



# BAYOU BYLINE



February 2020

## Calendar of Events

### February

- 15 Caney Lake Hike in Minden. Contact is Sandy Roerig
- 18 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is Tom Bullock. He will share a slide presentation on Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks
- 29 Post Mardi Gras Duck Pond Cleanup - contact is Roy O'Neal

### March

- 14 Discovery Day at Chimp Haven
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 20-22 Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance - contact person is Roy O'Neal
- 27-29 Camp and Play at Chicot State Park. Contact persons are Tammy Jernigan and Jack Land

### April

- 3-5 Cameron Refuge Hike - Hackberry/Holly Beach - contact person is Sara
- 18 Burn Run Paddle at Lake Bistineau State Park - contact person is Tammy
- 19 Wild Azalea Trail Hike in Woolworth, Louisiana Contact person is Sara
- 21 Monthly Meeting - Speaker TBA
- 25 Earth Day Regatta at Shady Glade in Uncertain, Texas - contact person is John Fortune
- 24-25 Ozark Society All Society Meeting at Tyler Bend, Arkansas



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.



Tom Bullock will present a slideshow and talk on Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks

**Wayne's Corner**

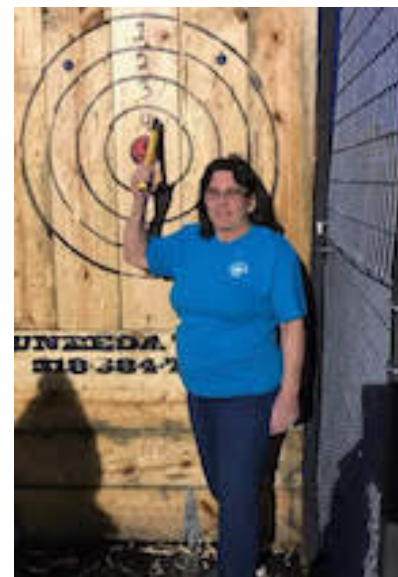
By: Wayne Kiefer



Just wanted to thank the BCOS members who came out to assist with the "One Great River" storage locker clean out. If you didn't know...Stewart Nolan from the Ozark Society received 2 large, high dollar rafts from One Great River to be used by anyone in the society. So on Saturday January 25th, to say thank you, we helped clean out and move the remaining items from the OGR storage building. Roy, Dick, Larry and Becky came out and we did a great job in just over an hour. OGR also gave away many items Saturday for free. Wet suits, tents, over 50 expensive sleeping bags, and many other items. In all there were about 18 people who came and helped. Thanks for your willingness and effort to come help out.

One Great River was a youth program that focused on outdoor activity and healthy lifestyles for about 120 kids a year in our area. It ran for many years until funding ran out and they had to discontinue their activities. A handful of BCOS members had been volunteers for them years ago. Sorry it had to fold.

**BCOS on Fire** - Friday January 31st BCOS had another successful bonfire at Red River South Marina. Over 40 people attended and ate dogs, tended the fire, shared stories and threw AXES. Cajun Axes came to our event with their portable axe throwing trailer. It was a good time and they were very helpful in teaching us the art of axe throwing. I want to thank everyone for bringing out food, drinks and especially firewood to the marina. Weather was great but seeing friends was even better.

**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.

Reminder - BCOS members meet from 11:30 to 1:00 on Tuesdays at Pierre Bossier Mall Food Court. Everyone is invited to come eat lunch or just have a cup of coffee and enjoy each other's company. No need to let anyone know you're coming, just show up!

## **BCOS Meeting Minutes**

January 21, 2020

By: Secretary Gary Hackman

Wayne Kiefer called the meeting to order at the Red River Wildlife Reserve visitor's center. Guests were recognized.

November minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Dick Maxwell reported that we have a balance of \$4,507.15.



Meeting  
Minutes

Newsletter: No report from Marian Howard, but everyone agreed that she had done a great job.

Publicity: Tom Goleman said that Tammy Jernigan would give us some information later in the meeting.

Conservation: No report.

Conservation activities: Wayne said that we may have a pop up trip to the OWL center since the planned trip was cancelled.

Past events: Wayne listed the Christmas party, Bodcau hike/float, and the Thursday hikes as some of the fun past events.

