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August 2019

Calendar of Events

August

- 16 Moonlight Paddle on Red River - contact Wayne Kiefer at wkiefer59@gmail.com or 318-676-9569 Meet at 7:00 pm at SCIPORT in downtown Shreveport, and launch next to the bridge.
- 20 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Dianna M. Greenlee, PhD in Archeology. Ms. Greenlee is the Station Archeologist at Poverty Point World Heritage Site
- 23-27 Chemin A Haut/Poverty Point Camp/Paddle - contact person is Tammy Jernigan at Tjerni88@hotmail.com
- 28 Fall Planning Meeting - Red River Brewery in Shreveport. 6 Pm.to 8 Pm.They have great food and beer along with a full bar for non beer drinkers. 1200 Marshal Street in Shreveport.

September

- 14 Moonlight Paddle at Lake Caroline - contact person is Sandy Roerig at SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu or 318-686-9481
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 28 Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day - Tom Merrill Recreation Area - contact person TBA

October

- 15 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA

November

- 19 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA



Note: Monthly Meeting Location!!!!



Our monthly meetings are held at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge 150 Eagle Bend Point, Bossier City, LA 71112.

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.



Dianna M. Greenlee, PhD in Archeology, will present a program on the Poverty Point World Heritage Site. Ms. Greenlee serves as the Station Archeologist at Poverty Point.

Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer



- Kayak use REMINDER!!
- Donations for using the BCOS kayaks are appreciated. This helps cover replacement costs of our equipment (PFDs ,paddles, etc) and updating items like the newly modified BCOS kayak trailer. I can't stress enough about returning them clean. If you plan to be in kayak, bring a rag and wipe them out after you are done using them.
- Vacuuming is the best method but a damp rag works really well. Roy and Dick shouldn't get stuck doing this.(they may look like your mother but they're not)!! They go to great lengths to provide you these items, store them and distribute them to us. Show your appreciation and clean your loaner boat out. THANK YOU!!
- We encourage you to borrow them!!! We just want them returned clean!!
- Friday Aug 2nd, BCOS had a pop-up at Dorcheat Bayou in Sibley. It was a really nice evening and there weren't any storms for a change. The water level had dropped about 4 feet or more since we were there 2 weeks prior. It was a casual paddle that lasted about 2 hours. Eleven people came and Sarah P. had her kids in kayaks too.
- They did a great job paddling. Everyone got to see a small 3 foot gator who politely stayed in one spot for us.
- Thanks for coming out or sorry you missed it!

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 royoneal2@gmail.com or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.
- Toni Spitale 318-218-5716 has some camping stuff for sale real cheap! Two Sleeping bags for Sale \$10 a piece, New Yellow Medium Dry Kayaking Top \$20, Never open Tent Sleeps 10 for \$75, Other Camping



August "Special" Days

- Aug. 2 - Cory Welch's Birthday
- Aug. 3 - Aaron Willard's Birthday
- Aug. 8 - Adam Willard's Birthday
- Aug. 24 - Dick & Sharon Maxwell's 51st Wedding Anniversary
- Aug. 27- Linda Miller's Birthday
Edith Farmer's Birthday



If there is a "special day" in your life that is not included, please let the newsletter staff know.

BCOS Minutes - July 16, 2019

By: Secretary Gary Hackman

The meeting held at the Red River South Marina was called to order by chairman Wayne Kiefer. This was a casual outdoor meeting with hot dogs and all the fixings overlooking the Red River. A few things needed to be discussed while everyone enjoyed their meal.



Meeting
Minutes

Lake Bistineau Canoe Trail - David and Tammy Jernigan will lead a crew the morning of July 17 to put the trail signs up. Wayne Kiefer will lead the afternoon crew.

Neely Landing float on Dorcheat - Dee Jaye Teutsch is the contact person for the float on July 20.

Triathlon water support on Cross Lake July 21 - Meet at the Shriner's lodge. Be on the water by 7:00am.

River Cities Triathlon August 4 - Mike Cook went over some things to think about for this year's event. There will be 6 Ainsley's Angels participants starting early. We will need 6 boats to stay with them. Last year many swimmers cut the course short. We will need boats to control this. We will need boats near the finish line to keep finishers out of the way of groups still starting. We need help to keep participants within the swim area. The rest of the lake is open to boats. The Linton Road bridge may be closed. Mike will keep us informed by email. His email is mcook@wkhs.com.

