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March 2018

Calendar of Events

March

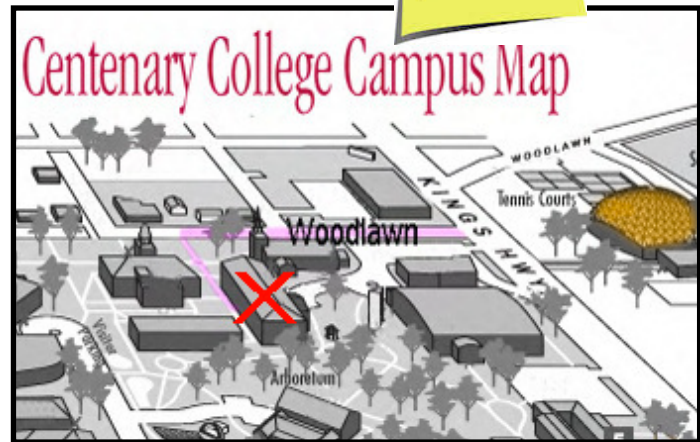
- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Richard Brontili, Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association. He will share various concerns such as updating docks on both sides of the river, creating more access points and dredging on the Red River
- 24 St. Patrick's Day Paddle - contact Jack Land at jland1@bellsouth.net or 318-423-1026, time and place will be announced at the March 20th meeting

April

- 7 Caroline Dorman Hike - Hike leader TBA
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 21 Lake Claiborne Hike/Camp - Hike leader TBA
- 21 Caddo Lake Flotilla - see flyer in this newsletter. Last year, BCOS member Leigh Ann Hornbuckle was the winner of the "Finding Big Foot" contest

May

- 5 **BCOS Annual Crawfish Boil** at Henry Ann Burton's Place in Oil City, 12 noon - until???. See flyer and sign up form in this newsletter
- 15 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA



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.



Richard Brontili, Executive Director of the Red River Valley Association, will share a power point presentation of various areas of concern regarding the Red River

2018 dues are past due!!

March "Special Days"

March 1 – Kathy Kramer-Hill's birthday (She will be celebrating all month, not unlike her soul mate, Perry)

March 2- Stephanie Parks birthday

March 7 - Ken & Donna Harris will mark 26 years of togetherness on this day.

March 11 – Daylight Savings Time begins. Roll your watches, clocks, etc forward 1 hour.

March 14 - Perry and Kathy Kramer-Hill will celebrate their wedding on this day.

March 17 - Better be wearing some green this day. Saint Patrick's Day is real hoot.

March 20 – First Day of Spring. Be on the lookout for flocks of Robin Red Breast.

March 21 – Valerie Lorigans birthday

March 25 – Palm Sunday

March 28 - Mary Anne Bowie's birthday

March 30 – Good Friday - How good? For Steve Eyler, "very good" since he was born on this day 3 score and 2 years ago.



Let us know any special days we missed by posting on BCOS Group.

Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

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 or just bring it to the upcoming meeting

We have a few items for sale. All proceeds will go to the Bayou Chapter. If interested, make your best offer to Roy.

WEIDER WEIGHT BENCH w/leg exercise attachment. Includes 2 - 2.5 # weights; 2- 5.0 # weights; 1- 10# weight; and 1 - 25# weight.

WOMANS CLARION Hiking BOOTS (Light Weight) Excellent Condition. Size 7-1/2 Med. Can be seen at BCOS Meeting.

YAKIMA RACK TOWERS w/extensions to increase height. Rain Gutter mounting. Very good condition. Can be seen at BCOS Meeting.

Reminder: 2018 dues were due January 1, 2018. Please send your dues in to Dick Maxwell ASAP. The membership application is on the last page of this newsletter.