New Business: Tammy Jernigan, Tom Goleman, and Dee Jaye Teutsch met to discuss publicity ideas for the chapter. Three areas to publicize are membership, chapter events, and accomplishments within our membership to the chapter and to the public. We will start to keep an event report card of events and service project man-hours. Keep Bossier Beautiful is interested in our project hours to help with grants. We will identify some events for media blitzes. We will have fact sheets for outreach to other clubs in the area. An information pamphlet will be designed. If anyone is interested in helping, let them know. Tammy wants to put a couple of pictures on OzarkSociety.net for every event that we have. We need speakers lined up for the new year. Tammy read off a list of potential speakers to see if the membership would be interested in hearing them.

Ozark Society meeting: Roy O'Neal reported that there would be no Colorado trip this year. Tammy mentioned the idea that maybe BCOS could have its own Colorado trip. Roy reported that Bob Cross would be receiving the Compton Award and would be leading a trip to the Sedona, Arizona area this year. The spring all-society meeting will be April 25-26 at Tyler Bend. There will be a \$10 charge per adult for each night of camping. The board meeting will be April 26. There will be paddling and hiking activities. The 50th anniversary of the Buffalo River becoming a national river is coming up in 2022. The hog farm has been bought and will be removed. The operators will keep the land.

Program: Perry Hill and Kathy Kramer presented a program on hiking England's Lake District.

More new business and events: Wayne reported that the audio system upgrade is still in limbo. Roy O'Neal and Dick Maxwell got some new rubber bands for the trailer. Upcoming events are listed in the newsletter. Axe throwers will be at our next gathering at the marina. The planning group did a great job with upcoming events.

Meeting was adjourned.

## Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

By: Tammy Jernigan and Dee Jaye Teutsch

We had a good group join us for an orientation of the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge on Saturday January 25, 2020. We had a total of 23 BCOS members, Facebook guests, Friends of the CLNWR and Texas Master Naturalists in attendance. Our trail guide was Becky Gullette, Master Naturalist and Friend of the CLNWR.

Hikers via carpool, caravan or personal vehicle met at the Refuge Visitor Center just outside of Karnack, Texas at 10:00am. It was a short 32-mile drive from the North Market Brookshires to the refuge.

We explored the refuge via several trails starting with the Magazine Trail. This hike began with a short history lesson of the old ammunition plant and a wandering around old buildings and structures. The Magazine Trail was a short trail with lots of flora and a jaunt along a creek side. We then drove to the Starr Ranch Trail for a hike and saw where a new kayak launch would be built. There is great access to Caddo Lake here and it would make a fun paddle to Johnson's Ranch, the oldest inland marina in the state of Texas. We then hiked the Hope Cemetery Trail where a recent storm had done quite a bit of damage to the fence and headstones. All of these short trails combined gave us a pretty good workout. There was also a lot of interesting and informative interpretive signage at the refuge about not only history but the flora and fauna as well. All total we meandered around for about 2.5 hours and 4.5 miles.

We can definitely see more opportunities in the future to make plans to go back. Caddo Lake State park is right down the road for camping opportunities. There are 50 miles of roads to ride bicycles as well as access to Caddo Lake to paddle kayaks and several good hiking trails.



## Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

January 25, 2020



## **Eddie D. Jones Park Hike**

By: Sandy Roerig

After several days of overcast skies and intermittent rain, Saturday February 1, 2020 dawned bright, cool and clear – just perfect hiking weather. This change was good news for the 13 hikers who met at Eddie D. Jones Park around 9:00 am, ready for a walk in the woods. Members of the Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society and their guests comprised the group. After introductions, a quick safety briefing and a few stretches, the group started out at the trail head near the parking lot. Sandy Roerig led the pace for this merry band, with Marian Howard serving in the sweep position. Almost immediately, one individual decided that this adventure was not for him, and quickly dropped behind Marian, and back to his car. Undeterred, the rest of the group continued down the trail.

The recent rains had left the trail a bit slippery in some areas and a few spots still had actual puddles, but there were no real impassable places. This trail is used often by bicyclists and does not follow a straight line between two points, Rather, it winds around, following the geography of this hilly, wooded area. And, because of the many trees (mixed hardwoods and conifers), there are lots of roots across the trail, making it important to keep one's eyes almost constantly fixed on the ground in order to avoid tripping. These factors were no problem for this intrepid group as it tackled the 8 mile loop marked by red signs. The green signs indicated short cuts and a shorter route, but no one wimped out on this beautiful day.

