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CNC Upcoming Programs

April 3, Saturday 10 am - 3 pm Spring Clean-up

We need volunteers to help get the Chaplin Nature Center in shape for the coming year. Help is needed in all areas, from building clean up to trail maintenance. Light work loads or heavy, your choice. There is a place for you to help no matter what your skills.!

June 19, Saturday 5 pm - ? Twilight Dinner

Join us at Chaplin Nature Center for a beach party, barbeque, scavenger hunt, birdwatching, and lots of fun. Mark your calendars now and watch the next newsletter for details and a registration form or check out our website at www.wichitaaudubon.org.

For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaaudubon.org.



April Meeting

Our speaker will be Chad Comer, Zookeeper at the Sedgwick County Zoo. He will speak about his travels to Mexico to help researchers studying the Thick-billed Parrot. This bird once occurred in the southwestern United States, but now is found only in Mexico. It is an endangered species being managed at the zoo under a species Survival Plan. The program will be April 20, 7:30 pm in the auditorium at the Great Plains Nature Center, 29th and Woodlawn. You can also join Chad and other members for dinner at Jason's Deli, in Bradley Fair at 21st and Rock Road, at 5:45 pm before the meeting.

Field Trip

One field trip was inadvertently omitted from the annual schedule of events, but you don't want to miss this one! It will be a meandering trip through southeast Kansas looking for warblers, including Yellow-throated, Painted Buntings, vireos, and anything else that turns up. Migration will be in full swing, so there should be lots to find. It will take place on Sunday, April 25, and will last all day, visiting Fall River Lake, Toronto Reservoir and Woodson County Lake Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Andover Road and Kellogg at 6:30 am. Bring an FRS radio if you own one. Please bring a sack lunch. Make sure you have a full tank of gas, and carpool as much as possible.

Leader: Pete Janzen, 832-0182, prarybrd@southwind.net

Coming Events

April 3

Spring cleanup at Chaplin Nature Center, 10 am - 3 pm.

April 10-17

Colorado Grouse Extended Field Trip. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

April 24

Cleanup in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Nature Center parking lot at 9 am. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

April 24

Kansas Astronomical Observers at Chaplin Nature Center, dusk to 10 pm. The public is invited to join them.

April 25

Field trip to southeast KS. Meet at the Dillon's parking lot at Andover and Kellogg 6:30 am

Leader: Pete Janzen, 838-0182, prarybrd@southwind.net

April 30-May 2

Camp Horizon family weekend. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

June 1-5

Extended field trip to the Hutton/Niobrara Sanctuary Nebraska. Leader: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

June 15

Annual picnic at 6:30 pm in Pawnee Prairie Park west entrance.

June 19

Twilight Dinner at Chaplin Nature Center, beginning at 5 pm

Meritorious Service Award

The award committee is accepting nominations for the annual Meritorious Service Award. The criteria for selection include outstanding or sustained leadership as a member, officer, committee chair, or special project leader.

Please include a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments and why you think they should receive this award. Mail your nomination to Dan Kilby, 1220 N. Gow, Wichita, 67203, by April 20. The previous recipients

of this award are:

- 1994 John Wherry
- 1995 Ralph Wiley & Geula McDonald
- 1996 Nathan McDonald
- 1997 Louise Wherry
- 1998 Don Vannoy
- 1999 Bob Gress
- 2000 Dan Kilby
- 2001 Rex Herndon
- 2002 Wallace Champeny
- 2003 Patty Marlett

Be sure to keep up with the latest news on conservation issues, local issues, and events by visiting our website at www.wichitaudubon.org

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pstanley@csjwichita.org

Birdathon

Birdathon is a fund-raising activity that is also a lot of fun, and open to any member that likes to bird and wants to help. A Birdathon team solicits pledges from friends, neighbors, coworkers, for the number of bird species they can find in a 24 hour period. The team picks a date between April 17 and May 29 and goes birding. Then the pledges roll in to help support WAS and Chaplin Nature Center.

We really would like to have your help this year. To join a team talk to Carol Cumberland, Patty Marlett, or Shawn Silliman. If you don't want to go birding, consider soliciting pledges for one of the teams, or contribute yourself. Any and all assistance is appreciated.

Help with Park Cleanup

On Saturday, April 24 we will have one of our twice yearly cleanups in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Nature Center Parking lot at 9 am. Bring gloves, trash bags and tools will be provided.

If you can't make it on that day, consider helping out by spending some time on your own collecting litter. Just let us know so Audubon and the Great Plains Nature Center can get credit for the volunteer hours. Call or email Patty Marlett at 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com

June Picnic

Mark your calendar for the annual picnic, to be held on Tuesday, June 15th 6:30 p.m. at the large picnic shelter at Pawnee Prairie Park west entrance. Bring your own service and a covered dish or dessert to pass. Iced Tea will be served to help cool off the summer evening, or bring your own beverage.

