Sneak Peek: Sitka

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Venue: Sitka Fine Arts Camp

• Formerly Sheldon Jackson College (1878)
• Rich history, great location
• Houses the Sheldon Jackson museum (1895) & the Hames Rec Center
• Walking distance of Totem Park & downtown Sitka
Allen Hall, Sitka Fine Arts Camp

- Presentations in newly renovated Allen Hall (1911)
- Committee meetings in Sweetland Hall
- Poster Session in the Del Shirley Room, Allen Hall
- Banquet in Allen Hall
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Sweetland Hall
Committee Meetings

Del Shirley Room
Poster Session & Social
Lodging

Westmark Hotel Sitka
- Block of 40 rooms (no minimum)
- $139 plus tax, +$20 extra person
- 1/2mi from venue

Dorms at Sitka Fine Arts Camp
- $70/single room, $35/shared room
- All bathrooms are shared
- Very basic, but economical & handy
- Can accommodate all of us, and there’s a campfire pit!
Pre-meeting Field Trips

• Hike from Herring Cove to Beaver Lake
• Hike to Picnic Rock, Mt. Verstovia
• Put the work in work conference! Investigate mature western hemlock mortality at Starrigavan campground- Tiiiiimber!
Field Trips!

• ½ Day boat trip to view yellow-cedar decline
  – 100-passenger Allen Marine boat (with presentations)

• Full day on the (entire) Sitka road system
  – Herring Cove: old-growth stem decays
  – Totem Park: spruce aphid and hemlock dwarf mistletoe
  – Mt. Verstovia: Alaska’s oldest commercial clear cut (1850s)
  – Starrigavan Recreation Area: young-growth forest management & hazard trees
How ‘bout a short Sitka slide show...

Need we say more?
Totem National Historic Park, National Park Service
Alaska Marine Highway
Yellow-cedar decline, as seen from the Juneau to Sitka Ferry
Picnic Rock, Mount Verstovia

A challenging climb with rewarding views
Beaver Lake Trail
Stem Decay

The awesome power of stem decays on full display in abundant old-growth.

Yes, pini took down this massive spruce!
Hemlock Dwarf Mistletoe

Hemlock dwarf mistletoe abounds, another pathogen key to gap-dynamics. Guaranteed to see it or your money back.
Spruce Aphid Damage to Sitka spruce
An eagle inspects hemlock canker symptoms. Inoculation trials are underway on Prince of Wales Island.
While we’re at it, let’s send this guy out with a BANG!

Not that I’ve mentioned anything because nothing is official...
Some may decide to take annual leave in Southeast Alaska around WIFDWC.

May is our typically our driest month, but the rainforest makes no promises.
See you in May!