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# CALIFORNIA NATURALIST *In The Desert*

**Join Anza-Borrego Foundation to become a certified California Naturalist, with an emphasis on Anza-Borrego!**

We've teamed up with University of California Environmental Stewards to offer an in-depth course for adult learners in the natural processes that make California home to more plant and animal species than any other state in the United States.



## ***Expert-led Field Trips & Lectures***

We've brought in experts for lectures, discussions, and guided field trips in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park. Explore the Park through topics such as geology, ecology, water resources, & archaeology.



## ***Practice Interpretive Skills***

Become a better communicator of natural history with hands on experience performing service in education & interpretation. The course includes a stewardship project & pathways to become an Education Program Host or gain UC Extension credits.



## ***Environmental Stewardship***

Build environmental literacy and stewardship skills through discovery and action in California's largest state park, conducting participatory science and environmental program support.



**Questions? Contact [Samantha@theabf.org](mailto:Samantha@theabf.org)**  
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## PROGRAM DETAILS



### ***Fall Course Dates & Commitment***

- 9 weeks: Oct 13 – Dec 12, 2025
- Field trips in Anza-Borrego Desert State Park:  
Saturdays Oct 25, Nov 8, Nov 22, Dec 6 (graduation), 9:00a.m. – 4:00p.m.
- Virtual class discussions: Thursdays Oct 13 – Dec 11, 5:00 p.m.-6 p.m.
- Self-paced online work & Pre-recorded lectures



### ***Course Fees***

- \$425 for ABF Members, \$500 for general participants
- Includes nine weeks of online content, expert lectures, & guided field trips.
  - Two Scholarships available for financial hardship -  
Email [Samantha@theABF.org](mailto:Samantha@theABF.org).

Participants are responsible for purchasing required texts, travel to/from field sites, night time accommodations, & optional UC extension credit fees.



### ***Course Projects***

Participants must complete:

- A Stewardship Project individually or as a group, which they present on graduation day,
- Are responsible for at least eight observations to the course iNaturalist Project,
- Must contribute to the class participatory science project.



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