



ADIRONDACK CENTER *for* LOON CONSERVATION
LOON PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP
July 15-17, 2022 and August 12-14, 2022



WORKSHOP OVERVIEW: Join renowned wildlife photographer, John DiGiacomo of Placid Times Photography, www.placidtimes.com, and Dr. Nina Schoch, Director of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation, for a wonderful weekend of photographing loons! This is a great opportunity for you to learn more about these iconic birds and how best to photograph them.

Each workshop is limited to 6 participants who will receive in-depth instruction about wildlife photography, loon behavior and natural history, and loon conservation efforts in and beyond the Adirondack Park. Participants should be comfortable paddling a canoe or kayak on flat water (*lakes or ponds*) and have a basic knowledge of digital photography.

Participants will be responsible for their own lodging (visit www.saranaclake.com/stay for lodging ideas), meals (*snacks will be provided*), camera (*digital SLR or mirrorless camera with a minimum of a 300mm lens is recommended*), and canoe or kayak (plus paddle and pfd).

*Your generous donation of \$600 to attend the workshop will help support the loon conservation efforts of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation – **Thank You!***

SCHEDULE: The workshop will run from Friday evening through Sunday midday.

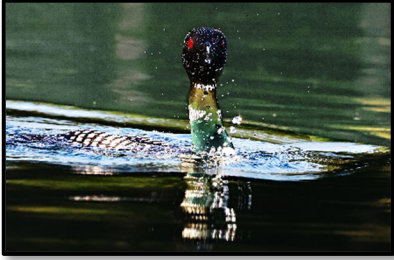
- **Friday 4pm-8pm:** We will start the workshop at the Adirondack Loon Center at 75 Main Street in Saranac Lake, NY.
 - ❖ Dr. Nina Schoch will provide an engaging presentation about loon natural history and behavior, as well as the research and conservation programs of the Adirondack Center for Loon Conservation.
 - ❖ John DiGiacomo will review setting up your camera and basic camera skills for photographing loons, as well as helpful equipment for caring for your camera while on the water.

Then we will go to a nearby lake for an evening paddle with the loons. Participants should bring a picnic dinner to enjoy while we are on the water visiting with the loons. During this paddle, Dr. Schoch will provide an overview of loon behavior and John DiGiacomo will talk about photographic techniques.



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- **Saturday 8-11am:** We will paddle on a different lake, providing information about loon behavior and photographic techniques as questions and opportunity arise.

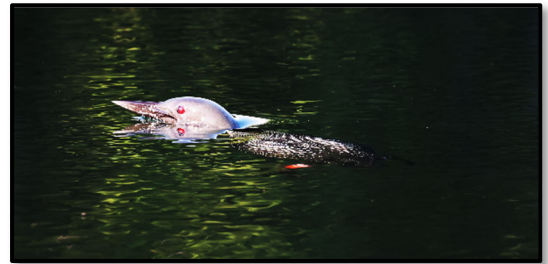


- **Saturday 11am-2pm:** We will take a midday break at the Loon Center for lunch and critique of participants' photos. John will also review basic photo processing skills.

- **Saturday 2-4pm:** Enjoy a couple of hours relaxing and exploring Saranac Lake on your own.

- **Saturday 4-7pm:** We will paddle on a different lake to take more photos of loons and continue our field instruction/discussion. People should bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the water.

- **Sunday 8am-12pm:** This will be our final morning on the water with the loons. We will meet after the paddle, either on shore or at the Loon Center in Saranac Lake to debrief and review the weekend.



### PREREQUISITES:

1. Must be comfortable paddling a solo canoe/kayak on flat water. Paddling distance will be minimal as we will be paddling on small ponds (<350 acres) in the Saranac Lake region.
2. DSLR/Mirrorless camera with a minimum focal length lens of 300mm.
3. Must have some working knowledge of your camera system

### REQUIRED PADDLING GEAR:

1. Canoe/Kayak and paddle

#### *Local rental outfitters include:*

- ❖ Adirondack Lakes and Trails Outfitters, [www.adirondackoutfitters.com](http://www.adirondackoutfitters.com), Saranac Lake
- ❖ Mac's Canoe Livery, [www.macscanoeadk.com](http://www.macscanoeadk.com), Lake Clear
- ❖ Raquette River Outfitters, [www.raquetteriveroutfitters.com](http://www.raquetteriveroutfitters.com), Tupper Lake
- ❖ St. Regis Canoe Outfitters, [www.canoeoutfitters.com](http://www.canoeoutfitters.com), Saranac Lake

2. PFD (*MUST be worn at all times while we are on the water*)
3. Hat
4. Bug repellent and sunscreen
5. Water and snacks
6. Foot protection that you are not afraid of wearing in the water
7. Light jacket (*morning and evening temperatures will vary*)
8. Raingear and dry bag for your camera



*We look forward to visiting with the loons with you!*