Jenny Hackman said that there will be a poster board with boat assignments before the start of River Cities.

Caddo Lake paddle July 27 - Contact is Sandy Roerig

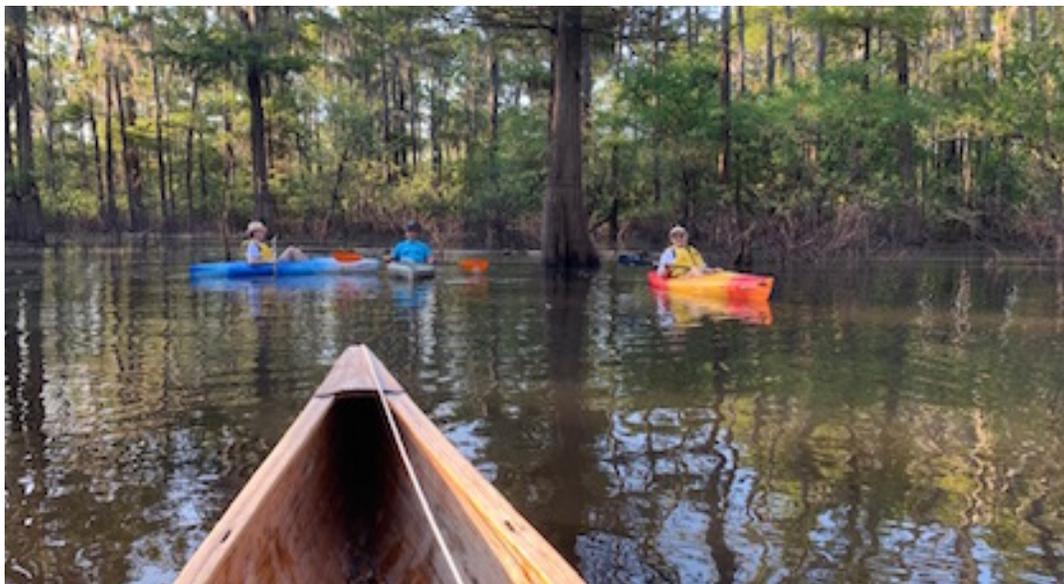
Sabine River Float August 10 - Dee Jaye Teutsch is the contact.

Bistineau Full Moon Float August 16 - Will depend on the drawdown. Stay tuned.

BCOS Planning Meeting August 13 - Send Wayne your ideas. Watch your email for a location.

Guests were introduced. New T-shirts are available for pickup.

Meeting adjourned for a view of the river.



Bodcau courtesy of Dick Maxwell

Lake Bistineau Paddle Trail Update

By: Tammy Jernigan

BCOS members started marking the Lake Bistineau paddle trail on Wednesday, July 17, 2019. We had a morning team and an afternoon team following our previous flagging from the Lake Bistineau State Park boat ramp south toward Plum Orchard. Once we got a system in place, sign installation happened pretty quickly. Following the flagging was a bit of a challenge in some locations but for the most part we followed our pre-determined trail.

On Friday July 19 we continued the effort and started back toward the state park. By noon we had completed about 80% of the trail in a counter-clockwise direction. Phase one of the project was completed on Sunday when an additional team completed the trail back to the state park boat ramp. They also began some reverse direction signage in the vicinity of the state park. Essentially our awesome members signed an entire four to five-mile paddle trail in only five days!

As anticipated, on Monday July 22 the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries instructed the Department of Transportation and Development to open the draw down gates on the Lake Bistineau spillway in an effort to control the salvinia. The lake will drop four to six inches per day – depending on rainfall – until the lake reaches a level eight-feet below pool stage. The draw down is expected to take three to four weeks. LDWF typically keeps the lake at draw down levels until the cold weather hits.

Once the lake reaches its draw down level, we will survey our trail and determine how to access it as the state park boat ramp will be closed. The park has indicated that they are willing to provide a boardwalk to get to the water at Clark’s Bayou from either the lodge or cabin area of the park.

The important thing is that we were able to get the signs up before the lake level dropped. Otherwise we would have had to hang off the top of a party barge to install signs above the normal lake level!