There was an orienteering meet going on at the same time as the BCOS hike and occasionally, we saw young people running off-trail, through the trees, racing to find the stations marked on the maps they frequently consulted. At one point, we also met a runner on the trail, likely training for a future running event.

At around the 4 mile mark, when the trail merged briefly with a horse trail, we enjoyed a short break and a snack. But, because there were no good places to sit down (such as downed trees or sitting rocks), the rest stop was just a chance to visit or answer a call of nature. Just after the 6.5 mile marker, there was a long bridge over a stream that drains a small lake, then a short distance through an open field. The trail then merged again with the horse trail between two lakes before heading back into the woods.

When the group reached the 8 mile marker, a decision was made to take the green trail, which led right back to the parking lot by the trail head. The red trail continues for another 3 miles or so, but everyone was ready to finish for this day.

Back at the parking lot, we enjoyed sitting for a bit, eating lunch and just relaxing before the drive home. BCOS participants included Wayne Kiefer, Anne Gibson and grandson Alex, Rebecca Evans, Dee Jay Teutsch, Barbie Halbert, Kim Cox and Chuck Flores, as well as several guests. It was a lovely day to be outside enjoying the Louisiana 'winter'. Hope you can join us next time!



**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY**

## February "Special" Days

Feb. 2 - Groundhog Day. Punxsutawney Phil prognosticated an early spring this year!

Feb. 9 - Barkus & Meow Mardi Gras Pet Parade

Feb. 12 - Abe Lincoln's Birthday

Feb. 14 - Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 - Jim Overton's Birthday

Centaur Mardi Gras Parade

Feb. 16 - Sandy Miller's Birthday

Feb. 17 - Zoe Rech's Birthday

Elise (Pokey) Burton's Birthday

Presidents' Day

Feb. 22 - Gemini Mardi Gras Parade

George Washington's Birthday

Feb. 23 - Highland Mardi Gras Parade

Feb. 25 - Mardi Gras Day - Laissez les bon temps rouler!!!

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday

Feb. 29 - Leaping Lizards, February has 29 days this year. If this is your birthday, let us know.



**Above: St Matthias Trail Hikers**

**Left: Sunday Hikers at Red River Refuge**



## Bayou Chapter Spring Calendar - 2020

Feb 29 8:00am	Post Mardi Gras cleanup	Kings Hwy Duck Pond	Roy	
Mar 7	Hike	Lincoln Parish Park Trail	Sandy/Dee Jaye	Possible camp weekend as well
March 14	Discovery Day, Orienteering and Hike	Chimp Haven Eddie Jones Monkey Trail	Robyn, Gary and Sandy	
March 20-22	Trail Maintenance	Athens Big Fork	Roy	
March 27-29	Camp and Play	Chicot State Park	Tammy/Jack	Stay for Etoufee cookoff in Eunice
Apr 3-5	Cameron Refuge Hike	Hackberry/Holly Beach	Sara	
Apr 18 10:00am	Burn Run Paddle	Lake Bistineau State Park	Tammy	Explore paddle trail; public event
Apr 19	Wild Azalea Trail Hike	Woodworth, LA	Sara	
Apr 25	Earth Day Regatta	Shady Glade, Uncertain, TX	John	
Apr 24-25	All Society Meeting	Tyler Bend		All invited
May 2 10:00am	Crawfish Boil	Henry Ann's house	Henry Ann	
May 9 5:00pm	Paddle	Lake Bistineau State Park	Tammy	Moonlight paddle

Specific times will be published as event notifications are sent out. Expect additional popup events to be promoted including Mineola Big Foot paddle, Red River and bayou paddles, Bistineau paddle trail assessment and various weekday and weekend hikes. Thanks everyone for your input!

# Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!



# Happy Mardi Gras!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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)**

- Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- Buffalo River (Gilbert, AR)
- Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- Mississippi Valley (Missouri)
- Pulaski (Little Rock, AR)
- Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)
- No chapter, all to central Ozark Society

**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 Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- \$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: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

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

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