Laura Groeneweg - Hospitality Chair

Camp Horizon Weekend

Spring is just around the corner, and that means it's time for the Camp Horizon Family weekend! Join us **April 30 - May 2** for a weekend of fun in the outdoors. There will be special activities for kids, lots of birds, beautiful scenery, and good company.

Horizon Center is a beautifully wooded area situated high above the broad Arkansas River Valley. A full weekend of nature activities and field trips is planned, or you can just relax and enjoy the beautiful countryside on your own.

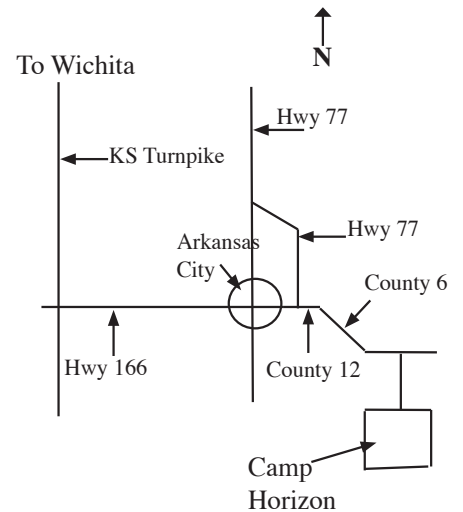
Accommodations:

If you like to camp, you can pitch a tent or bring your camper or R.V. Restrooms and showers are available for campers to use. There are no electrical hookups in the camping area, however.

If you prefer to stay indoors, Camp Horizon has Renewal lodge: 8 rooms with beds for ofur in each room. The rooms are carpeted and air conditioned and have separate bathrooms. Bring your own bedding - linens are not provided.

Meals are prepared by the camp staff and are served in the dining hall.

For more information call Patty Marlett at 942-2164 or pmarlett@mac.com



Registration Form: Return this form with payment by April 21.

Names: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

No. of adults _____
No. of children 6 -12 _____
No. of children 5 & less _____

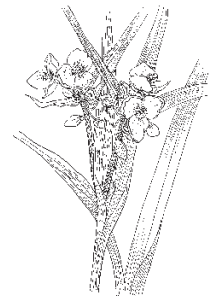
Meals: Children 5 and less are free, children 13 and up are adult price

	No. of adults		No. of children 6-12	
Breakfast, Saturday	_____ x \$5.50		_____ x \$3	
Lunch, Saturday	_____ x \$6.00		_____ x \$3	
Supper, Saturday	_____ x \$6.50		_____ x \$3	
Breakfast, Sunday	_____ x \$5.50		_____ x \$3	
Total meals	_____ + _____		_____	= \$ _____

Lodging: Children 5 and less are free, children 6-12 \$4 per night for lodge

To stay in a room in the lodge:

	No. of adults		No. of children 6-12	
Friday night:	_____ x \$33		_____ x \$4	
Saturday night:	_____ x \$33		_____ x \$4	
Total lodging	_____ + _____		_____	= \$ _____



Day Use Fee: Pay this only if you don't spend the night: \$5 per person

Total Day Use Fee: = \$ _____

Weekend Total: = \$ _____

Send to: Patty Marlett, 4406 W. 11th St. N, Wichita, KS 67212

phone 942-2164, email pmarlett@mac.com

Please make reservations by April 21, 2004.

**P.O. Box 47607
Wichita, KS 67201**

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Extended Field Trip

Our second extended field trip of the year will take place June 1-5 in the sand hills of Nebraska. Audubon of Kansas, our state organization, received the 4600 acre Hutton ranch on the Niobrara River as a bequest from Harold and Lucille Hutton. It will be a wildlife sanctuary, and eventually have a visitor's center and other facilities. You can be one of the first to tour this beautiful property, as well as seeing other great spots like Valentine National Wildlife Refuge. Early June is the best time for wildflowers, and the birds should be great, too.

The tentative schedule:

June 1, Tuesday, travel to south central Nebraska, visit the Rowe Sanctuary or

the Halsey National Forest. Lodging in Valentine.

June 2, Wednesday, birding Valentine National Wildlife Refuge, a great area for Sand hills scenery and wildlife.

June 3, Thursday, canoeing the Niobrara River, or alternately, visit the Niobrara National Wildlife Refuge and river valley. Lodging in Sparks.

June 4, Friday, Birding along the Niobrara, possibly including the Sandall Ranch, afternoon tour of the Hutton Niobrara Sanctuary, lodging Bassett

June 5, Saturday, morning tour of the Hutton Niobrara Sanctuary, afternoon Audubon of Kansas Board of Trustees meeting, overnight

Bassett.

June 6, Sunday, return to Kansas.

We might also fit in a trip to Lacreek NWR in nearby South Dakota.

Besides the great birds, scenery, and wildflowers, this will be a chance to meet some other Audubon people from around the state. We need to know how many are interested in order to finalize plans, so contact Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com