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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

During the March HSV Audubon Society meeting, Chuck Dovish of AETN television talked about exploring Arkansas. What a timely subject with the advent of spring and warmer weather. We live in a beautiful state and sometimes need to be reminded that we can interact with it on a more personal basis than just watching a show about the Natural State on television. Luckily, our HSV Audubon Society offers multiple opportunities to do this.

Many club members took advantage of our Bird ID Workshop in March, see article on page 5. Both *Keith and Beverly Salisbury*, key members of our club, did a wonderful job of teaching and exciting both neophyte and experienced bird watchers to get out there and identify birds.

Les Daniels and his troop of intrepid monitors interact with nature on a weekly basis once bluebird nesting season starts. Our Society is lucky to have a large number of members who have made this their personal mission for many years. We're also fortunate to have several new monitors stepping up to the challenge this year. Hot Springs Village has been in the forefront of assisting the bluebird population in Arkansas and the tradition continues.

Carolyn Minson and Maury Baker have worked hard to develop a full program of field trips this year. In April and May of 2013 alone, there are **nine** field trips planned both inside and outside HSV! Check out our great website www.hsvbirds.org and page 4 of this newsletter for additional information. Webmaster *Peggy Myles* does an outstanding job of keeping the website up to date and full of interesting information.

For those souls who wish to stay closer to home, our Vice President, *Richard Kroetz*, has lined up diverse and fascinating speakers who will take us around the world. We go from "Birds of New Zealand" in April to "Arkansas Butterflies" in May and then on to "Birds of Ecuador" in December. In between are other interesting and educational programs - including live raptors at our September meeting. Again, our website at www.hsvbirds.org and page 2 this newsletter can offer you more details.

A different way to get involved with the club is to be a part of our Halberg Ecology Camp Social in July and help support young campers. *Josie Farrell and Teri LaBove* oversee the club's involvement in this program that encourages young Arkansas students to get involved at a hands-on level with nature.

Feeding and housing birds on your property is an easy and interesting way to interact with nature in Arkansas. *Diane Condon* runs our twice-yearly bird seed sales. *Maury Baker and Adolph Juarez* build bird feeders and bluebird boxes to encourage birds to come to our yards. Further information on the sale of feed, feeders, and boxes is – you guessed it - on our website!

Other than interacting with nature in this beautiful state, do you notice another theme running through this message? It's not too hard to figure out! People are the key to the success of HSV Audubon Society, and we are fortunate to have wonderful members who readily volunteer for the jobs and

activities needed to keep our Society running smoothly. There were quite a few volunteers not mentioned here and several unsung heroes who do the month-to-month behind-the-scenes work. They all deserve a round of applause, and perhaps, a much needed break.

That brings me to the close of this message. Like Uncle Sam says, "WE NEED YOU!" The Nomination Committee will soon be looking for members willing to serve in officer and chairperson positions for our organization. We are looking for an addition to our field trip team, we need folks to assist with the July Halberg Camp social and possibly some yet unknown positions. Please talk to me or another officer and let us know of your willingness to take a more active role in your HSV Audubon Society. So get out there, enjoy nature and help others to do the same by volunteering your time, energy and expertise to "our" HSV Audubon Society.

Sincerely,

Chris Cash

President, HSV Audubon Society

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With assistance from Chris Cash	

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For Your Information



PROGRAMS

Meetings are usually held the second Friday of each month
at 10:00 am at the Coronado Center

April 19

Betty Owen, Birds of New Zealand - *Note: this meeting is the 3rd Friday!*

Betty was raised in a military family and as a result, as a child, she moved many times. After her own children were raised, she resumed her travels. A wonderful opportunity allowed her to spend one month in New Zealand studying the effects of humans on the flora and fauna. The uniqueness of the birds of New Zealand and a love for sharing knowledge compelled her to create this presentation and offer it to various Audubon groups.

