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March 2017

Calendar of Events

March

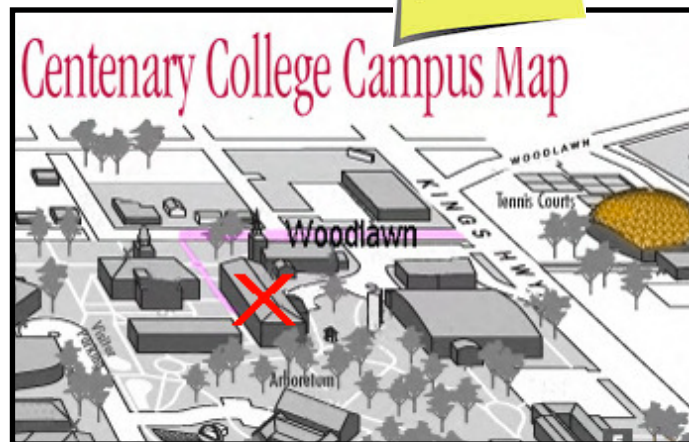
- 18 St. Patrick's Day Float on Bodcau - contact is Jack Land 318-423-1026 or jland1@bellsouth.net
- 21 Monthly Meeting - "Dutch Oven Cooking" presented by Mike Rech
- 25 Dutch oven cooking, blacksmith demonstration and tour of the Pioneer Heritage Center at LSU-S. Contact person is Marian Howard marianehoward@comcast.net or 318-227-1974

April

- 8 Dorcheat Moonlight Float - Contact person is Tammy Jernigan tjerni88@hotmail.com or 318-464-1752
- 18 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 22 Caroline Dorman or Backbone Trail Hike in Kisatchie. Contact person is Jenny Hackman 318-288-9096 jandgman@bellsouth.net

May

- 6 Crawfish Boil at Henry Ann Burton's in Oil City
- 16 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 16-20 Bob Ritchie Buffalo River Float Trip



Our monthly meetings are held at Mickle Hall in the Carlisle Auditorium on Centenary College campus on the first floor. X marks the spot on the map.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows. Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.

Reminder: 2017 Dues are Due!!!



March Program:

Mike Rech will do a program on Dutch Oven Cooking!

March “Special” Days

Mar. 1 - Kathy Kramer-Hill started celebrating her birthday on this day 365 days after she arrived. If you wish to send her a “Happy” feel free. She will continue to celebrate the entire month.

Mar. 2 - Stephanie Parks was born on this day.

Mar. 7 - Ken & Donna Harris marked 25 years as man and wife on this day.



Mar. 12 -Daylight Savings Time begins. Officially at 2 A.M. Better set your clocks forward an hour before going to bed.

Mar.14 - Perry & Kathy Hill Kramer were wed on this day. Yep, they celebrate it all month as well.

Mar.17 - SAINT PATRICK’S DAY. Better put on something GREEN, unless of course a little pinch might be appreciated.

Mar.20 - SPRING officially begins.

Mar.21 - Valerie Loridans was born on this day.

Mar. 28- Mary Ann Bowie’s birthday party will be on this day. Well, at least there will be a reason for a party.

Mar.30 - Three Score and One years ago, Mr. & Mrs. Eyler became the parents of Steve. I am sure they were very proud.

Please let the Byline staff know of any Special Days we may have omitted, as well as any errors we possibly made.

Duck Pond Cleanup

By: Dick Maxwell

11 Mar 17, A day like all days except, 17 folks showed up to clean up the duck ponds. The temp was in the 50’s but there was no rain. Four hungry souls met at Strawn’s before the work started and had a good breakfast and talk. At eight o’clock the work started, the cool temps kept everyone on the move just to stay warm.

There were 15 bags of trash but if you only counted bags that were full I would guess 10 bags. The exact number is hard to pin down since the SPAR truck grabbed a few while we were working and the number they took is unknown. Speaking of SPAR, they did a great job this year of cleaning up after the parades, There was much less trash than we usually find at the ponds.

I want to thank everyone that came out to lend a hand. Think about joining us on the next clean-up!



GOURMET POT LUCK DINNER AT SHADY LAKE

By: Roy O'Neal

"Mmm Mmm Good!" That was the most popular comment being made by 20 members of the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society who had just returned to the campground after a hard days work on the Athens-Big Fork Trail. For those who have not yet been able to participate in the maintenance of the Bayou Chapter's adopted trail, you certainly have something for which you can look forward. There simply is nothing to compare with having such a meal ready when you get back to the campground.

Enough about the meal for now. What about the trail, those hardy souls who made that "little hike in the woods" armed with their choice of the tools of the trade, so to speak. Fire rakes, rogue hoes, pulaskis, saws and lopers are the most common. The members of the trail crews (there were two this year) were Kenneth Holdiness, Dee Jay Teutsch, Barbie Halbert, Dick Maxwell, Jack Land, Tom Thompson, Steve Eyler, Roy O'Neal, Kathy Kramer-Hill, Vickie Rech and Bailey Rech.