Serena Gray with the Webster Parish Convention and Visitor’s Commission plans to have a grand opening celebration for the paddle trail later in the year; possibly when the gates close and water levels are closer to normal. More news will be available on the celebration when details are finalized.

Lots of thanks go to BCOS members who made this vision come true. The following folks put in a cumulative 98-plus hours of manpower to make this project a reality.

Roy O’Neal

Wayne Kiefer

Marian Howard

Barbie Halbert

Louis Covington

David Jernigan

David Pitts

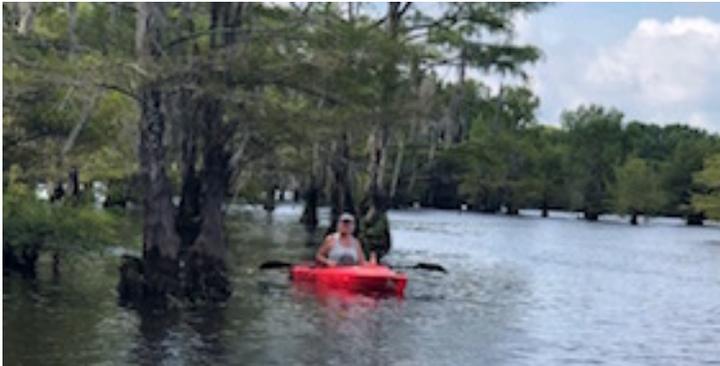
Karen Pitts

Sandy Roerig

Tammy Jernigan

In addition to our BCOS members, Tracie Gipson with the state park supported the trail from the beginning as did Serena Gray who rallied her commission members to fund the signs. Without them this project would not have been possible and definitely not in this short of a time frame!

It is exciting to know that we have participated in a project that could help Lake Bistineau State Park attendance as well as bring in visitors who will be able to enjoy what our area has to offer. I look forward to additional work on the trail – expanded sections and clockwise signage – as well as fun paddles through Lake Bistineau’s gorgeous scenery.



Lake Bistineau Paddle Trail Work

July 2019



Dorcheat From Neely's Landing to Cotton Valley Bridge Hwy 160 Paddle Update

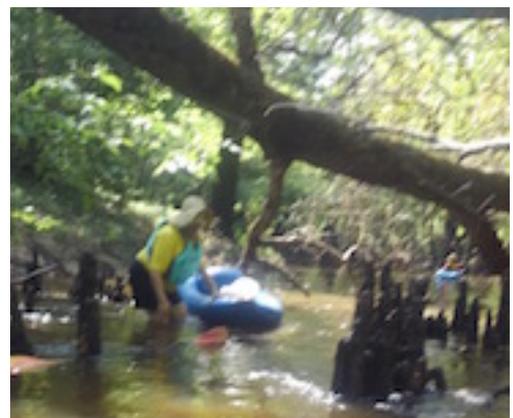
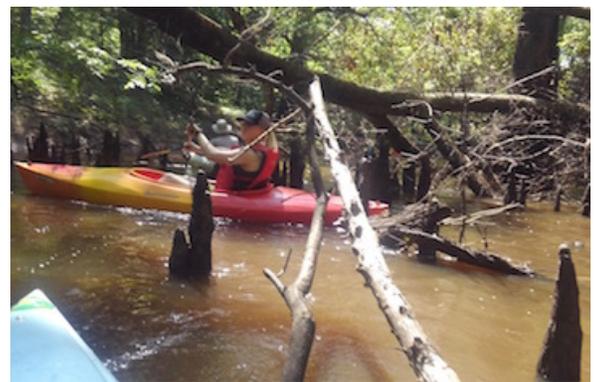
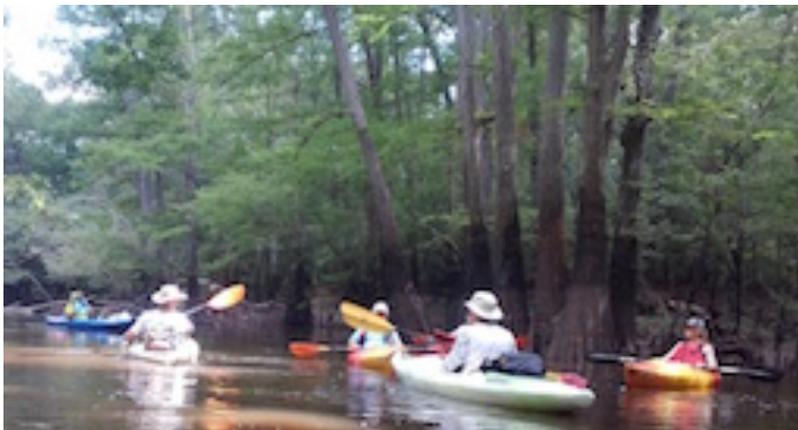
By: Dee Jaye Teutsch

