



PADDLE TRAILS



THE OZARK SOCIETY
PULASKI CHAPTER



February 2019

www.ozarksociety.net

Pulaski Chapter Meetings

Our regular meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Second Presbyterian Church.

February 5

The Coming Environmental Disasters

Presented by Richard Mason

Bring a friend!

Welcome, New Member:

Betty Bradford

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From the Desk of the Ozark Society Chapter President...

Janet Nye

"Here is your country. Cherish these natural wonders, cherish the natural resources, cherish the history and romance as a sacred heritage, for your children and your children's children. Do not let selfish men or greedy interests skin your country of its beauty, its riches or its romance".

— Theodore Roosevelt

I am challenged and inspired by T. Roosevelt's words. This year brings us many opportunities to speak up and to show up to make our desires known. This is NOT a time to sit back and think someone else will do it. Yes, others will do it, but so must ALL of us! Just as our founder, Neil Compton said, "The challenge goes on. There are other lands and rivers, other wilderness areas, to save and to share with all. I challenge you to step forward to protect and care for the wild places you love best."

The environment in general is under attack. The Buffalo National River is threatened. As much as we love to hike and paddle, we must take that same enthusiasm and passion to advocate for this very special river.

Please read emails from the Ozark Society and check out our website where we post response information. The OS has some very capable folks who are working hard to remain informed and to respond to the attacks on the river. Donate to our legal fund. There have been many who have donated and I'm very grateful. If you are unsure about how to respond, contact me. Let's help each other understand!

The January meeting was an informative time to learn what specifically we can do during the current AR Legislature to protect the River. The bottom line- call your local AR legislator and let them know that the Buffalo National River(BNR) is Arkansas' crown jewel, that it provides jobs and economic benefit to Newton, Searcy and Marion Counties. Talk about your personal experiences. Ask your legislator if they will help us support the protection of the BNR and will they contact you if they hear of a proposed bill that could harm our efforts to protect the river. We have specific talking points that we would like you to use. Please contact me, Alice Andrews or David Peterson to get specifics. THANK YOU!

Another opportunity is partnering with AR Audubon on their solar energy initiative. They are working to pass legislation in AR that would allow for 3rd party payment to install solar energy capability in homes and businesses. Please see their website at: ar.audubon.org. Click on "Take Action".

Fun times are coming this season! Steve is planning some great hikes and I'm eager to get out with him (see his article and announcement).

The Pulaski Chapter is hosting the All Society Spring meeting. It will be held in Gilbert, AR May 3-5. This will be a weekend full of fun! We will have hikes and floating opportunities Saturday and Sunday. Please come and join us and offer to help coordinate the activities. We will base out of the Gilbert RV camp. Contact Jim Klontz at [870-439-2111](tel:870-439-2111) to reserve one of the 11 RV sites if that's your style of camping. Otherwise there are plenty of tent camp sites. There are also many cabin rentals in the area.

Also, the multi day BNR float trip is the first week of June. This is a 4 day/3 night adventure. There is also an option to do a day float before the launch downstream.

(Continued . . . “From the Desk of the Ozark Society Chapter President”) Thanks to so many of you who have renewed for 2019! I’m very encouraged by each renewing or new member I see. Thanks to each of you! Go to ozarksociety.net to join us. Looking forward to seeing you on February 5th!

Wilderness Topographical Maps will be available for sale at the meeting, \$5.00 each or \$25.00 for all seven (7) maps, as shown:



From the Desk of the Outings Chairman...
Steve Heye

Mark your calendars and join us outdoors:

February 9: Winding Stair day hike at Little Missouri River in the Ouachitas (5 miles)

March 10: Sandstone Castle day hike in Richland Creek Wilderness (approx. 4 miles)

May 3-5: All Society Spring weekend of hikes and paddling. Base camp in Gilbert, AR

June 5-8: Multi-day float on Buffalo National River, Ozark Campground to Highway 65 Bridge.

For details on all of the above outings check out ozarksociety.net. Questions: contact Steve Heye, steve_hey@aristotle.net.

From the Desk of the Ozark Society President...