Knowledge of native plants of Arkansas is another one of Betty's many talents and our club is planning a plant walk with her in the afternoon.

- May 10** **Lori Spencer, Butterflies of Arkansas**
Lori is a professional entomologist, lepidopterist, and interpreter whose nature programs are in wide demand throughout Arkansas. She coordinates the Mount Magazine Butterfly Festival and consults for federal and state agencies on butterfly management. She is the author of numerous articles, many of them published in *Ozarks Mountaineer*. In addition to the program, Lori will be offering a selection of her fascinating books.
- June 14** **Erin Leone, Interior Least Tern**
Erin Leone is an Endangered Species Biologist with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Conway, Arkansas. She did extensive research on the Least Tern to earn her Master's Degree and worked with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop nesting sites on sand and gravel islands in the Arkansas River.
- July** **Ecology Campers Social, Watch for upcoming information**
August **No Meeting**
September 13 **Rodney Paul, Raptors**
Rodney Paul has been a speaker for HSV Audubon Society several times. He has always brought a program that was interesting and informative. Rodney is one of the few government certified Raptor Rehabbers in Arkansas. He always brings with him an assortment of live birds of prey that he carries out into the audience for us to see, "up close and personal." There will be opportunities to take photographs and to ask questions about how he acquires the injured birds and what he does at his raptor rehab center in El Paso, Arkansas, to rehabilitate the injured birds and return them to the wild.
- October 11** **Wilbur Owens, Adaptations of Birds for Flight**
Dr. Owen graduated from the University of Arkansas with a doctorate in Biology, his specialty is Parasitology. He retired from the University of Central Arkansas after 37 years of teaching Biology, Comparative Anatomy, Parasitology, and Zoology. He now resides on Petit Jean Mountain with his wife Betty and is an avid crappie fisherman. Wilbur will discuss the characteristics of birds and the various modifications to the ten systems of the body that allow birds to fly. He will also cover the differences and functions of the various feathers on a bird.
- November 8** **Tim Ernst, Arkansas Wilderness Slide Show**
Tim Ernst is Arkansas' Wilderness Photographer. He has been hiking, driving and crawling around the wonderful Ozark Mountains for most of his life, preserving photographic images he sees for everyone to enjoy. His photographs have appeared in hundreds of national, regional and local publications. Much of his time these days is spent teaching digital photography workshops in the Buffalo River Wilderness. Tim has also been a long-time outdoorsman and hiker. He founded and was the president of the Ozark Highlands Trail Association for 28 years.
- December 13** **Dr. Dan Scheiman, Birds Of Equador**
Dr. Dan Scheiman's formative birding years and graduate research were supported by Audubon Chapters, "Now," says Dan, "it is my turn to give back to the organization that gave me so much." Dr. Scheiman manages multiple federal, state and private grants aimed at improving bird habitat, improving water quality, controlling invasive plants, and engaging the public in conservation. Education is also a part of his mission through presentations, bird walks, articles, workshops, as well as radio and TV interviews. He received his B.S. from Cornell University, M.S. from Eastern Illinois University, and Ph.D. from Purdue University, all with an emphasis on ornithology. He has worked for Audubon Arkansas since 2005 and has seen over 340 of Arkansas's 410 bird species. In Jan. 2013 Dr. Dan went on a bird watching adventure to South America on the equator to see "Birds of Ecuador." This country, located on the western coast of South America, has a wonderful diversity of climates ranging from tropical to high mountains that extend up to 20,702 feet.



FIELD TRIPS

Details on additional field trips and local birding trips will be provided later.
Please check the website and watch for e-mail notices from Carolyn Minson.

