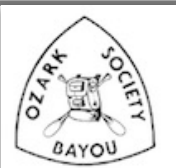




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March 2020

Calendar of Events

March

- 14 Discovery Day at Chimp Haven - contact Robyn
- 17 Monthly Meeting - Speaker is John Michael Kelly, speaking on Louisiana Old Growth Forests.
- 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
- 14 Planning Meeting at Heroes (5510 Airline Dr.) in Bossier. 6:30 pm
- 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

May

- 2 Annual Crawfish Boil and Picnic - see enclosed flyer for more info
- 9 Moonlight Paddle on Lake Bistineau - contact is Tammy



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.



Speaker is John Michael Kelly and he will be speaking on Louisiana Old Growth Forests. He's going to provide some interesting facts that hopefully will lead us on some cool hikes

Wayne's Corner

By: Wayne Kiefer



WE are about to transition into our next season of activities. April 14th we will meet at Heroes to plan the next six months. Please be thinking about past events we may do again, future events you would like to try and also consider being a "lead" on an activity. Tammy and I hope to get as many people involved as possible. Your idea may be in someone else's head too so come share them. Being a "lead" is simple but we need more folks to step up. Pick an activity, set a time and travel plans and coordinate a few questions people have. It can be a bonfire, a paddle, a hike or an evening get together. Plan it and they will come!!!

So mark your calendars! April 14th at 6:00 p.m. at Heroes on Airline. We will order food prior to the meeting. Last time we were there, the owner had free food trays for us at each table and the food was excellent. Come visit friends and plan future events for BCOS.

Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance

By: Roy O'Neal

If you have not yet marked MARCH 20-22, 2020 on your calendar, it is not too late! If you have not made your plans to be a part of the BCOS trail work, once again there is still time.

Just make your plans made known but one, or all for that matter, of the following means:

Sign up Sheet at the BCOS meeting Tuesday Mary 17th

Via e-mail to Roy O'Neal at royoneal2@gmail.com

Via text to 318-272-0259

Remember, Camping at Shady Lake is FREE!!

Even if you do not plan to participate in the trail effort, you can be a part of the "in camp" support group, AND enjoy a great weekend with your BCOS friends.

Help make this 32nd year of the BCOS effort the best yet!



