

# Mississippi Valley Ozark Society

## Newsletter – Jan. 2016

All dues are due on January 1, 2016

Please send dues (\$20) to National Ozark Society. Application enclosed and **includes** local dues.

**LOCAL dues only? Send \$5 and information form in brochure to :**

**Brenda Crites at 1440 N. Henderson, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701**

### Minutes from Dec. Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Pat Hill at 7:45. Eleven people attended the meeting. Brenda reported on the National Park Association meeting in Fayetteville Ark on Oct. 23. The subject was "Save the Buffalo". There were 400 people in attendance. The main focus was to outlaw hog farms on the Buffalo River and education. Elections were held and the new officers are: Debbie McDonald: President, Mike Webb: Secretary, Brenda Crites: Treasurer, Roberts Brown: Newsletter, and Phil & Martha Dodson: Stream Team. Planning meeting for 2016 was set for Dec. 30, at 6:00pm at the Dodson home. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Planning meeting was held on Wednesday, Dec. 30 with Debbie, Mike, Roberta, Dan, Phil, Martha, and Pat present.

### \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

ALL activities are dependent on attendance, weather, etc. Be sure of **CALL THE ACTIVITY LEADER** and let them know you will attend. We are always open to "spur of the moment" trips if you want to do anything extra. We did several one day trips last year.

## Upcoming Events

- Jan. 16**      **Eagle Viewing:** We will probably go somewhere in IL. Call Debbie at 573-275-0602 to get time and place to meet.
- Jan. 23**      **Hike Hickory Canyon/Pickle Springs:** There have been some beautiful ice formations at Hickory Canyon in the past. Be sure to wear water proof shoes/boots. Call Martha at 339-7169 for time and place to meet.
- Feb. 20**      **Hike to Blue Pond:** Short trip to Bollinger County to see the deepest pond in MO. Meet at 9:00 at Jackson McDonald's. Call Pat at 243-2287 and let her know you are coming.
- Mar. 7**        **Hike in Trail of Tears Park:** We have seen bald eagles on hikes in Trail of Tears. Call Phil at 339-7169 for time and place to meet.
- Mar. 19**      **Trip to Sam A Baker State Park:** We will see Big Creek and St Francis rivers. Call Mike at 243-3477 for time and place to meet.
- Apr. 2**        **Snake crossing/Inspiration Point:** This is the annual closing of the road for the snake crossing and then we will go on to Inspiration Point. Don't worry it is not dangerous. Call Phil at 339-7169 for time and place to meet.

- Apr. 17**      **Hike Trillium Trail in Giant City State Park:** Hopefully the Trilliums and Jack-in-pulpit will be in bloom. Meet at River Campus in Cape at 11:00. Later IF someone will be coming from church. We can eat at the lodge before we hike and try to walk some of the food off. Call Pat at 243-2287 is you plan on going.
- Apr. 22**      **Stream Team & Earth Day:** Call Phil or Martha at 339-7169 If you can help.
- Apr. 24-25**      **Camp at Huzzah Valley:** Camping is \$10/person/night. Call Roberta at 579-0203 if you can come. Campground # is 573-786-8412

## WHAT IS THE OZARK SOCIETY?

The Ozark Society, Inc., was founded in 1962 by Dr. Neil Compton of Bentonville and a group of associates for the immediate purpose of saving the nationally famous Buffalo River from dams planned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Society founders helped get the National Park Service to survey Buffalo River area and then began to campaign for the creation of the "Buffalo National River" as an alternative to the dams. It took ten years, but Congress passed legislation to create our nation's first "national river". The Buffalo is now one of mid-America's most outstanding river-oriented attractions.

Missouri members helped stop dams on the Eleven Point and Meramec rivers and continue to champion protection of scenic rivers, natural areas, and wilderness on public lands.

The Society has remained a strong regional organization because it has remained true to the principal purpose of the preservation of wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, and unique natural areas.

The Ozark Society has members from Alaska to Florida and several foreign countries. Local autonomous chapters serve as focal points for membership activities in their area. You can join the Society as a full member or just pay for a local newsletter. Full membership entitles you to the monthly newsletter *Pack & Paddle*, consolidated outing schedules, conservation "action" notices, and book discounts. Local newsletter entitles you to receive only the Mississippi Valley Chapter newsletter and local outings schedule.

**The Society's motto is 'Conservation - Education - Recreation' and all its activities revolve around this theme.**

The Mississippi Valley Chapter of the Ozark Society has an active schedule to meet the goals of our motto.

We have a stream team and do various "pick up" activities during the year. We have also been active in trail maintenance during the past years.

We have educational programs at our meetings. We have donated books and videos to the libraries on Conservation, Hiking, and Canoeing.

We have a broad range of activities from; day hikes, canoe trips, educational trips, & tours.



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## 2016 ACTIVITES

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April 22	<b>Stream Team</b>
April 24-25	Camp Huzzah Valley
May 9	<b>MEETING</b> and potluck
May 15-16	Camp Jacks Fork
May 23	Hike
May 27	St. Francis River
June 5	Hike Elephant Rock/ Johnson Shut Ins
June 12-18	Camp Current River
June 26-27	Camp 11 Point River
July 2	Hike Carbondale area
July 10-16	National trip to Colorado
July 20	Day Trip
Aug. 8	<b>MEETING</b> and potluck
Aug. 15	Springs tour
Sept. 9	Markham Springs
Sept. 16 -18	Meramec State Park
Sept. 26	Hike
Oct. 8	Mingo/Duck Creek
Oct. 28-29	Katy Trail hike/bike
Nov. 4	<b>Stream Team</b>
Nov. 12	Horseshoe lake hike/drive
Dec. 12	<b>MEETING</b> and potluck

## 2016 OFFICERS

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## MEMBERSHIP

The strength of the Ozark Society increases with each new member. If you are interested in learning more about conservation, the environment, or just want to enjoy the "great out-of-doors" with your family or friends, then the Ozark Society is for you! Our membership ranges in age from 60+ to 8 years old. We have singles and families. We have a wide variety of activities to meet the needs of such diverse ages and ability.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED  
NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FORM TO  
JOIN OZARK SOCIETY**

**Mail Form to address on form**

**Want to Join Local only? Use the form below to enroll as a member of the **LOCAL** Ozark Society.**

**Local Newsletter**      **\$5**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Address

City \_\_\_\_\_

State Zip

**Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

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