BCOS Members Wayne Kiefer, Barbie Halbert, Steve Batie, Roy O'Neal, Susan Ramares, Dee Jaye Teutsch, & Robin Gillies along with our two guests Mark and Charles set out for the scenic Upper Dorcheat Bayou Paddle. We paddled this section of approximately 7 miles on Saturday July 20th. Although we had a good time just getting out into mother nature this ended up being a rough little paddle in many spots. The water level was at 7.5 feet which was on the lower side but not as low as some other paddles and certainly not as high as some other paddles that had been done in the past on this section of the bayou.

Previously this spring and early summer there had been several bad storms, tornadoes and straight-line winds that had gone through this section of Webster parish. The storms have made this paddle almost impassible in most spots through this section. We came across many downed trees and they were not small trees. So we did a lot of ducking under limbs and over tree trunks to get down the bayou.

Although we made it down the bayou with great effort, we still enjoyed our outing just being out and about. Some years back a team from our chapter had gone out and placed duck boxes in the trees which also served as mile markers on this bayou. Sadly, there were not many of those left standing. This beautiful scenic paddle probably will not happen again for quite some time. It will take a lot to clean or clear this bayou from all the damages. I don't know who should be contacted on any cleanup efforts for this bayou or who would be responsible for the waterway. It is certainly a mess. The downed trees are huge and stretch across from one bank to the other.

As we discussed going down the bayou with any future high waters there will probably be some damming problems this is going to cause and a lot of water backing up or flooding into other areas. If you know who to contact on clearing this waterway, then please make that call.



Sabine River Paddle - Home of the Tiger Fang Falls

By: Dee Jaye Teutsch

The weather turned out nicely for this paddle - not overly hot and overcast the first part of the day. The water was at 8.5' that Saturday morning and the moving water was quite nice to paddle in. We had a turnout of 15 people this year. Myself, Abby & Daisy Jones, Roy O'Neal, Wayne Kiefer, Robin Gillis, Larry Moore & Becky Jutze, Steve Batie, Bonnie Roberts, Sarah Robertson, Sandra Roerig, Derrick & Sarah Philyaw and one guest paddler name Melissa from Shreveport.

The river had changed quite a bit at The Tiger Fangs Falls area and had a sand bar of about 20' high and this was from all the flood stage that it had been in earlier this year. It was still runnable and was a nice break for a swimming hole. Only three people swam going over the falls. Daisy made it look very easy in her new little Old Town Heron Jr Kayak. She paddled 9/10ths the way down the river herself. I only towed her about a half mile to let her rest and eat of course. It has a built-in tow harness. Great boat for kids. If everyone remembers Daisy is always hungry on a paddle. We were on the water by 10am and off at 3pm which was a little quick for some of us that wanted to hang out and play a little longer, especially driving that far to go paddle. One thing we did miss for sure this year was Dick Maxwell's watermelon break at the Butt Bumping rock area and break spot. If we had watermelon, we probably would have played longer there. Several of us did surf the current and three made it through and able to run it twice. All in all, it was a good day on the river and glad everyone came and the weather and water was at a perfect level.



Ozark Society Board Meeting

August 3, 2019

By: Sandy Roerig

The Ozark Society Board met on Saturday morning, Aug 3 at the Donna and David Peterson castle near Conway, AR. Wayne Kiefer, Roy O'Neal (representing Dick Maxwell) and Sandy Roerig represented the Bayou Chapter. President David Peterson opened the meeting.

Minutes: Revised minutes from the previous meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Kay Ewart gave the treasurer's report. It was noted that legal expenses have greatly decreased due to the resolution of the C&H hog farm issue. The treasurer's report was approved.

David has arranged for a financial audit of the Ozark Society by Harry Clerget. Kay has provided records and the process is underway.

