



BAYOU BYLINE



May 2023

Calendar of Events

May

- 13 Duck Pond Cleanup - 8:30 am - contact is Roy at royoneal2@gmail.com
- 16 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - Speaker is Christian True from H2Go. He'll share his harrowing experience on a recent Grand Canyon hike and speak on the importance of safety and proper equipment when backpacking.

June

- 2-3 Primitive Camp Weekend in Jefferson, Texas contact is Wayne Kiefer at wkiefer59@gmail.com
- 10 Bike Ride at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge - meet at the Visitor's Center at 9:00 am - contact is Marian at marianehoward@comcast.net
- 17-18 Tubing on Caddo River - contact is Dee Jaye Teutsch at tdeejaye@gmail.com
- 20 Monthly Meeting - 6:30 pm - **Red River South Marina** - We've reserved the pavilion and will have a cookout. More details to follow.
- 24 Kids Kayak Day at Caney Lakes in Minden - contact is Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com - Webster Parish Tourism asked BCOS to provide instruction in kayaking to kids

July

- 8 Paddle on Lake D'Arbonne - 10:00 am - contact is Kim at kcox@bpcc.edu
- 9 Sunrise Triathlon at El Karubah Shrine on Cross Lake 7:00 am - contact Roy at royoneal2@gmail.com or Dick at rmax75@icloud.com



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 food and socializing.



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BCOS Meeting Minutes - April 18, 2023

By: Kristen Tilbury

Grace Eyler called the meeting to order with 28 in attendance. New members and guests were recognized.

Presentation

William Billy Hummer, from Hummer and Son Hummer farm, gave a lecture on beekeeping.



New Business

Tammy made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes, and Marian seconded it. No corrections or additions were made.

Treasurer's Report - Dick Maxwell reported \$6,270.30 in the BCOS account. Most of this amount came through in the last few days. \$610 of this amount came from membership dues.

Maintenance Tools Reimbursement Update - Perry Hill was refunded \$294.37 for the trail maintenance tools.

BCOS T-shirts - The last BCOS T-shirt was sold.

BCOS Membership Update - Tammy gave updates on memberships. BCOS secured 6 new memberships in March. 106 members on the BCOS roster have paid yearly membership dues. She will reach out to the ones who have not paid their dues.

Conservation Report - Sandy Roerig informed BCOS that the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment confirmed that the required filing of a permit to dump waste in Arkansas has been withdrawn. No dumping of public waste in Arkansas will be permitted.

Past Outings

Chicot State Park took place on March 24-26th.

The Mount Driskill hike took place on April 1st.

Upcoming Events

April 21-23: Petit Jean Hiking Camp

Crawfish Boil will take place on May 6th.

Duck Pond Cleanup will take place on May 13th.

June 2nd and 3rd is a Camp for free event in a house or cabin located in Jefferson, TX (owned by Wayne's friends).

A Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge (Karnack, Texas) bike ride will take place on June 10th.

Hiking Information - All information on hikes and other events is listed on the BCOS website.

Lake Bistineau Paddle - Tammy gave an overview of the upcoming paddle on Lake Bistineau.

Condolences - Wellborn Jack Jr. passed away April 4, 2023. He co-founded the Kisatchie Chapter of the Ozark Society. He occasionally gave presentations at BCOS monthly meetings.

Steve made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and David seconded it.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Petit Jean Weekend

By: Kim Cox

On Friday, April 21st a group of 13 BCOS members headed up to Petit Jean State Park in Arkansas to enjoy some hiking and relaxing. Some stayed in the park lodge & some camped/RV'd. The weather was perfect as the group gathered for the first hike of the trip Friday afternoon at the Bear Cave Trailhead. Many pics were taken of the stunning rock formations on this excursion! We then continued the hike along the Cedar Falls Overlook trail to ooohhhh and ahhhhh over the view of Cedar Falls from the top. After an early supper at the lodge we took a short evening hike to the Rock House Cave ... this trail takes your through some spectacular "turtle rock" formations leading you to a LARGE rock shelter which still contains evidence of Native American inhabitants (pictographs on the cave ceiling and wall are from that primitive time). We finished Friday evening by enjoying some dessert and adult beverages in our lawn chairs at the CCC Overlook which has BREATHTAKING sunset views.