Canoe For Sale: We-No-Nah 17' Sundowner canoe. A fast and efficient canoe that is great for tripping and even better for adventure racing. 2006 model weighs 68 lbs. Garage kept, burgundy exterior with web seats and vinyl gunwales \$700. Contact David Pitts 318-564-3090

Community Fun Paddle Events

Hosted by: Harbuck Outdoor Sports

Co-Hosted by: Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society,
East Texas Kayak Fishing
North Louisiana Fly Fisher's
ArkLaTex Canoe Club

Come out, meet and paddle with other like minded individuals; a Community Fun Paddle is a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon on the water. (Weather permitting) located at the C Bickham Dickson Park
2283 E Bert Kouns Industrial Loop, Shreveport, Louisiana 71105

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. on the 2018 Sundays listed below:

- March 18**
 - April 15**
 - May 20**
 - June 17**
 - July 15**
 - August 19**
 - September 16**
 - October 21**
 - November 18**
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Bayou Chapter Ozark Society T-shirts For Sale

Jenny has some t-shirts for sale. Sizes and colors are as follows: \$10 short sleeve, \$12 Long sleeve

Short sleeve Medium:

- 1 pink
- 1 light blue
- 2 Hi Vis yellow
- Short sleeve Large:
- 2 Gold
- 2 Hi Vis yellow
- 2 light blue
- 1 gray
- Short sleeve X-Large:
- 2 gray
- 1 light blue



Long Sleeve Large:

- 1 light blue

BCOS Meeting Minutes February 20, 2017

By: Jenny Hackman

Presentation: LDWF presentation on Salvinia Weevil Introduction to NW LA by Kevin Houston. Jack Sibley was the first individual to identify Giant Salvinia on Lake Bistineau

Meeting was called to order by the new chapter Chairperson Roy O'neal

Secretary Report: There was no report due to the Christmas party in December and the cancelled meeting in January

Treasurer Report: Dick Maxwell there is approximately \$5800

Newsletter: Marian is asking for articles

Publicity Chair: Unsure if Harvey is continuing. Roy will check with Harvey

Website: Tammy has agreed to look into being the webmaster. She wasn't present to provide an update on the status

Facebook: Dick and Dee Jaye are the individuals who OK people to join

BCOS Yahoo Group: Dee Jaye sends an email invitation to join. This invitation sometimes goes to the spam folder. Dick will send an email to Dee Jaye with the email address when he gets new memberships

Conservation Report: Sandy reported on the Buffalo National River which is 1 of the last undammed rivers in the US. C&H is the CAFO that has 6000 hogs in the Buffalo National River watershed. The permit was issued in 2012 without knowledge of the National Park Service and without any comment sessions. Regulation 6 was not followed by the ADEQ. There were no notifications. In January 2018 ADEQ denied approval of Regulation 5. C&H is in the process of appeal.

Old Business: Nice photos from hikes

New Business: There is a position open for a state representative for the board meetings. There are 4 meetings a year. 2 are associated with All Society Meetings and the other 2 are off site in AR

We will be the host of the Fall Meeting on October 13-14 at Lake Claiborne

Upcoming Activities: Duck Pond clean up 2/24 at 8:30, bring a boat if you have 1, it is possible that it will be rescheduled due to the predicted weather. Rain out date will be March 3

Athens Big Fork Trail Maintenance March 10-11

There may be a St Patrick's Day Float – details are TBD

A letter was received from the Red River Cleanup thanking BCOS for \$250, Roy read the letter

Bickham Dickson Park – the clean up was on the news

Shreveport Green is hosting the Great American Clean up on April 14

There will be a float on April 15 to celebrate Tax Day

Good Neighbor Recognition nominations are being accepted by Shreveport Green

The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's Pizza

A Rewarding Walk in the Woods???

By: Roy O'Neal

Hold on a minute! The only thing that can even be remotely described as a "Walk in the woods" was the trail work on the Athens-Big Fork Trail. That track is located in the Ouachita Mountains of Arkansas. Yeh, it is mostly wooded, and almost completely up and down. Like mountain trails. And that is supposed to be "rewarding".

For the 12 adventurous souls that showed up at the Shady Lake Campground in Polk County Arkansas, there had been no mention of possible "rewards" for their having been there. The event had also not been described as a "walk in the woods." This writer had described the trail maintenance effort to a loyal BCOS member, who has since served two terms as our chairman, as a "walk in the woods." After our work had been done, said person laughingly accused me of lying to him. Therefore, not wanting to be accused of such again, I have chosen to not describe the traversing of the Athens-Big Fork Trail as such.

Well, enough of the effort to clarify the use of the phrase "walk in the woods." Who were those 12 who defied driving distance and formidable weather forecast promising "frog strangling" rain (for those of you from Sibley, that is the same amount as "chunk floating. It means a lot.) Also loud thunder, wind and (check the spelling) lightning. Since I do not think that any two have the same given name, I will list only those.