The Athens-Big Fork Trail, which was originally a U.S.P.S. mail route, serviced by mule from Athens to Big Fork, Arkansas, can be divided into three sections by using natural and man-made access points. The lower section being from the Shady Lake trailhead to Blaylock Creek/FR 106. (This is the section worked). The middle section extends northward from Blaylock Creek to the trails intersection with the Little Missouri Trail and FR 25. The final section goes from this intersection to Hwy. 8, at a point very close to the community of Big Fork. As an integral part of the 26 mile Eagle Rock Loop, the Athens-Big Fork Trail is one of the most used trails in Arkansas. It is also said to be the most challenging section of the Loop. (I think the BCOS crews will agree with that assessment.)

The choice to concentrate on the lower section, as indicated above, was based on information provided by Tom Ledbetter of the USFS, and the hiking of the section just before the weekend by our very own Bayou Chapter members, Kenneth, Dee Jaye and Barbie. The trail was in good shape other than the normal need to clean out, and repair, the many water bars on this section, and trim plants that always seem to invade the trail. Green and other types of briars, along with small woody plants that would soon create problems for hikers, were cut down, or back. Some areas where the tread was eroding, thus becoming narrow, were noted for repairs that will be needed in the not too distant future.

Doing the math, so far 11 BCOSers have been accounted for. What about the other 9 who bragged about the meal. Oh yes. Henry Ann Burton, Grace Eyler, and Mike Rech, stayed at Shady Lake and prepared the food that had been brought for the pot luck dinner, so the work crews would not have to do anything else when they got there. Well, actually Mike Rech, who many of you know is a "Dutch Oven Cook" expert, fired up his ovens filled with delicious rolls and an apple dumpling type desert that should be outlawed. Of course, anytime Mike cooks, those who wish to be careful how much they eat, would like to have him jailed. After they have finished of course.

Eleven workers plus three cooks. That makes fourteen. Well, the word got out to some of our BCOS family members who now live in the vicinity, and much to our surprise, and definite delight, they showed up for dinner. Rick and Brenda Miller, John and Cathy Joyce from the big town of Caddo Gap, and from the even larger metropolis of Norman (there is a public library) came Bobbie and Vannie Edwards, to visit and share our meal. Gosh, it was so good to see them again.

Guess those 6 just accounted for brings the total to the original 20. And will also close out the story of the Gourmet Meal at Shady Lake for 2017.

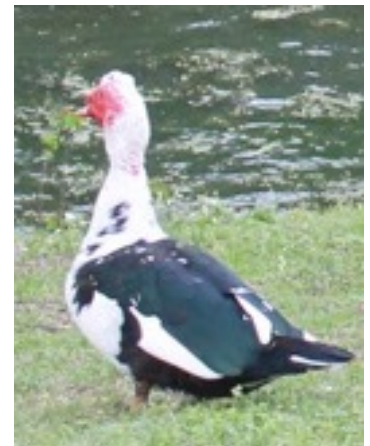
If your name is not included, we are sorry. But, we will be doing it again, and hopefully you will not have to wait an entire year. Keep coming to our meetings and reading the Bayou Byline to know when.

Athens-Big Fork



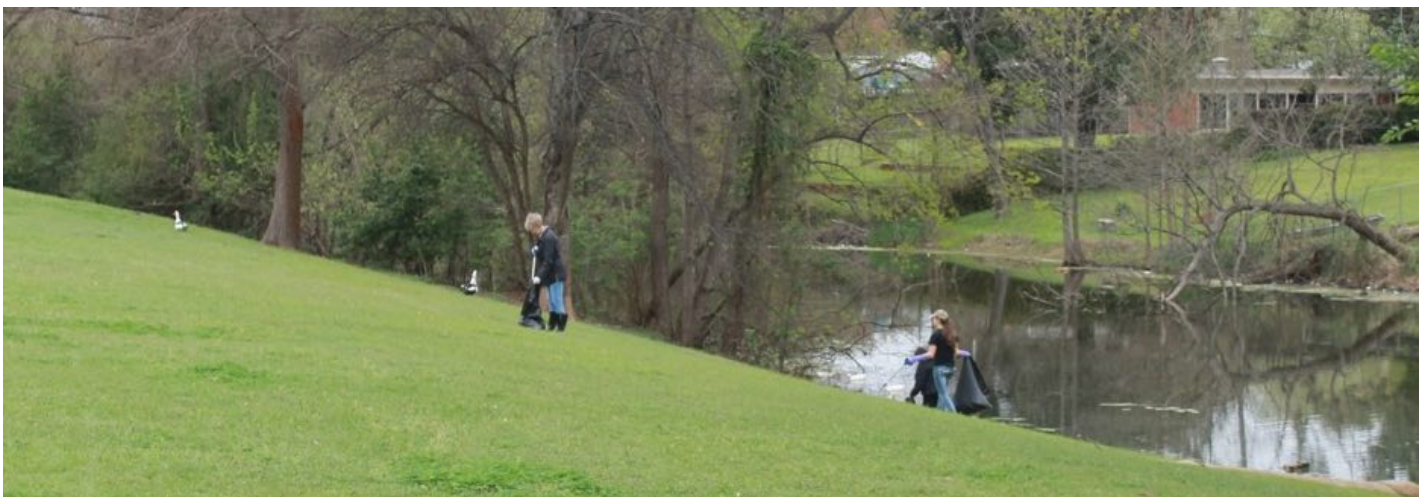
Trail Maintenance





Duck Pond CleanUp

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Minutes of BCOS Meeting February 21, 2017