Apr 1	Vic Prislipsky	Beaver Dam Trail Bird Walk. Meet in parking area at 8:00 a.m.
Apr 19	Eric Sundell	Native Plant Walk at Middle Fork Barrens. Meet in Cranford's East parking lot on Hwy 5. Time to be announced during the monthly meeting.
TBD	Diane Condon	Location & time TBD
Apr 29	Teri LaBove	Bird walk to see the Great Blue Heron Rookery. Meet at Cortez Fire Station (across from Good Sam) at 8:30 a.m.
Apr 25	Susan Adkins & Carolyn Minson	Ouachita State Park. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the DeSoto Club parking lot. <i>Note: 15 participant limit</i>
May 11	Lynn Sackett & Carolyn Minson	International Migratory Bird Count at Brookhill Ranch. Meet at 8 a.m. on Estrella Way near Glazy Peau Gate. <i>Note: 12 participant limit</i>
May 13	Vic Prislipsky & Carolyn Minson	Harris Brake Wildlife Management Area. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in parking area just outside East Gate.
May 23	Dan Scheiman	Lorance Creek / Tar Camp. Meet at 7:30 a.m. in parking lot outside East Gate.



A VERY SPECIAL BIRD WALK

The HSV Trails Committee chair, Ginger Tanner, recently asked Audubon's Keith Salisbury to lead a bird walk on one of the Village trails. Her purpose was, of course, to encourage use of the trails, and Keith's motivation for accepting her invitation was, as we would all know, to encourage Villagers to become involved in birding. Obviously, this was a win-win opportunity for Audubon and the Trails Committee.

Twenty individuals participated in the bird walk, which was held on the Beaver Dam Trail. This trail, as well as the original Cedar Creek Trail, was planned and built by Audubon members, and they are considered by most to be the best bird and wildlife trails in the Village. Though Audubon no longer maintains these trails, they remain favorites with many in our organization because of the birding opportunities afforded there.

Keith had prepared carefully for the bird walk. He scouted the trail multiple times prior to the walk to ascertain which birds were currently present, and he gave each participant a copy of *Arkansas Backyard Birds*, a colorful bird booklet prepared by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Of course, he had prepared a "cheat sheet" with the appropriate page numbers for the birds he had seen on the trail, so even if a participant did not actually see the birds sighted (though most did), they could see their pictures when Keith provided the page numbers.

The joint venture with the Trails Committee was definitely successful. Several of those who joined Keith were not familiar with the Beaver Dam Trail and most were also unfamiliar with birds we all take for granted. They were thrilled when they saw or heard a bird, and none will ever forget the yellow rumped warbler that cooperatively flitted nearby until everyone could gawk their fill. And no one on the walk will

ever again hear the “Peter, Peter, Peter” of the titmouse without being able to identify our beloved, faithful feeder guest!

BIRD ID CLASS IN REVIEW



Hot Springs Village Audubon Society has been sponsoring a beginning bird identification workshop for over 17 years. Lou Leonatti was an early leader of the Audubon Society and one of the first leaders of the workshops. Sometime later, Al Behm took the lead for several years and in 2008 Keith Salisbury took over the workshops. The workshops continue today and there were twenty participants in this year's March events.

The workshops cover much more than bird identification. They also discuss things you can do to get more out of watching birds and attracting birds to your back yard. A discussion is held about how to purchase binoculars that are right for you and then how to adjust your binoculars to obtain the best enjoyment while watching birds.

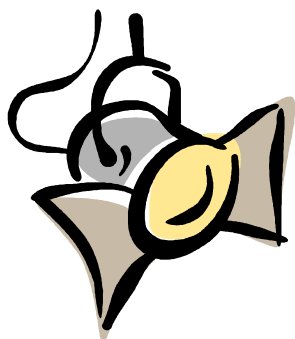
Some time is also devoted to attracting birds to your back yard. The topics include a discussion of various types and designs of bird feeders, the various kinds of food/seed to use to attract a wide variety of birds, and the pros and cons of different bird bath designs.

Each week's workshop includes not only classroom discussion but also outdoor excursions to look for birds in a variety of habitats. For example, different birds are attracted to forests versus open areas. Also, the Village has water in numerous forms such as lakes, rivers, creeks, and golf course ponds. Different birds are attracted to each of these different water forms.

