



# BAYOU BYLINE



October 2019

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 11-12 Outdoor Wilderness Learning Center Trail Maintenance near Dubach, La. Contact person Wayne Kiefer - [wkiefer59@gmail.com](mailto:wkiefer59@gmail.com) or 318-676-9569
- 15 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Charles Kirkland, an instructor in survival skills and wilderness medicine
- 19 Fall Wildlife Celebration at Red River Refuge. Contact person Sandy Roerig [SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu) or 318-686-9481
- 26 Vista Trail Hike - Brady Mountain in Ouachita National Forest, Arkansas - contact person is Kathy Kramer [kramerhill@suddenlink.net](mailto:kramerhill@suddenlink.net) or 318-453-4973

### November

- 2 Red River Cleanup - Stoner Boat Launch in Shreveport
- 9 Ozark All Society Meeting at Queen Wilhemina State Park in Arkansas
- 11 Veterans Day Paddle on Red River. Contact person is Wayne Kiefer at [wkiefer59@gmail.com](mailto:wkiefer59@gmail.com) or 318-676-9569
- 16 Chimp Haven Discovery Day in Keithville. Admission \$10. Lunch and Hike after.
- 19 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 23 Duck Pond Cleanup. Contact Roy O'Neal at [royoneal2@gmail.com](mailto:royoneal2@gmail.com) or 318-272-0259

### December

- 8 Bayou Chapter Annual Christmas Party at the Red River Refuge. Contact person is Sandy Roerig at [SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:SRoeri@lsuhsc.edu) or 318-686-9481



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.



Charles Kirkland, an instructor in survival skills and wilderness medicine will be the guest speaker

# Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer



The BCOS year is coming to an end. We have some events still on the calendar and plenty of time for pop up activities. The hiking weather is finally here with some cooling temps. Opportunities and open weekends can bring some great outdoor enjoyment. Put down the remote, your team can win without you calling plays and get the family out to view our great outdoors. The Chimp Haven, Vista trails and a moonlight paddle are just a few of the upcoming events. If you have a pop up event idea, call me and we'll do it! We can usually organize people in just a day or two. Hope to see you all very soon! Let's go hiking and paddling!

## December Calendar (continued from page 1)

13-15 Camp, Hike and Paddle at White Oak Lake State Park, Bluff City, Arkansas. Contact person is Tammy Jernigan at [Tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:Tjerni88@hotmail.com).

31-Jan.1 Camp, Hike and Paddle at Bodcau Bayou – Tom Merrill Recreation Area. Contact person is Tammy Jernigan at [Tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:Tjerni88@hotmail.com).

## 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](mailto: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 Odds and Ends: Hiking Sticks, Cooking Gear

### National Hunting and Fishing Day

September 28, 2019



## **BCOS Meeting Minutes - September 17, 2019**

By: Secretary Gary Hackman



Wayne Kiefer called the meeting to order with 18 in attendance. Guests were recognized.

**Treasurer's report:** Dick Maxwell reported that we have a balance of \$4,227.15. A check of \$650.00 was given to the Red River Wildlife Refuge for new audio equipment.

**Newsletter:** No report.

**Minutes:** Sandy Roerig moved and Dick Maxwell seconded to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was approved.

**Publicity:** No report.

**Conservation:** Sandy Roerig reported on phenological mismatches. One of the keys with the migration of birds is getting enough energy for the trip. A loss of food could cause a mismatch. Louisiana is an important stopover for migrating birds. If the climate and landscape changes how quickly can the birds adapt? The severity and frequency of Gulf storms can also have an effect. Louisiana is making a serious push to improve habitat for the migrating birds.

**Program:** Samantha Luttrell from the Outdoor Wilderness Learning (OWL) Center presented a program about the outdoor therapy that the center does as part of the Louisiana Methodist Children's Home. BCOS will do some trail maintenance at the center on October 11 and 12.