Classy Ads and Other Important Stuff

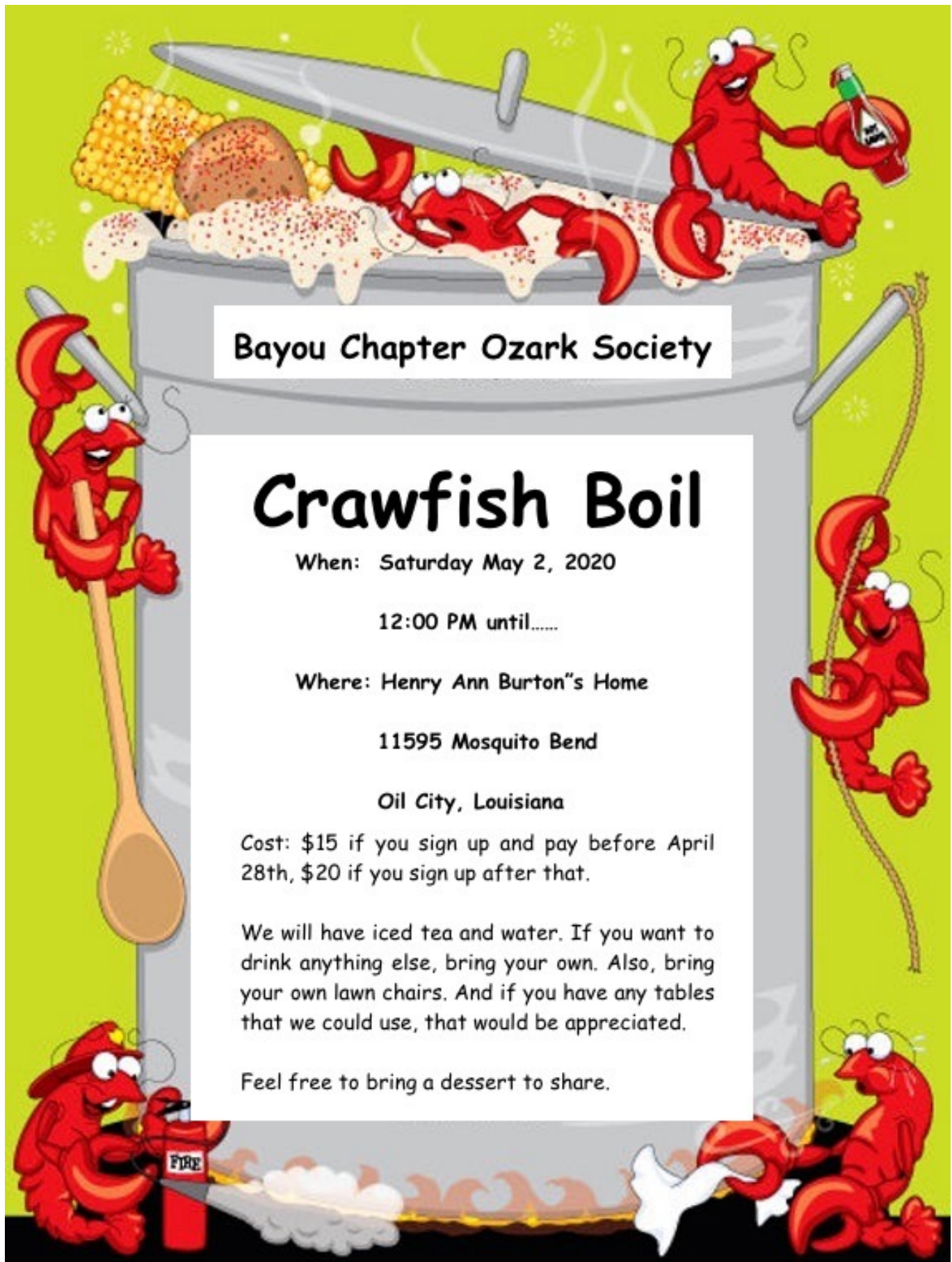
If you have any **equipment** you want to sell or give away, get in touch with Roy O'Neal. 318-272-0259 or royoneal2@gmail.com or just bring it to the upcoming meeting.

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, show up!

Send your \$15 for the Crawfish Boil to Dick Maxwell at the following address: BCOS, P.O. Box 4693, Shreveport, LA 71134 ATTN: Bugs

We need help on the Athens-Big Fork Trail Maintenance March 20-22. This is the only trail we are responsible for maintaining in Arkansas and it's the most beautiful trail in Arkansas! Contact Roy O'Neal for specifics. royoneal2@gmail.com



BCOS Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2020

By: Secretary Gary Hackman

Wayne Kiefer called the meeting to order at the Red River Wildlife Reserve visitor's center with 23 in attendance. Guests were recognized.

January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report: Dick Maxwell reported that we have a balance of \$4,557.15.

Newsletter: Marian Howard was recognized as having done a good job on the newsletter.

Publicity: Tom Goleman reported that he had no additional information from what was reported last month.



Past events: Over 40 people attended the bonfire at the Red River Marina. The axe throwing was fun.

The Monkey Trail hike had 13 attendees who went about 8 miles. The Caney Lake hike had 13 hikers. Marshall Kelly reported that they had a great time on the Caddo Lake hike. They went to River Bend restaurant afterwards. Wayne reported that they helped clean out the One Great River storage facility as a community service.

The chapter has been doing weekday hikes on Thursdays at various trails with Sara and Becky and Sunday morning hikes with Marian.

Speaker: Tom Bullock spoke about his trips to Yellowstone, Grand Teton, and Glacier National Parks.

New Business: The Texas Master Naturalists are looking for sponsors for the Caddo Lake Flotilla. We will discuss this next month. We will have a planning meeting April 14 at Heroes Tavern. The Duck Pond Cleanup will be February 29. Roy O'Neal said that we will have a permit this time. We will try to start at 8:30am. Some will meet at Strawn's beforehand for breakfast. Roy wants at least 4 boats for the cleanup. March 6 will be a trail maintenance at the OWL Center. March 7 is a trail hike at Lincoln Parish Park. March 14 is the Chimp Haven open house from 9:00am – noon. We may do a hike afterwards. March 20-22 is the Athens-Big Fork trail maintenance. Roy O'Neal reported that the trail is challenging in some places. There will be free camping at Shady Lake. Let Roy know what day you plan to get there. April 24-25 is the All Society meeting at Tyler Bend. May 2 is the crawfish boil at Henry Ann's house.