Old Business

C&H Hog Farm: David discussed Senate Bill 485 that was passed by the Arkansas legislature. This bill allocates \$5M to buy out the C&H hog farm. The Nature Conservancy will provide an additional \$1M. This success was aided by the tireless efforts of Bob Cross, David, Alice Andrews, the Ozark Society and many others. It was suggested that the governor finally conceded to the overwhelming public pressure. However, there are still remediation issues, the site must be cleaned up. The funds only purchase an easement of the land, the land is still owned by the Hanson family.

Ozark Society By-Laws Changes:

1. Name Change for Membership Chair: David noted that although Chris Kline is the Membership Chair, she is doing an excellent job at outreach projects. Carolyn Shearman (the Communications Chair) is keeping records of members, receiving membership dues and sending out reminders for dues as well as overseeing publication of the Pack and Paddle. Luke Parsch presented a proposal that would combine the Communications Chair and the Membership Chair into one position. Also the position of Community Engagement Chair would be created to better define Chris's current activities. He also proposed that the Financial Chair be renamed as the Treasurer, with no change in responsibilities. There was considerable discussion and the proposal was accepted.
2. Membership and Voting: Luke also presented a proposal that more closely describes the current practices of the Ozark Society. Key features were (1) Annual Members are defined as either new members or renewing members who have paid membership dues for the current calendar year, (2) Life Memberships are no longer available, as of January 2018, but those who were Life Members prior to that date will retain that status, and (3) even though membership dues are due on January 1 of each year, a grace period will be allowed before memberships may be terminated. There was discussion on this proposal and the proposal was accepted.
3. Board of Directors: Luke presented a proposed By-Laws change that would add the redefined Chairs. The proposal also included defining an Executive Committee consisting of the officers, defined as the President, Vice President, Secretary and treasurer plus one additional board member selected by the President. This committee would be involved in the management and day to day operations of the Ozark Society. After discussion, the proposal was accepted.

Reports

Communications/Membership Report: Carolyn Shearman discussed the membership report that she had distributed to the group. There are currently 391 paid renewal members and an additional 163 who have not yet paid their dues for this year. Carolyn will try one more time to contact these members and will consider dropping them from the membership if she does not receive their dues. The Bayou Chapter has 114 active members.

Conservation Report: Alice Andrews discussed the updated National Environmental Policy Act regulations as presented by the US Forest Service. The proposed changes are designed to “increase the pace and scale of work accomplished on the ground” – with a focus on removing hazardous fuels. However, the proposal is much broader than its stated goals. The revised regulations would adopt seven new categorical exclusions that would eliminate most environmental review and public input on future Forest Service decisions, except in Federal court. In addition, they would allow the Forest Service to clear cut up to 7 square miles anytime without any review. These changes represent a radical turn toward secrecy and fundamentally undermine NEPA’s bedrock principles of government transparency, accountability, public involvement and science-based decision making. Objections to these new regulations may be made until August 12.

Alice also reported on her recent visit to the Clinton library in Little Rock. A current display shows artwork made from plastic trash recovered by scuba divers in the ocean. It will be showing until October.

Education Report: Fred Paillet reported that he writes and illustrates an article for every issue of the Pack and Paddle.

Ozark Society Foundation Report: Janet Parsch stated that there are 1,100 copies remaining of Ken Smith’s new book, from a printing of 2,000 copies. The Ozark Society purchased 266 copies. Three hundred copies of Fred’s book, Ozark Forest Forensics, have been printed and she brought some copies to this meeting.

Janet also stated that Karen Seller is resigning as treasurer of the Ozark Society Foundation Board. Janet and Luke have recently been performing this job.

Janet also described how she is decreasing the inventory of Ozark Society books that are being stored in Chicago. Five hundred copies of the Diana Fritillary book will be donated to the Arkansas Forestry Education Association. The inventory is now down to 1,350 books.

New OS Foundation Board member: David discussed the nomination of Robert Cox for the OS Foundation Board. Mr. Cox fulfills the requirements for the position and has agreed to serve, if nominated. The nomination was unanimously approved.

Outing Reports

David reported that the June 4-8 Buffalo River trip was successful, the result of good planning and capable leadership.