(Hope I come out with 12) Sandy, Ann, Austin, David, Henry Ann, Perry, Tom, Jack, Marsha, Becky(Rebecca), Dick and Roy. Yep, that is 12, and I am sure there is one name you may not recognize.

Number 3 in this list is Austin Shero, a fine young man from McAlester, Oklahoma, who volunteered to help us. He did a great job and fit right in our bunch. From raising cattle in Oklahoma, to climbing mountains in Peru, Austin is an exceptional person. He hopes to summit Everest in his 15 year plan, if he can save enough money to go with the best guides on the mountain. I am very certain he will make it.

No rain Friday night. Bright and sunny Saturday morning, and basically all day. Our group separated into two teams of hiker/workers. The water levels in the creeks was not impassable, so we opted to work on the lower section of the trail, which starts at the trail head nearest Shady Lake, and extends to the trail head at Blaylock Creek along FR106. As is our normal plan, one team would start at the Shady Lake end, with the other heading south from Blaylock Creek. The elevation gains from both these trailheads is certainly a challenge and had most team members pausing, drinking water and working to clear branches, clean out and rebuild water bars, kick loose stones off the trail, drag fallen limbs and small trees out of the way. Whew! And to think we signed up for this!

After stopping for a rest and lunch, both teams continued on their way, meeting pretty close to the middle of the section. After exchanging keys to the vehicles left at each trail head, the teams continued in the direction they were headed before the exchange. Of course, as you would imagine, there was more work to be done since approaching from the opposite direction always reveals things that need clipping, picking up, etc. Naturally, that other team missed about half of what needed to be done. LOL That is really not so because they both did yeoman work!

Ah, finally the trail head, parking lot, and the ride back to Shady Lake. Another successful effort on the A-BF.

Almost forgot. What possibly could have been rewarding about such a long, tiring day? For those who have been committed to the A-BF and its care for many years, you probably have an idea.

There are really a couple of things, but we will focus on the trail first. IT'S THE PEOPLE!!!! The hikers. The backpackers! The Eagle Rock Loop trekkers! I have no idea how many we met on the trail.

I do know that it was the most I have ever seen. They all told us how clean the trail was. How well maintained! How much they appreciated our efforts. That has to make one stand up a little straighter, smile a little brighter, and feel lot less weary. You, yes you, are making it possible for more and more people to enjoy the outdoors. Now, tell me, aint that a ree-ward?

The other reward is having a wonderful pot luck dinner, strike that, supper (we are in the South you know) almost completely ready to eat when we came off the trail. No dragging out your stove and cooking. Just grab a plate or bowl, or both and dig in. A special thanks to Henry Ann for staying in the camp and getting almost all the food ready. Thanks to Ann and Dick for all the firewood. And the list goes on.

A very special thanks to The Man for holding off the forecasted weather to allow us to enjoy and reap those rewards. What say we do it again soon?



