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CALENDAR

TRI-MORAINES 2013-14 EVENING PROGRAM MEETINGS are scheduled the first Tuesday of the month, September through November and January through May. Meetings are held in the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima. (Enter campus off Mumaugh Rd.; first building on left). Meetings and events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. Dates and times appear in the calendar write-ups below. In case of bad weather (*level 2 in Allen Co.*), meeting cancelations will be posted on WLIO(NBC/channel35) and WOHL(FOX/channel 25).

July 2
Summer
Picnic
Come early to
enjoy the park,
dinner 6:30pm

TMAS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC, Tuesday, July 2, 2013, Ottawa Metro Park, SR 81 just east of Marimor School. You will find the Miami shelter on your left as you enter the park. It is reserved from 5:30pm until dark. We will eat at 6:30pm. The chapter will provide fried chicken. Members and guests should bring a dish to share, their own table service and beverage, and a tablecloth and folding chairs as desired. Don't forget your favorite bug spray and unwanted AUDUBON magazine issues for public event giveaways. The picnic offers a wonderful opportunity to get to know your fellow chapter members. Feel free to arrive early and take advantage of the park's amenities. You can walk the perimeter trail or around the lake, try your luck on the disc golf course (bring your own Frisbee/disc), swim (adults \$5, children 3-12 \$3, and free for children under 3) until 7pm weather permitting, or bring your fishing pole (no license required for the retention pond by the Erie shelter, but required for fishing in the lake). JAMPD Naturalist Mark Mohr will present a short program (after the picnic supper) "The Impact of Garlic Mustard on the Natural Ecosystem."

Board Meeting
Tuesday
July 30 7pm

TMAS BOARD MEETING, Tuesday, July 30, 2013, 7pm. All are welcome to attend TMAS board meetings held at the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima Campus.

Bird Banding
June-August

MONITORING AVIAN PRODUCTIVITY and SURVIVORSHIP (MAPS) BIRD BANDING. Licensed bird bander, Anne Smedley, is looking for help with the MAPS program. There will be several sessions until August 8 at Lippincott Bird Sanctuary. Each session will start at approximately 6am and will take 7-8 hours. No experience is necessary but bird ID skills are helpful. Volunteers will help carry and set up equipment, write down data, and help handle birds. Two or three volunteers are needed each day. This is an easy way to see wild birds up close. Please contact Anne Smedley at 419.222.3271 for information and sign-up times.

Square Fair
Family Fun
August 2- 3

LIMA SQUARE FAIR. Stop by the TMAS tent and say hello. There will be many family-friendly free events, activities, and arts for you to enjoy at the fair. If you can volunteer time to work in the TMAS tent, call Carol Bertrand at 419.227.9231.

Program Meeting
September 3
7:30pm
Save this date

TMAS PROGRAM MEETING. The first program meeting of the year will be held Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2013, 7:30pm, at the Visitor/Student Services Center, 3900 Campus Dr., OSU-Lima Campus. Mark your calendar for the first Tuesdays of Sept. to Nov. and Jan. to May for exciting programs that are now being planned for the 2013-14.

October 12
8am-noon
Save this date
Volunteers needed

20th ANNUAL RECYCLE FUNDRAISER. Past volunteers mark your calendar now for this special fundraiser. Saturday October 12, 2013 will mark the chapter's 20th year manning Wapakoneta's Drop-off Center. Volunteers work 8am until noon; 20-25 volunteers are needed to sort items and to unload vehicles. TMAS receives the proceeds from all recyclables handled. Aluminum cans (dry, crushed if possible) pay best and can be donated at the July 2 summer picnic and at the Sept. & Oct. monthly program meetings. Pick up aluminum cans when you go walking during the summer months for this event and use this fundraiser to get to know other Auduboners. For additional info and to volunteer, call Bob or Carol Bertrand at 419.227.9231.



WATCH THOSE RENEWAL NOTICES FROM NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY. When you receive your renewal notices from the National Audubon Society it does not include your membership expiration date. You can find your expiration date by looking in the upper right-hand corner of the mailing label on this newsletter (e.g., 06/13). This means that a dual National/Chapter membership expires June 30, 2013. If you want to pay your membership way ahead, that's your call, but the chapter is receiving membership dates extending out to 2019. If you have questions regarding your expiration date, the spelling of your name, address change, or new e-mail provider, contact Bill Askins, chapter membership database chair at 419.339.9751 or waskins@woh.rr.com.