**Old Business:** We are still on hold for finishing the Lake Bistineau canoe trail signs. The water has been drawn down. Tammy Jernigan will be talking to staff at the park next week. There is water at the trail. The problem is getting to the trail because of the drawdown. We are also looking at placing signs on Dorcheat.

**Past events:** Moonlight float on the Red River - 10 or 12 attended who saw the event on Facebook. Moonlight float at the Red River Wildlife Refuge. We had to invite the public to this float. All the canoes at the refuge were rented. There were about 50 people on the float with only 6 from BCOS. It was a beautiful sunset.

**Upcoming events:** Tammy Jernigan reminded us to check the newsletter, BCOS email, and OzarkSociety.net for upcoming activities. The Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day will be September 28. OWL trail maintenance will be October 11 and 12. The Red River Wildlife Refuge Wildlife Celebration will be October 19. We will be at the beach area to introduce people to paddling. Register at the visitor's center before going to the beach so they will have a head count for lunch. Contact Kathy Kramer about the Vista Trail hike.

Tammy said that we need suggestions for speakers. Email her with ideas.

Tammy reported that the Louisiana Purchase Cypress Legacy Project is trying to identify the oldest cypress trees in each parish and trees that have been around since the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. We may be able to help identify these trees by having popup paddles in nearby parishes. The oldest cypress in Caddo Parish has not yet been identified.

Jenny Hackman will have a booth at the Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day about mosquitoes and bite prevention.

Dick Maxwell reported that starting now Ozark Society dues collected will be good through 2020.

Jenny Hackman reported that a few of the old BCOS shirts are still available.

Our next meeting will be October 15.

The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's Pizza.

## Bayou Dorcheat Paddle

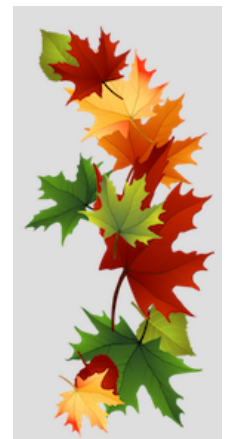
By: Tammy Jernigan

As many of you know, BCOS has been working with Lake Bistineau State Park on a paddle trail. During this project, we have partnered with the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission working with their executive director Serena Gray. Serena has been a big advocate of our outdoor activities so when she asked for some help exposing other tourism professionals to the outdoors, several BCOS members were glad to help.

We met at the Lumberjack Grill in Sarepta for pre-paddle fueling and then headed to Sikes Ferry Landing at Bayou Dorcheat and Hwy 2. We had four BCOS members, Roy, Barbie, David and Tammy, to show Serena and her eight cohorts the beauty of Dorcheat. Most of the tourism folks had never paddled and had no idea of what to expect. We paddled north on still waters for about 40 minutes until the bayou narrowed and we started seeing some of the large old growth Cypress trees that reside there. After several photo ops, we headed back to the boat ramp. While many spoke of the beauty of Dorcheat and the peacefulness of paddling, the most common statement was "I can't wait to do this again." From the BCOS standpoint, we just say "Mission accomplished!"

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Lake Bistineau State Park now has six brand-new kayaks for rent! Tammy is currently working with Tracie on designating paddle trail access during the drawdown. Hopefully we'll have a pop up paddle coming soon!  
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Harvey Stern, leader of the Louisiana Purchase Cypress Legacy Project, is coming to Northwest Louisiana. Local John Michael Kelly will lead Harvey and any BCOSers who want to come on a paddle to the oldest Cypress tree in Bossier Parish on Sunday, October 20, 2019. The tree is located on Bayou Bodcau north of the dam. Launch point and times coming soon.  
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## October "Special" Days

Oct. 5 - Ryan Visor's Birthday

Oct. 7 - Kristi Smith's Birthday (Linda Miller's daughter)

Oct. 10 - Barbie Halbert will celebrate 3 score and 3 trips around the sun. Her tan is proof she has been in the sun for sure.

Oct. 11 - David Pitts was born on this day.