Athens-Big Fork Trail Workers



March 10th, 2018



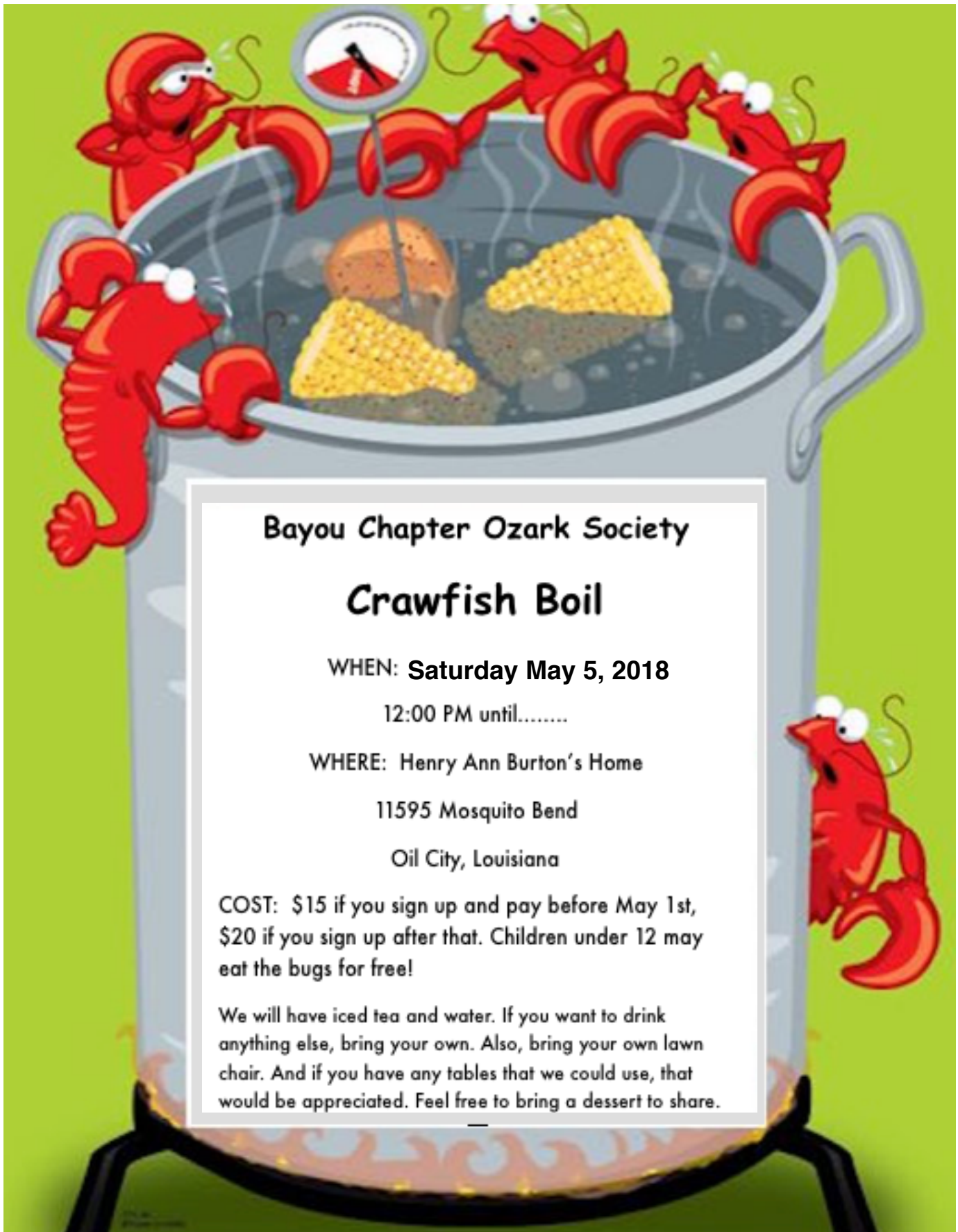
Sign me up for the **Bayou Chapter Ozark Society Crawfish Boil**
Saturday May 5th, 2018 12:00 PM - until ???

Names: _____

Send this form along with \$15 per person (checks made payable to Bayou Chapter Ozark Society) to:

Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society
P.O. Box 4693
Shreveport, LA 71134

If you have any questions, contact Roy O'Neal. He has all the answers!! 318-272-0259 or roneal2@bellsouth.net



Bayou Chapter Ozark Society

Crawfish Boil

WHEN: Saturday May 5, 2018

12:00 PM until.....

WHERE: Henry Ann Burton's Home

11595 Mosquito Bend

Oil City, Louisiana

COST: \$15 if you sign up and pay before May 1st, \$20 if you sign up after that. Children under 12 may eat the bugs for free!

We will have iced tea and water. If you want to drink anything else, bring your own. Also, bring your own lawn chair. And if you have any tables that we could use, that would be appreciated. Feel free to bring a dessert to share.

6th Annual Caddo Lake PADDLING FLOTILLA

April 21

Shady Glade Resort RV Park & Marina
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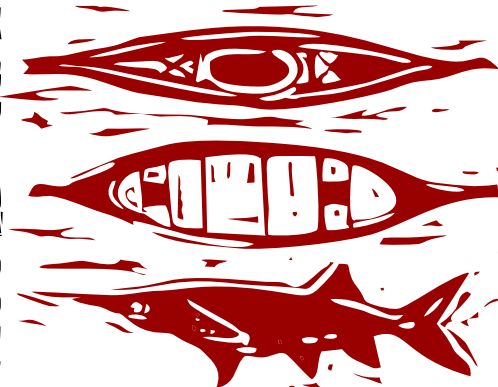
Cypress Basin Chapter

Check in begins at 7:30 a.m.

PADDLE - KAYAK

PADDLE - FISH

PADDLE - CANOE



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2018 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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