GOOD
NEWS



2012-2013 ANNUAL APPEAL RESULTS. Each chapter year (June 1- May 31), Tri-Moraine, an all-volunteer, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, asks for the financial support of members to help the chapter fulfill local conservation and education goals. Our anonymous donor once more offered to match the total of member contributions up to \$1,000 and we again met the challenge. Donations total \$2,110. In this economic environment the Society gratefully acknowledges the generosity of the following donors for their contributions: Anonymous (8) - no name is listed unless consent was given on the donor form, Bob and Carol Bertrand, John and Jill Bowers, Doris Chivington, Robbin Clark, Ivan and Rachel Friesen, Greg and Lynn Harris. Jim and Jan Heinrich, Belinda Hemp, Eric Juterbock, Dianne Knipp, Candace Newland, Lois Risser, Phillip and Mary Ann Valentine, Amanda Wischmeyer and Jon Tuttle, Jack A. Woodward, Carol Wright, Owen Yoder.

2013 OHIO ACADEMY OF SCIENCE DISTRICT SCIENCE DAY AWARD WINNERS. Four student presentations won \$25 Tri-Moraine Audubon Society Natural Resources, Conservation, Nature Studies Awards at the 2013 OAS District Science Day held March 23 at Ohio Northern University in Ada. Jeremy DeMuth, a seventh grader from Miller City-New Cleveland School won for his project, "Effect of a City Wastewater Treatment Process on Bacterial Levels in Wastewater." Kristen Ellerbrock, an eighth grader at Glandorf Elementary School, won for her project, "Effect of Color on Sparrow Attraction." Matthew Ketner, an eighth grader at Glandorf Elementary School, won for his project, "Phosphorus Contamination in the Blanchard River." Hannah Maxwell, an Elida sixth grader who is home schooled, won for her project, "Which Types of Birdseed Do Birds Prefer?" Winners were also offered a free one-year dual National Audubon Society/TMAS membership. Judging of entries for Tri-Moraine awards was done by Dr. Jay Mager, ONU Department of Biological and Allied Health Sciences, who presented a letter of recognition and cash award to each winner. Dr. Nancy Woodley and Dr. Leslie Riley from the Department were the organizers of the assembly and also assisted Dr. Mager in his determination of potential Audubon awardees. TMAS thanks Drs. Mager, Riley, and Woodley for their help in making this annual chapter awards program a success.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAYS: The North Central Ohio Solid Waste District (NCOSWD) has three collection locations for Allen, Hardin, and Shelby Counties (Lima and Sidney). There are multiple collection dates from now through October, but household hazardous waste (HHW) may be dropped off by APPOINTMENT ONLY. Watch local media or fliers for news updates or print a PDF brochure from the website. For full information and to make your appointment contact NCOSWD, 815 Shawnee Road (next to Dehaven Home & Garden Showplace), Lima: 419.228.8278 (Lima area), toll free at 1.800.553.6763, www.ncowaste.org (go to HHW page).

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, ReSTORE. The ReStore at 550 West Elm Street, Lima, will accept your donations for resale. The proceeds are used to fund the building of homes. Check their website for more information at habitatlima.org and view photo albums like those below on  Facebook at Habitat for Humanity Lima ReStore. The ReStore accepts donations of new, or gently used saleable items for the home--including building materials like cabinets, plumbing fixtures, lumber, flooring, and windows. They also accept all other household items except clothing and mattresses. Call the ReStore for more information at 419.222.4257. The ReStore truck may be scheduled at a special drop-off event in your community; check your local paper for details throughout the summer.



GOALS for Habitat for Humanity: Help fund Habitat's home building program; Proceeds from the ReStore help fund each house built by Habitat for Humanity-Lima Area, Inc; Divert reusable building materials from local landfills. ReStore keeps many tons of building materials out of landfills on an annual basis; Provide the community with a source of low cost home maintenance, repair and remodeling materials; Create jobs and volunteer opportunities.

JOHNNY APPLESEED METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT. The Commissioners and Staff of the Johnny Appleseed Metropolitan Park District would like to say thank you for your support at the polls on May 7th. Passage of the 3/4 mill replacement levy shows that you appreciate the job JAMPD is doing. A special thank you to the levy committee, Park District Volunteers, and everyone who worked so diligently toward spreading the facts about the levy and showing their support! As a result of the May 7 levy approval, the Park District will continue to enhance the overall quality of life for the citizens of Allen County. As in the past, top priority is to provide all with a safe, well maintained system of natural areas and preserves. JAMPD continues to fulfill the obligation to give you the best possible value for your tax monies. The Commissioners and Staff are committed to make each visit to the Park District a safe and enjoyable experience so you will look forward to your next visit. JAMPD continually strives to use resources conservatively and wisely, while remembering the need to enhance them for future generations.

Check out *The Cider Press* Newsletter for the latest programming at the JAMPD, some during the program year are co-sponsored by TMAS. One special event to plan for will be on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2013 when the Park District will hold the 2nd Annual Twilight 5K Fun Run/Walk at Ottawa Metro Park. Luminaries will light your way on this 3.1 mile course. Registration begins at 6:00pm on race day with race time at 7:15pm. The entry fee is \$20 with race shirt and \$10 without shirt. (T-shirts are only available by pre-registration.) Note the deadline for pre-registration is September 6. Awards will be given to the top three places for male and female in each category. Visit the JAMPD website: johnnyappleseedparks.com for registration.