Alan Nye praised Stewart Noland for leading a great trip on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River in June. Stewart stated that the trip next year will be held in late July, at lower water levels.

David discussed the Colorado trip. Kay said that it was a great trip, although the water levels were high so the paddling opportunities were few. Alan had assisted in setting up the equipment.

New Business

Shopping Cart: Carolyn described a need for a shopping cart for the Ozark Society store on the web page. She described a list of needed features that will require the purchase of software and a recurring charge of \$20 per month. The Board approved spending up to \$1,500 on the needed software.

Fall Membership Meeting: Luke discussed the fall meeting that will be held November 8-10 at Queen Wilhelmina State Park in Arkansas. He has arranged for 10 rooms to be held for Ozark Society members who will attend the meeting. Reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Digitalization Effort: Alan stated that all Ozark Society bulletins and issues of Pack and Paddle have been digitized and are available in a link to a drop box. They may be available on the web page.

Book Inquiry: David discussed the possibility of writing a new book as a follow-up to Neil Compton’s book, Saving the Buffalo, Part II. The book could cover wilderness preservation. He requested that those interested in helping out with this effort should contact him, Alice, Alan or Carolyn.

Protecting the Arkansas Wilderness: David noted that there has been increased ATV traffic in Arkansas streams and areas such as the Blue Hole. Of course, such traffic is illegal, but there is little enforcement of the laws. David will visit the Blue Hole site in the near future to assess damages.

Janet nominated Bob Cross for the Neil Compton Award and Alice nominated Bill and Dana Steward for the award. The nominations were unanimously approved.

Chapter Reports

Bayou Chapter: Wayne reported that several spring events were cancelled due to weather, but there have been many other activities. In June, Chapter members assisted with Outdoor Activities camp at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge by putting kids in canoes. There were floats on the Ouachita River and Caddo Lake. Chapter members provided safety boats at a recent triathlon and will also be present in safety boats at a triathlon tomorrow. The Chapter has also been involved in marking paddle trails on Lake Bistineau.

Highlands Chapter: Luke stated that the Chapter has no meetings from May through August. The Chapter will be participating in Neil Compton Day next Saturday in Bentonville.

Mississippi River Chapter: David stated that the Chapter has few members, but they are involved in several activities.

Pulaski Chapter – Mary Schlattlerer, representing Janet Nye, reported that Steve Heye is the Chapter Outings Chair. A float on the Buffalo River is planned for the Labor Day weekend, from Rush to the White River. Stewart Noland will be leading this float. The Chapter meetings have hosted excellent speakers, including Ken Smith.

Sugar Creek Chapter: Lowell Collins reported on the upcoming Neil Compton Day and the exhibit at Crystal Bridges.

New Board Member

David announced that he has appointed Stewart Noland as Archival Chair for the Ozark Society Board. There has not been a person in this position for several years, so it is good to have this position filled by such a capable member. Stewart said that he wants to do something with the oral history information on the Buffalo River battle that his brother Steve collected over several years.

Meeting adjourned.



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Our principal purpose is the preservation of wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, and unique natural areas.

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River Cities Triathlon

By: Jenny Hackman

There were over 800 participants in the River Cities Triathlon on Sunday August 4th at Cypress Lake. We had a good turnout of boaters to keep eyes on the swimmers. With the same number of heats and fewer athletes in each heat combined with an excellent turnout of water safety volunteers, we were able to assist everyone who was in need of assistance.

There were also new entries this year, the Ainsley's Angels. These athletes were a team of athletes partnered with an individual with a disability limiting their participation in a triathlon. The athletes would swim with a leash around their waist and a raft towing the their disabled partner for the swim, a road bike with a wheelchair attachment attached to their bike, then the run with their partner seated in a specially designed wheelchair.

This year there was some cloud cover so we were not blinded by the sun which was very nice. About 3 swimmers were unable to complete the swim course and were assisted to the beach. After the boats were loaded and the gear stowed, we enjoyed a nice lunch provided by Dillas Quesadillas. We had lots of fun and good visits with folks we aren't able to see on a regular basis.



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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

Chapter: *(choose one)*

- Benefactor: \$1000+ = \$990+ OS +\$10
Chapter
- Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- Sugar Creek (Bentonville, 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 Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- \$10 Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- \$10 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- \$10 Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- \$10 Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- \$10 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)

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: \$_____