Conservation Report: Sandy Roerig reported on the bumble bee's decline due to climate change, pesticides, and changing flora. Bumble bees prefer cooler and slightly wet climates. Things we can do to help are to reduce pesticide use, plant diverse flora, and provide shelter from the sun.

Dick Maxwell asked the chapter if we wished to continue being associate members of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. It was moved and seconded that we continue our membership with a \$125 annual contribution. The motion passed.

Dick Maxwell moved that we reimburse Roy O'Neal with \$100/year for newsletter mailout expenses. The motion was seconded by Wayne Kiefer. The motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned to Johnny's Pizza.

Winter Caney Lake Hike

By: Sandy Roerig

Saturday February 15, 2020 was a perfect day for a hike in the woods. Initially, the temperature was cool, then later warmed to around 60 degrees F, allowing hikers to shed a layer or two. There were a few clouds, but it was good to see the sun, after several days of rain.

Thirteen Bayou Chapter members and guests met at 10:00 am in the parking lot at the boat ramp on Caney Lake, in the Kitatchie National Forest. Bayou Chapter members included Wayne Kiefer, Roy O'Neal, Marian Howard, Becky Evans, Matt Grusler, Chuck Flores, Marshall Kelly, Dee Jaye Teutsch and Sandy Roerig. After introductions, a brief safety talk by Sandy and a few stretches, the group started out on the trail that goes over the dam. Sandy led the group, with Wayne taking the sweep position.

At the confluence of the Sugar Cane and Lost Woman Trails, there was some discussion about which trail to take. The decision was made to hike Sugar Cane, and plan a future hike on Lost Woman, a trail that's a bit more difficult. Many of the hikers had trekked the Sugar Cane Trail previously, but there's always something new to see on a trail, no matter how many times it's been traveled.

The approximately 5-mile Sugar Cane Trail is rated 'Easy' and winds around Caney Lake. It is relatively flat and wide, with a few gentle hills and relatively free of tree roots crossing the trail. In spite of recent rains, the trail was in good shape, with boardwalks over the low, boggy areas and the two big bridges were in good repair. Everyone was cautious when walking over the mossy-looking wood structures and fortunately, no one slipped. In the past, when walking this trail there has been a notable amount of litter, that was collected and packed out. However, on this day I'm pleased to report a different result. The trail was very clean – a big plus for future recommendations.

About halfway around the lake, the group met a lone hiker, who stopped to chat. It turned out that he had originally planned to hike with our group, but had arrived at 9:00 am at the boat ramp. After waiting a while, he decided to just hike by himself. It seems that improved communication is needed for our events!

Around noon, the group paused briefly to rest and snack – enjoying the company, the weather and the surroundings. The last mile of trail wound around the campground, that was not crowded, even on such a lovely day.

All 13 hikers arrived safely back at the parking lot – indicating a successful event. Matt had been a bit uncertain that he could hike the whole 5 miles, but he was fine. Good job, Matt! Several hikers had to leave right away, but several others decided to take advantage of the season and stop for a crawfish meal. Crawfish Hole #2 was not far away and provided some yummy treats for hungry hikers.

Hope you can join us for the next hike – this is the season!



Duck Pond Cleanup

By: Roy O'Neal

The 15 “treasure seekers” who showed up at the parking lot on East Kings Highway on Saturday February 29th were somewhat disappointed and elated to find the banks, power lines and trees along the Duck Pond, unlike in years past, relatively cleaner and largely void of Mardi Gras treasures such as beads, doubloons and cups.

The City of Shreveport, and those parade watchers who occupied the “for rent” observation areas along the route, are to be commended for the cleanliness of the banks.

So, why did those 15 souls not just leave? Two reasons – first BCOSers are not quitters, and secondly, our agreement is to clean the “ponds” and not the banks. We are not going to leave trash on the bank just because it is not in our assigned area!