The workshops also address bird books or field guides with a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of several of the more popular ones.

This year the fee for the workshops was \$12 which covers all four sessions for Audubon members and non-members. Participants in the workshops come from not only from the Village but also the surrounding areas including Hot Springs.

Participants are sometimes new to the Village, others have been here for several years but just recently developed an interest in birds. Some of the participants are not new to birding but have been away from it for a few years and want to get back up to speed. Others are brand new to birding and are starting from scratch.



Member Spotlight *Adolph Juarez*

Adolph grew up in Brawley, CA. a small farming town in a desert community known as The Imperial Valley, about 115 miles east of San Diego, CA. The Imperial Valley consist of 10 small farming towns in a 45 mile radius.

He is one of eight children (4 brothers & 4 sisters), and a twin to his beautiful sister Marian.

Adoph's father worked with the US Postal Service as a mail carrier and retired after 40 years of service.

He has since passed on but is still well known in the small town of Brawley. Adolph's mother still lives in Brawley today. She is retired and enjoys visiting with her grandchildren, family and friends. Her special times are working in her garden and cooking for everyone who visits.

Adolph's parents encouraged their children to excel in education, help others, have a strong work ethic and be creative in everything you do in life. Early on he learned how to get the most out of a day's work and to finish what he started.

Adolph and his wife Sherril worked at the California Department of Corrections and both retired after 20 plus years of service. Two years prior to retiring they decided to downsize, so they sold their home and started working on additional retirement preparations. They purchased a new 38ft, 3-slide, fifth wheel and started living the pre-retirement life. Every opportunity they had to take time off found them traveling from California to Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, Texas, Georgia, and Tennessee, searching for that "Special Paradise" and a place to call home. Retiring after turning 50, they found Hot Springs Village.

Adolph and Sherril moved to the Village on July 15, 2010 and never looked back. They still have family and friends in California who they visit once a year. Friends and relations can't believe they chose to retire in Arkansas.

This is now their home and they are enjoying everything the Village has to offer them in retirement like the lakes, trails, many groups and the feeling of security found from living in a gated community.

They have a very special miniature Schnauzer named "Little Riley." Sometimes they think of him as a little human, and, yes, they think of him as a furry son. He is their pride and joy and makes days in retirement even more rewarding.

Adolph was looking for a way to keep busy in retirement, and was amazed how many clubs and organizations were available to choose from. The first group he joined was the Hot Springs Village Woodworkers and found he could keep very busy with all projects the club offered. Getting involved with the Woodworkers started him designing and setting up his personal workshop with everything from work tables, peg board, lighting, wiring, TV, stereo system and many power tools. It has become his very own woodworking paradise.

He became a woodworker and enjoys working with club members and getting involved with numerous club projects. He felt he still needed another hobby to be busy when he wasn't doing woodworking. For many nights he searched the Internet for an activity that could tie his woodworking skills with a hobby he would really enjoy. Adolph found a site that listed many hobbies, but one stood out immediately. [Bird House Projects](#), which included birdhouses, bird feeders, and other bird friendly projects. He found a link that directed him to the North American Bluebird Society (NABS) website. Reading all the information on the site he was drawn to learning about and building Bluebird houses. The site included a birdhouse plan that, if built by the specs, could be certified and added to their bluebird trail.

He was hooked and started work on a NABS Bluebird House. It took about a week to build, sand and finish. He shipped off his first Bluebird house with the hope it would be certified. After a long 2 weeks, he received a call from the Nest Box Committee Chair. The birdhouse he had built was certified, and he was shipped a certification package. What a great feeling! He started building Bluebird houses for family, friends and as a hobby. Woodworking had turned into a passion with every birdhouse built and with the many woodworking projects he had become involved with.