By: Jenny Hackman

A talk on Kayak Fishing was presented by Adam Harbuck

Sandy made a motion to accept the minutes as written in the Newsletter. Marian 2nd the Motion and the motion carried

Treasurer Report: Dick reported the ending balance is 5619.41

Publicity: No report today

Conservation Report:

1. Sandy presented a report on the Great Pacific garbage patch. In 1988 it was described as marine debris. It is below the surface of the water and is microscopic. There are 5 major patches: the north and south Atlantic, north and south Pacific and the Indian. It is composed of both organic and inorganic material. The actual size of these patches is unknown.

Conservation Activities:

1. Trail Maintenance March 3-5 (firewood has to come for the county in which you plan to burn it)
2. Duck pond clean up March 11

Past Outings: See the newsletter for details

Paddle America - our insurance has been dropped not sure if it was obtained by our local chapter or by the "Mother" chapter

New Business:

1. Saturday March 25 at the LSUS Pioneer Heritage Center from 10-12 there will be a Dutch Oven class and cooking along with sampling. A Blacksmith will also be present doing demonstrations
2. Dick announced that after the time change he will have kayaks available for people to go on Cross lake. You will need to call ahead and they are rented for \$5 a day/evening
3. May 6 will be the crawfish boil at Henri Ann's
4. March 18: Wenks Paddle
5. April 1: Briarwood picnic
6. La Wildlife Federation: Tom reported that there is some experimenting with a new poison in a feeder to kill off wild hogs, but that it may affect other wildlife
7. March 8 at the Robinson Theater at 6 pm there is a movie about Caddo Lake and Uncertain, Tx
8. March 25 is the All Society Meeting and there is the Buffalo River Challenge, there will be a short hike, long hike and a ½ marathon
9. May 16-20 is the Bob Ritchie float on the Buffalo

The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's Pizza

Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

Dick Maxwell has kayaks, paddles and PFD's available for people to go for a paddle on Cross Lake during weekday evenings. Talk about a stress reliever! You will need to call ahead (318-734-7949). Cost is only \$5 per evening.

If you have any equipment you want to sell or give away, get in touch with Roy O'Neal. 318-272-0259 or roneal2@bellsouth.net

If you ordered a t-shirt and haven't paid your \$10 per shirt to Jenny, please make sure to do so at the meeting this Tuesday.

Thanks in advance to Mike Rech for preparing a great program/activity for us on Dutch Oven Cooking!

FIFTH ANNUAL CADDO LAKE EARTH DAY PADDLING FLOTILLA !!- April 22nd

By: Diane Jones

On Site Registration will begin at 7:30 am.

Included in your pre-registration fee: A t-shirt and two raffle tickets; breakfast snack, juice and water; launch fees for Crip's Camp, Shady Glade or Johnson's Ranch

Hot dog, chips, frito chili pie, veggie burger, fruit, desserts and drinks will be available for purchase.

The drawings for the raffle items will begin at 12:00 Noon and you must be present to win.

The silent auction will close at 12:30pm. We have two nights at Caddo Lake Cabins, several items from Bass Pro Shop and lots more to come!

Contact us at cypressbasintmn@gmail.com. 903-672-5524, 903-736-3063, 903-679-9817, if you have questions.

Funds raised will go toward this year's flotilla expenses. After those expenses are covered, the remainder will go to maintenance of the paddle trails and other environmental issues on Caddo Lake. Lots of improvement to the paddle trail signs this year !

Get your registration in now! Same day registration fees: \$20 per adult/ \$5 under 13

Canoes and Kayaks may be available. If you want to reserve one send us an email at cypressbasintmn@gmail.com.

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2017 Membership Application

____Renewal ____New (1 year membership)

Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

Address: _____
City State Zip

Email Address: _____

_____ Please send newsletters to my email address instead of by U.S. mail.

Please circle activities that interest you:

Canoeing: Flatwater Whitewater

Kayaking: Whitewater Recreational

Hiking: Day hikes Backpacking

Biking: Touring Mountain

I understand that a certain amount of risk is involved in the activities listed above and I agree I will not hold the Bayou Chapter Ozark Society, its officers, instructors, event leaders or other members responsible for any injuries I may receive participating in activities sponsored by the club.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return signed application with your **\$30** check to:

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