Trash bags and “pickers” were distributed. Boats were launched and manned. Bank walkers headed out both up and down the ponds, and even though the banks appeared to be very clean, the bank walkers found lots of debris along the waters edge and began filling those bags.

The water level was low allowing the people in boats to see, and collect, loads of beads, cups and other items obviously from parades past.

When the last person (Phillip Waters) called it day around 11 A.M. well over 20 bags of trash had been collected, along with a number of items that would not fit in a bag, i.e. plastic crates, PVC pipe, etc.

We do need to thank Shreveport Green for their support through the years, and especially for the gift of a number of “pickers” that we can use in our continued participation in the effort to keep the ponds, parks, trails and other outdoor venues clean.



L to R: Marian, Wayne, Roy, Robyn, Sandy, Henry Ann, Anne and Stephanie



Dick Maxwell getting his boat ready to launch

Owl Center Trail Maintenance

By: Wayne Kiefer

We just had our second trip to the OWL Center in Dubach for trail maintenance. What a great job was done by BCOS members and friends. We once again cleared more trails than we were expected to get completed. On Friday work began just after 3 PM and we worked until 5:30 before heading to the bunk house for dinner. A small group slept over and were joined in the morning by many. Six guests and about eleven BCOS members teamed up with OWL center staff Corey and Trey to clear horse and walking trails. The weather was great so the work was fairly easy. The BCOS folks know how to work and multiple teams tackled separate areas to save time.

The OWL provided lunch at 12:30 p.m. and we were basically finished by then. Our members purchased salsa and jelly that the OWL makes for projects. Thanks to Marian for birthday brownies and thanks to all who were there for singing Happy Birthday to me. The only mishap was Marsha Land getting the Mule stuck in the mud. After winching her out a FEW times we were back in business. Marsha..Marsha...Marsha.

The OWL Center truly appreciates all our hard work and time we donate to the Center. I want to thank everyone who came from BCOS, Keep Bossier Beautiful and Open Door Bible church. You were awesome to spend your day helping and are so cooperative to work with. THANK YOU!



OWL Center

March 7, 2020

March "Special" Days

Mar. 1 - Kathy Kramer-Hill's Birthday

Stephanie Parks Birthday



Mar. 7 - Wayne Kiefer, our exalted leader, celebrates 3 score and 1 trips around the sun.

Mar. 8 - Attention all Early Risers. Daylight Savings Time begins at 2 AM, or is it really 1 AM? Well no matter, if you failed to roll your clock forward 1 hour, you are going to be late for church. Or is it early?

Mar. 14 - Perry & Kathy will have been hitched 28 years today.

Mar. 17 - Green, green, it's green they say..... Well, if you ain't wearin' it you may get pinched. If you see a guy in green leading a herd of Serpents down the road, you will know it is ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

Mar. 20 - Spring has sprung!

Mar. 21 - Valerie Loridans' Birthday



Mar. 28 - Mary Ann Bowie's birthday



Mar. 30 - Steve Eyster's Birthday (No, contrary to popular belief, he was not 'hatched')

Please let the Byline staff know of important days we may have missed.

Weekday Hikers March 2020 Hiking Events

By: Becky Evans

Tuesday March 10, 1:45 pm with SBC Hiking Club hosting; Lakeshore Mountain Bike Trail - SBC Hiking is wanting to get their group going again with this being their first hike for 2020. You can find them on Facebook. We had 10 hikers show up!



Tuesday March 17, 12 Noon with Meet-up Weekday Hikers hosting; Driskill Mountain hike and picnic. Marshall Kelly coordinating the Carpool. Text or call him at (318) 773-3775 to ride together or to know to look for you at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church (trailhead).

Saturday, March 21 10am, Monroe Trail Dames invites Ladies Only to hike Bistineau State Park. \$3 park fee. Free for 62 and older. Many of you know Sharol Davenport who is coordinating it for this area. Text her at (318) 834-0480 so she will know to look for you. Please don't share her number or put it on BCOS Facebook page.

We will email late March hikes!

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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)

- ☐ 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)
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Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

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My Total is: \$_____

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You will receive a Thank You email from the Ozark Society. Please contact oscomms@ozarksociety.net for questions.