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July 13

*Butterfly Count at
Chaplin Nature Center,
9a.m -3 p.m.*

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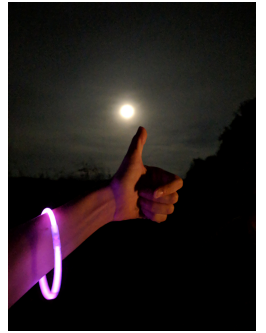
*Second Saturday Bird
Walk in Chisholm Creek
Park. Meet in the Great
Plains Nature Center
parking lot at 8 a.m.
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**July 16**

*Pot luck dinner at the
Great Plains Nature
Center, 6 p.m.*

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*Friday the 13th Full
Moon 2k Fun Run/
Walk at Chaplin Nature
Center, 8 - 10 p.m.*

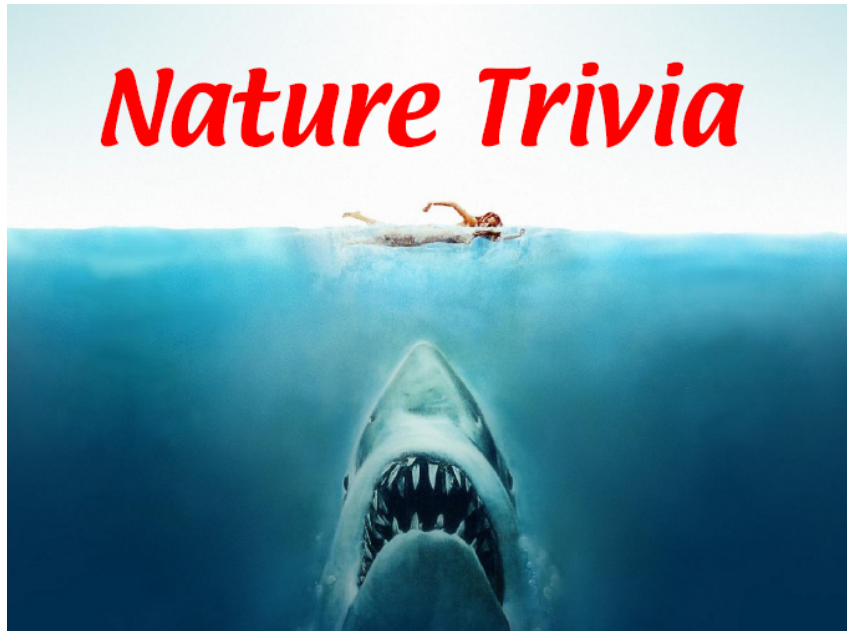
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July Picnic

Join us on Tuesday, July 16, 6 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center for an air-conditioned picnic. Bring a dish to share and your own service. Drinks will be provided. Jim Marlett is bringing smoked ribs!

After the meal we'll play nature trivia - a fun game with lots of laughs.

Nature Trivia



CNC Flood

April and May rain caused long term flooding at the Chaplin Nature Center

Approximately three quarters of the property at CNC is in the flood plain so flooding is expected from time to time. What made this spring different from past floods is when the water came up, it didn't go down. When the Arkansas River rose, it stayed above flood levels and the water covered much of CNC for over a week. The bad news is that many of our school groups had to cancel, the saturated soil caused trees to come down, lots of debris and trash ended up on the trails. The good news is that all bridges are still in place, the "big chair" didn't wash away, and the sandbar was reshaped in a way that makes it easier to find the trail heads. The clean-up has started; volunteers from Cowley County Community College and Boy Scout Troop 318 from Winfield will be working on the trails in June and July. Hopefully things will dry out in the next several weeks and all the trails can be completely cleared.



Lake CNC - the 52 acre lower prairie.



The Big Chair in better times



The Big Chair in the flood - but it survived!

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Roaring River Field Trip

Nine birders participated in the extended field trip to Roaring River State Park in southwest Missouri, May 29-31, 2019. Our goal was to see as many of the breeding warbler species as possible, and we finished the trip with 14. Many other colorful songbirds inhabit this area of the Ozarks, making it a great birding destination.



Atcha Nolan and Bill Langley demonstrate how to get 'warbler neck'.

We started off the first morning in the state park, getting up-close looks at a Northern Parula in the parking lot. We first hit the Pibern Trail. Several Wood Thrushes serenaded us as we walked the flat section of the trail. Acadian Flycatchers were abundant. Warblers on the trail included Louisiana Waterthrush, Kentucky Warbler, American Redstart and Ovenbird. Those who walked up the hill were rewarded with fleeting looks at a Worm-eating Warbler. We then drove the old Roaring River road (FR1135). We soon found a Yellow-breasted Chat and a couple of White-eyed Vireos. We added Black-and-white and Yellow-throated Warblers to our list. As we returned to our cabins for lunch the rain began and didn't let up until the evening, washing out our afternoon birding plans.

The next morning we birded the Mark Twain National Forest south of the park. Our first stop was along FR1050, where we added Pine Warbler. Next we drove Sugar Camp Scenic Drive (FR2275), also taking

the road to Butler Hollow (FR2080). We heard several Cerulean Warblers, getting good looks at one. We also finally had good looks at Hooded and Worm-eating Warblers. We had lunch at a picnic spot along the road, where we also saw a Yellow-throated Vireo. We drove down off the ridge to the Painted Bunting spot, finally getting one to cooperate. We heard a Common Yellowthroat singing in the distance. We continued on the loop, ending up at the Roaring River Conservation Area, where at Chute Ridge Glade we found several Prairie Warblers and a singing Blue-winged Warbler.

The last morning we returned to Sugar Camp Scenic Drive, still needing Scarlet Tanager. We finally found a spot where we had several, and also got another good look at a Cerulean Warbler. After more than two hours of good birding, we returned to the cabins to check out, then headed north to Linden's Prairie west of Mt. Vernon. Our target bird was Henslow's Sparrow. We didn't find the sparrow, but enjoyed a bounty of wildflowers and butterflies as we strolled through the prairie. We concluded the trip with lunch in Joplin and a tour of the Shoal Creek Conservation Education Center (formerly Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center).

By Kevin Groeneweg



Zebra Swallowtail



Scarlet Tanager

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, July 13, 9 a.m. -3 p.m. Butterfly Count

Help us identify and count butterflies as part of North American Butterfly Association official count.

September 13, 2019, 8 - 10 p.m. Friday the 13th Full Moon 2k+ Fun Walk/Run

It's a full moon AND its Friday the 13th.... a perfect time to get outdoors and get moving with this 2k plus moon fun run/walk. Individuals and families can go at their own pace along the edge of the Center's tall grass prairie trail. Along the trail, stations will award glow sticks to those who choose to stop and answer moon or nature questions related to the night. If you plan on running the trail be sure to bring a head lamp. Participants will be placed into groups and staggered a few minutes apart. Use the link below to register and/or to pre-order a t-shirt. T-shirt orders must be received by September 4th. The t-shirt will look just like the header on the registration page.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friday-the-13th-full-moon-2k-fun-walkrun-tickets-57638394991>



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