arrival and Departure:

Plan to arrive at Tremont on Friday between 4:00 and 5:00 pm in order to have enough time to move into the dorm and meet other participants before our 6:00 pm evening meal. When you arrive, head to the Gift Store at the Main Office for name tags and check-in. You can then pull up to the pavilion to unload your belongings if you are staying on campus. Please move all vehicles to the blacktop at the bottom of the hill before dinner.

Late arrivals: If you arrive after 5:00 pm, please park on the blacktop across from the activity center next to the field. We will give you your nametag and check in materials in the pavilion.

Logistics:

Please [read our COVIDSafe guidelines](#) and let us know if you have any questions or concerns. In order to slow the spread of COVID-19, please bring a mask and wear it when social distancing is impractical. Please read the "[Your Visit to Tremont](#)" handout for basic information and a packing list for your experience and check out [this document](#) for a tentative schedule, information about your instructors, and other important details related to the workshop. Along with your linens and toiletries, you may want to bring a mattress pad to ease the firm mattress, plus a bedside light or headlamp if you are a late-night reader. Learn more about our [food](#) and [facilities](#). Please note that food is not allowed in the dorm. If you have further questions, please contact us. *Note: though wifi is available in the Activity Center, we invite and encourage you to unplug for the weekend.*

Schedule Overview:

Field photo shoots occur on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday. Please see your tentative schedule for additional details. One of the highlights of every workshop is the group photo review on Sunday afternoon. The program **ends on Monday** following an optional late morning presentation.

We recommend bringing a laptop for photo processing during the workshop. We regret that we are no longer able to provide laptop rental services.

We look forward to enjoying a lovely spring weekend with you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeremy Lloyd".

Jeremy Lloyd, Manager of Field Programs and Collegiate Studies