David Peterson

Dear Ozark Society Members,

We are happy to announce that the Colorado High Adventure Trip is on for 2019!!!! Here is the information from Catherine Tolson. And a huge "Thank You" to Catherine for organizing the trip once again.

COLORADO HIGH ADVENTURE TRIP - July 14-20, 2019

The 2019 Colorado High Adventure Trip will be held from **Sunday thru Saturday, July 14 – 20**, at **Cascade Campground** located in the Collegiate Peaks area west of the community of Nathrop, Colorado. If you prefer motel accommodations to camping, you can make reservations at nearby motels or bed & breakfasts. The trip is limited to 60 people. The cost of the trip is **\$175 for campers** or **\$125 for** those who choose the **motel or B&B option**. You will need to complete the Trip Form and include it with your fees. The Trip Form. It is also available at the Ozark Society website under Outings and Activities: <https://www.ozarksociety.net/> and it will be in the Spring issue of the Pack and Paddle newsletter.

You must be an Ozark Society member to participate in this trip. Only paid trip participants who sign waivers will be allowed to join group-led activities. If you are not already a member, you may join by paying your dues online at www.ozarksociety.net/membership/ or by sending \$30 annual dues along with trip fee of \$175 for campers or \$125 for non-campers.

Reservations will be accepted between January 15th and May 31st, 2019. Please be sure your reservation arrives by May 31st at the latest. To confirm your place on the Colorado outing, mail your completed **Trip Form** with your **check** made out to *Ozark Society* to:

Catherine Tolson
216 Vinwood Rd
Monroe, LA 71203

Meals will be provided for all trip participants, regardless of whether you are camping or staying elsewhere. The meals will begin with dinner on Sunday, July 14 and end with dinner on Friday, July 19. If you have special dietary needs or preferences, you may need to bring your own food as the menus are planned well in advance of the trip.

There will be a variety of outings from which to choose: hiking, fishing, mountain biking, horseback riding, sightseeing, and rafting or boating on the Arkansas River. If you plan to canoe, kayak, or bike, you should bring your own equipment. For rafting, you will need to make your own arrangements with a local outfitter.

If you have any questions about the trip, contact Catherine Tolson by phone at [318-680-9280](tel:318-680-9280) or by email at catherine.tolson@comcast.net.

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The Ozark Society Membership Application/Renewal



Join us, or renew now! Dues are for one year, January-December, and they include a subscription to the

Society's newsletter, *Pack & Paddle*. To join or renew, go online to the Ozark Society website at www.ozarksociety.net. Or you can fill out this form and send it with a check written to "The Ozark Society." See below for our address.

Name(s): _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email 1: _____ Old Email (if changed)

Email 2: _____ Old Email (if changed)

I would like *Pack and Paddle* sent to my home address instead of by email. (Default is email.)

Please check one:

- New Member Start at **Section A** for your OS and Chapter Membership
- Renewal Start at **Section A** to renew your OS and Chapter Membership
- LIFE Member Start at **Section B** to renew just your Chapter Membership

Section A: Please specify both the Level of Membership and the Chapter you are joining:

Level: (choose one)

- Friend: \$30 = \$20 OS + \$10 Chapter
- Associate: \$50 = \$40 OS + \$10 Chapter
- Supporter: \$100 = \$90 OS + \$10 Chapter
- Sponsor: \$250 = \$240 OS + \$10 Chapter
- Patron: \$500 = \$490 OS + \$10 Chapter
- Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS + \$10 Chapter

Chapter: (choose one)

- 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- 04 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- 06 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- 10 Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- 13 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- 16 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- No chapter, all to central Ozark Soc

Section B: For Members who wish to join more than one Chapter or Life Members renewing their Chapter Membership only

(Choose as many as you wish and add \$10 for each chapter)

- \$10 01 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- \$10 04 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- \$10 06 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
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Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

- \$_____ General Conservation Fund
- \$_____ Legal Fund
- \$_____ Compton Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ Hedges Scholarship Fund
- \$_____ OS Foundation

My Total is: \$_____

Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 2914, Little Rock, AR 72203

Once your membership has processed, you will receive a welcome letter if you are new to the Ozark Society. If you have questions about your membership status, contact oscomms@ozarksociety.net about your membership status, contact Mary Gordon at mb2rene@aol.com.