Oct. 18 - Kathy Logan's birthday

Oct. 21 - Kevin Smith's birthday (Another of Linda Miller's off-spring)

Oct. 23 - Steve Tolson's birthday. (Catherine, we hope we got it right this time.)

Oct. 24 - Rick Larned's birthday

Oct. 27 - Marsha Land's birthday

Oct. 31 - Alisha Watson's birthday (Craig & Phyllis's daughter)



## National Hunting and Fishing Day

Bodcau Bayou - September 28, 2019  
By; Wayne Kiefer

I want to thank everyone for coming out to Bodcau Recreation area for the National Hunting and Fishing Day. The weather was great and there was a nice size crowd. Special thanks to the folks that went Friday and built the docks placed them into the water. Without them launching the boats would be very difficult.

We only had a few people hit the water and some on purpose. Each year we improve on our techniques and abilities to provide a memorable paddle experience for the public. Many come away with a big smile and appreciation for kayaking and canoeing.

Thank you all for being GREAT volunteers. The next few weeks there are many things on the agenda so come on out and enjoy the cooling weather. Fall is finally here!





**Bodcau National Hunting and Fishing Day**

**September 28, 2019**



## “Moonlight” Float on Lake Caroline

By: Sandy Roerig

The evening of Saturday, September 14, 2019 was supposed to be clear, one day after the full moon. So, the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society planned a moonlight float on Lake Caroline, the lake in the Red River National Wildlife Refuge, Headquarters Unit. According to Ranger Terri Jacobson at the refuge, the float was to be opened to the public, so it was promoted on social media sites. In addition, the eight tandem canoes at the refuge would be available to reserve for the event.

It was soon apparent that there is considerable local interest in canoeing by people who do not own boats. The eight canoes were quickly reserved, mostly by families who were excited about the opportunity to explore the lake from a paddle boat.

Daytime temperatures on Saturday were in the high-nineties, but that did not deter the eager paddlers who started gathering at the boat ramp at 6:00 pm. Ranger Terri transported the canoes, paddles and PFDs to the site where many hands helped unload the boats and equipment. Dick Maxwell also brought 4 kayaks that are property of the Bayou Chapter. In addition to the 16 people who had reserved the canoes, there were several individuals and families who brought their own boats. Unfortunately, no one remembered to count the paddlers, but Ranger Terri estimated that around 50 people participated. One family was offered the use of a Bayou Chapter kayak to make sure that everyone was outfitted safely.

The plan was to paddle across the lake to the duck banding site, a small sand beach, where we could all gather to eat our snacks and watch the moon rise in the eastern sky. However, it turned out that there was a cloud bank low on the eastern horizon, so the prospect of a visible moonrise seemed iffy. Never-the-less, everyone was excited just to be in a boat on the water.

Some participants preferred to linger on the water and watch the beautiful sunset, then return to the boat ramp. Others, paddled straight across the lake and disembarked on the beach to wait for the moon. Everyone socialized on the beach while keeping a watchful eye on the kids playing in the shallow water. There are alligators living in Lake Caroline, after all.

With the gathering darkness, many people headed back to the boat ramp even before the predicted moonrise time of 8:03 pm. But, there were a few persistent individuals who stayed on or near the beach until around 8:30 pm, hopefully waiting to see the golden orb emerge above the clouds. No such luck. The clouds were too thick. Plus, everyone wearied of slapping at the mosquitos.

As the last boats pulled into the boat ramp, people climbed out of their boats, dragged them up the ramp and loaded them on their vehicles, the moon finally showed herself high in the sky. It was a beautiful sight.

Bayou Chapter members who enjoyed this event were Gary and Jenny Hackman, Dick Maxwell, Larry Moore, Becky Jutze and Sandy Roerig. It was a lovely (cooler) evening, even though the moonrise was late. It was good to have non-member participants who had a good time - perhaps they will consider attending other outings and joining the Ozark Society.



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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](http://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:

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Email 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Old Email (if changed)

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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
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