BIG BIRDING DAY. Monday, May 13th, TMAS's Annual Big Birding Day, was a successful field trip. The weather was wonderful as we ventured forth to find our 100 species of birds. At the end of the day 101 species of birds were observed, plus one confused bat. Participating in this year's special day were Jackie and Andrew Augustine, Mary Kempen, Don and Mary Rosenbeck, Duane and Jean Boyd, and Eric Broughton. Among the 101 species were 22 species of warblers, 7 kinds of sparrows, 5 woodpeckers, 4 thrush, and 3 kinds of vireos. We saw a pair of eagles dancing/flying together overhead. The final bird of the day was the Caspian Tern at Maumee Bay State Park. It was a beautiful spring day and as always, those who attended had a great day of fun and fellowship.



Magee Marsh Wildlife Area birding sampler, left to right: Palm warbler, Prothonotary warbler, and Magee Marsh boardwalk of visitors.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION WEEKEND (EEW). Tri-Moraine Audubon Society's 34th annual EEW was held May 3 through May 5, 2013. The weekend was attended by 67 participants who had the opportunity to attend programs on birds and birding, mammals, bats, insects, bluegill fishing, meditation & journaling, nature weaving, and wildflowers. For a third year, a program about bird banding was offered. Banding was conducted by Anne Smedley and Jackie Augustine and offered an opportunity to see some of the species up close that we normally observe only from afar. A new program this year examined the impacts of genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Collectively we saw sixty-seven species of birds. What may be of particular interest this year is that for the first time in many years, we did NOT see a woodcock. The field, which had consistently produced sightings of woodcock, did not this year. That may be the result of the 2012 winter planting of prairie grasses, which required treatment to kill all vegetation leaving no cover in the field. In future years, it can be expected to see woodcock and additional species as the improved habitat becomes established. The pollinator patch for butterflies and hummingbirds is expected to be seeded in the winter of 2013. Additional habitat restoration projects are being planned dependent on the outcome of a possible sale of the camp by the Girl Scouts. If all goes well, next year's EEW will be May 2-4, 2014. This is a great family activity and is open to members of all ages.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." Archbishop Desmond Tutu

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VOLUNTEER THANK YOU. Many thanks to all the members who provided refreshments for the program meetings this year: Evelyn Prater, Mary Neeley, Rebecca Cheney, Duane and Jean Boyd, Rachel and Ivan Friesen, David Betts, Tom Sciranka, Denny Bucholtz, Eric Broughton, and Dianne Knipp. Please consider providing refreshments for the new program year starting in September. Talk to Mary Neeley at the summer picnic or at the September program meeting to sign up.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. I will be filling the Presidential term of Eric Broughton for the next year. Eric has offered endless hours guiding and directing TMAS for the last few years, thank you Eric! With his busy schedule, Eric needs a change in scheduling, but will remain very active in all TMAS activities. Hopefully, as an ordinary TMAS member, I can indeed, "find enjoyment" in being part of the organizational component of the chapter. As with many organizations, TMAS is also looking for other volunteers to fill both large and small tasks throughout the year. Look for ways you can help. Not much time? There are many small tasks that need to be done and we can match you up with some of those opportunities. Many hands are needed for the annual Recycling fundraiser (this year on October 12), you can bring refreshments to a program meeting, help staff a booth at a public event, help with the annual birdseed sales in November and February, or distribute publicity throughout the program year. Your help is needed and appreciated because TMAS is totally a volunteer organization. You can even post your best bird photo on Facebook to share with others or ask friends to "like" TMAS on Facebook.

I look forward to helping TMAS expand our membership base and find ways to encourage TMAS members to become more active in chapter activities. TMAS has wonderful programs, field trips, and activities, and it may be one of the best kept secrets in the region concerning student education and habitat awareness. One such outreach program is Audubon Adventures. Audubon Adventures, for grades three to six, is a curriculum based classroom lesson and materials series by the National Audubon Society supported financially by TMAS. If you are aware of an educational provider that could benefit from Audubon Adventures or to learn more, please contact Carol Bertrand or myself as listed on this letterhead.

Mark your calendars now for our summer picnic on July 2 which is a good way to share fellowship and enjoy being together in JAMPD Ottawa Metro Park. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and others to share a wonderful meal and a short program. The program will be presented by JAMPD employee, Mark Mohr, about the invasive plant-garlic mustard. Also, take advantage of the activities like fishing and hiking in the park before or after the picnic supper. I hope to see you soon. Dianne Knipp



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