Adolph remembers the day he received the call from HSV Audubon Society's Maury Baker asking if he was interested in building bluebird houses for the club. He felt honored to have a chance to really help and share his new talent with an organization in the Village. He found out later he would be taking over the position of constructing birdhouses from a gentleman named Harry Ferris. Harry had been building birdhouse for the Audubon Society for the last 15 years, and now at the age of 90 needed to put away

his hammer, nails and glue. He was passing his love and passion on to the new kid on the block. Maury and Adolph went to visit Harry at his home one afternoon to learn the stages of construction and ultimately see Harry's bluebird houses when finished. It was an emotional meeting for all of them; Harry's era was ending, and he was passing the torch for a new era of bluebird houses to Adolph.

Adolph is grateful to Maury and Harry for giving him an opportunity to give back to the community and help the HSV Audubon Society. He really enjoys the great feeling that comes every time he finishes a Bluebird house. He likes to tell his friends "Living a quiet life is working with creative hands."

Adolph's other volunteer positions are ***Friends of the Trails*** (Trail of the Month Article & Photographer), ***Balboa Yacht Club*** (President) and ***HSV-Woodworkers*** (Truck Team Member).

Thanks, Adolph, for providing the "Chirp" a great bio for this edition!



ADDITIONAL HSV AUDUBON INFORMATION

For additional information on upcoming events and activities, tips on birding or other news about the club, please take time to visit our web site

<http://www.hsvbirds.org/>



2013 Spring Convention of the Arkansas Audubon Society – May 3-5, 2013

The 2013 Spring Convention of AAS will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Conway. For additional information about the hotel, including maps and driving directions, go to www.conway.hgi.com. To make a reservation, call the hotel directly at (501) 329-1444 and use Group Code: AAS.

Registration opens Friday from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m in the Cypress/Juniper Ballroom
For questions, contact Karen Holliday
Address: 165 Hibiscus Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113
Phone: 501-920-3246
E-mail: ladyhawke1@att.net.

AGENDA

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2013

Field Trips 1:00 p.m.

- Bell Slough Wildlife Management Area (Mayflower)
- Lollie Bottoms (Mayflower)

Board Meeting 1:00 pm – 3:30 p.m.

Registration 4:00 pm – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:15 pm – 7:15 p.m.

Evening Program 7:30 pm – 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, May 4, 2013

Breakfast on your own-available at the hotel 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Field Trips *Some trips may require most of the day, others only part.*

- Ed Gordon Point Remove WMA (Morrilton)
- Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge (Bald Knob)

- Bell Slough Wildlife Management Area (Mayflower)
- Camp Robinson Special Use Area (Mayflower)
- Toad Suck Park (Arkansas River Lock & Dam) and Lollie Bottoms (Mayflower)

Trust Meeting 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Student Presentations 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Camp/Trust Reception 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:15 pm – 7:15 p.m.

Evening Program 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

AAS Business Meeting 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Cypress/Juniper Ballroom

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2013 – Field Trips TBA

Breakfast on your own-available at the hotel 6:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Hotel Restaurant

Sunday trips will be based on interest and reports from Saturday's field trips



Spring 2013 Arkansas Native Plant Society Meeting – April 26-28, 2013 **Subiaco Academy/Mount Magazine**

Blooming plants along the trail have you mystified? Is that a native plant? Learn about Arkansas plants at the Spring 2013 Arkansas Native Plant Society meeting. This year the meeting will be held at Subiaco Academy near Mount Magazine. Plan to join them on nearby trails exploring Arkansas with the experts who can answer your questions.

Cost: \$5 Public Welcome. Not a member yet? For more information about being a member of the Arkansas Native Plant Society visit <http://anps.org/join/>. Pre-registration is not required for the meeting but you must have reservations for lodging at Subiaco.

Reservations for lodging and meals: 2 nights, 3 meals, use of Subiaco facilities:

1 person/private room \$150.00 (includes Saturday breakfast & supper, Sunday breakfast)

2 people/shared room \$100.00 each (includes Saturday breakfast & supper, Sunday breakfast)

Contact Carol Geels, cgeels@subi.org or (479)934-4411 for reservations.

Rooms will not be held past April 15th. Please mention ANPS when making reservations.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 2013

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration and potluck

Sign up for field trips that are held on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning at various locations at or near Mount Magazine State Park.

7:00 pm

General Meeting and Program

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

Saturday morning breakfast served at 8:00 am after which the groups will disperse on field trips.

Saturday lunch will be on your own or on the trail

Saturday evening.

6:00 p.m. Supper for those who are staying at Subiaco.

7:00 p.m. Guest speaker

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013

Sunday morning breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. followed by more field trip opportunities.

For detailed information on this meeting and associated activities, visit <http://anps.org/> and click on the [Spring 2013 ANPS SPRING MEETING DETAILS](#) link.

If you have additional questions, please call 1-501-837-9634 for more information or email Eric Sundell at esundell42@gmail.com



Arkansas State Parks

Most programs repeat, check for dates on the main website <http://www.arkansasstateparks.com/> by doing a search using the program title or call the phone number listed with each program

SPARROW SEARCH *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

10 - 11 a.m.

Meeting Place: Hang Glider Launch Site

Admission: Free

Mount Magazine State Park is the only known nesting site for rufous-crowned sparrows in Arkansas. Meet at the hang glider launch to try to find sparrows and other birds.

Mount Magazine State Park

Ph: (479) 963-8502

mountmagazine@arkansas.com

WILDFLOWER FANS *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

3 - 3:45 p.m.

Meeting Place: Lodge Hearth Room

Admission: Free

Wouldn't a pocket-sized wildflower guide be great for your weekend spent exploring the park? Join us in the lodge hearth room to create your very own dual purpose guide featuring wildflowers from Mount Magazine State Park.

Mount Magazine State Park

Ph: (479) 963-8502

mountmagazine@arkansas.com

WILDFLOWER WEEK *April 8, 2013 - April 14, 2013*

Admission: Free

Discover the colorful heralds of spring at Arkansas's first state park! Wildflower walks, talks and demonstrations all relate to the celebration of wildflowers. Weekday programs will be geared toward senior citizens, while weekend programs will be family oriented. Contact the park for a schedule or to inquire about lodging and camping options.

Petit Jean State Park

Ph: (501) 727-5441

petitjean@arkansas.com

GUESS THAT MAMMAL *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

9:30 - 10 a.m.

Meeting Place: Amphitheater

Admission: Free

Meet Park Interpreter Mystina at the amphitheater to guess which mammal the furs, skulls, and tracks belong to. Discover a few interesting facts about these mammals.

Petit Jean State Park

Ph: (501) 727-5441

petitjean@arkansas.com

PINNACLE MOUNTAIN SUMMER WORKSHOP SERIES

6 - 8 p.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Contact the park

Pinnacle Mountain is hosting this special workshop series for visitors over 18 years of age. *The workshop takes place one Thursday a month from March-October.* These workshops and programs are designed to further the knowledge of a more advanced crowd who are looking to improve their skills and learn about the importance of biological and historical importance of Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Bat House Building Workshops, 550 Cord Workshops, Natural Beauty Workshops and demonstrations will all be included as part of this summer series. Pre-registration and fees may be required for some workshops, so please call ahead of time before attending the event.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

LITTLE WILD ONES *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

10 - 10:45 a.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

Join us every Thursday for a program suited for children ages 3-7, better known as "Our Little Wild Ones!" These programs include story time, a craft activity, and some hands-on fun with a nature theme. The program is followed by CREATURE FEATURE at 11 a.m.

CREATURE FEATURE *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

11 - 11:30 a.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

Join us every Thursday for a creature feature and feeding time of the animals on display in the visitor center. This fun-for-all-ages experience allows you to learn about these beautiful creatures, and where they can be discovered in Arkansas. This program can be a complementary program to the Little Wild Ones early learning program that starts an hour earlier.

Pinnacle Mountain State Park

Ph: (501) 868-5806

pinnaclemountain@arkansas.com

BEGINNING BIRDING *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

9 - 10 a.m.

Meeting Place: Trailhead

Admission: Free

Here is your chance to be guided into a wonderful life-long hobby. Learn the essential gear and knowledge that it takes to get started identifying birds. Join a park interpreter for a short stroll to locate several species.

Lake Catherine State Park

Ph: (501) 844-4176

lakecatherine@arkansas.com

CALL OF THE WILD *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

7 - 8 p.m.

Meeting Place: Amphitheater

Admission: Free

Some animal calls are very familiar, while others are rather vague, and when they're all mixed together, it can be difficult to pick them out. Meet a park interpreter at the amphitheater to learn the difference between many of the animal calls you hear in Arkansas.

Lake Dardanelle State Park

Ph: (479) 967-5516

lakedardanelle@arkansas.com

CRITTER CRUNCH *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

1:45 - 2 p.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

Lake Dardanelle's diverse habitats provide homes for many creatures large and small. Join a park interpreter in the kid's corner of the visitor center as she tells you about some of the smaller creatures. She is also feeding these creatures; so discover the small native wonders we have around us.

Lake Dardanelle State Park

Ph: (479) 967-5516

lakedardanelle@arkansas.com

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

1:30 - 1:45 p.m.

Meeting Place: Visitor Center

Admission: Free

We have 8,000 gallons of aquariums, filled with many of the fish species found in Lake Dardanelle. Join park staff in the visitor center as they feed the fish live food. See for yourself, what's for lunch?

Lake Dardanelle State Park

Ph: (479) 967-5516

lakedardanelle@arkansas.com

EDIBLE INSECTS *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

2 - 2:45 p.m.

Meeting Place: Amphitheater

Admission: Free

In other parts of the world, eating insects is considered a delicacy! Today, a park interpreter tests your notion of who really eats bugs and who doesn't. Are you brave enough to join the "I Ate A Bug Club?" Take a bite, or at least watch!

DeGray Lake Resort State Park

Ph: (501) 865-5810

degraylakeresort@arkansas.com

LISTEN TO THE BATS *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

8:30 - 9:15 p.m.

Meeting Place: Golf Course Pro Shop

Admission: Free

Join a park interpreter as we watch and listen for our resident bats as they emerge to forage for their evening meal. Learn about echolocation and many other fascinating facts about this mysterious creature! Bring a flashlight for a short hike on the cart path.

DeGray Lake Resort State Park

Ph: (501) 865-5810

degraylakeresort@arkansas.com

WOODPECKER WALK *Program repeats; check main website or call for dates*

9 - 10 a.m.

Meeting Place: Lodge Lobby

Admission: Free

Woodpeckers can be found all over the park in several different shapes and colors. Learn how to spot evidence of woodpecker activity and more on this easy hike. We might even spot a woodpecker in action! Bring binoculars if you have them. A limited number of loaners are available. All may join the hike, but it is most appropriate for ages 10 and up.

DeGray Lake Resort State Park

Ph: (501) 865-5810

degraylakeresort@arkansas.com

THE POWER OF WATER

A reliable source of fresh water can be more powerful than the best-stocked feeder. At migration time and during the long, hot summer, your birdbath is likely to get more traffic than your feeding station.

Style doesn't matter, as long as the basin isn't too slippery or deep for birds to get a grip. Birds will find water, whether it's a puddle of rainwater in your wheelbarrow or a nifty waterfall you spent a weekend setting up.

The key words are reliable and fresh. Keep your birdbath clean and filled, so your friends know they can count on a sip and a splash at your place.