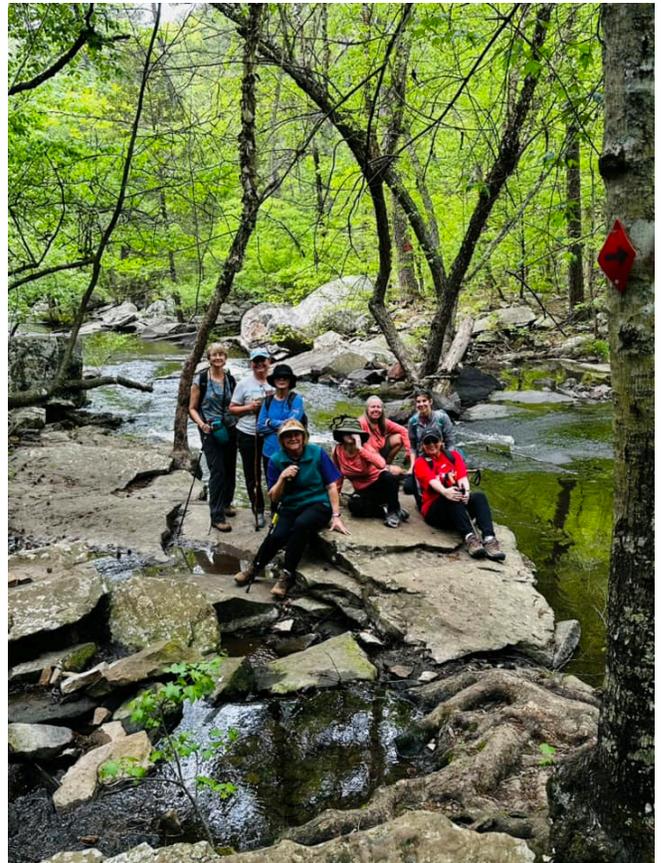
On Saturday morning we gathered behind the lodge to hike the Cedar Falls trail followed by the Canyon trail. It's a good thing we got an early start as these trails get VERY popular as the day progresses on the weekend. There were beautiful views of the creek as we hiked and then we were WOW'd as we rounded the final curve to see Cedar Falls in its full flowing glory! Several of our group got VERY ADVENTUROUS and rock scrambled to stand behind the waterfall itself (way to go ladies!!). We lunched at the "Blue Hole" water feature at the end of the Canyon trail and took some fun pics on the stepping stone "bridge" across the creek there. After lunch and a bit of rest on Saturday afternoon we tackled the Cedar Creek Trail. Despite the washed out bridge on that trail from a recent storm we enjoyed our out-and-back hike... some strenuous climbs on this one but the gorgeous river/woods views were worth the effort! We attempted another sunset watching gathering for Saturday evening but the cloudy skies, cold/windy weather and tired bodies from all day hiking made that a short lived attempt. Some met around Tammy Jernigan's campfire Saturday night for dessert, drinks and late night fun while the rest crashed early!

Sunday morning the last remaining BCOS'ers hiked the Seven Hollows trail to see the impressive rock formation called the Natural Bridge and to another small waterfall/grotto. The entire trip was FANTASTIC with excellent fellowship and fun... the only hiccup in the whole weekend was the \$717 mystery charge from the park that appeared on my (Kim's) credit card... did I pay for everyone's lodge room?? The park rectified the situation so no permanent harm done but I still blame Perry H. (haha)!! Be sure to join us the next time we travel to this GORGEOUS place!!





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Lake Bistineau State Park Paddle Adventure - April 15, 2023

16 BCOS members and guests decided to get a float in before the forecasted severe weather was supposed to arrive mid afternoon. Wrong!! We were a little over halfway thru when the bottom fell out. Thunder and pouring rain hit when we were about halfway thru, thus no turning back. It kept up for over half an hour and had us praying that we'd all make it to shore safely. Not that we had any other choice but to pray. Luckily the weather cleared up and sunny skies greeting us at the take out. Another BCOS adventure in the books!



YIKES!!!!



May “Special “ Days

May 5 Cinco de Mayo

Perry Hill’s Birthday (Perry actually started celebrating May 1st and will continue throughout the month.

May 8 Tammy Jernigan’s Birthday

May 18 Nancy Larned’s Birthday

May 21 Crystal Whitman’s Birthday. She will be 3 score and 10 and d---- proud of it!

May 26 Sheryl Holstead’s Birthday

May 28 Hey Dick Maxwell! Don’t forget that today is Sharon’s birthday!

May 29 Shannon O’Neal’s Birthday. (My Lord, is he really gonna be 57)

May 31 Louis & Judy Covington’s 48th Wedding Anniversary. Congrats Louis & Judy

If we have failed to include any of your “Special Day’s” let Roy know at royoneal2@gmail.com



The new kayak launch on Bayou Dorcheat at Dixie Inn

Bayou Chapter Ozark Society Officers - 2023

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BCOS Annual Crawfish Boil - Saturday May 6th, 2023

- Hottest day of 2023 - 91 degrees and blue skies
- 238 pounds of crawfish and we peeled every last one of them!
- 10 pounds of Down Home sausage
- 21 ears of corn shucked by Anne Gibson
- 16 pounds of small red potatoes
- 6 pounds of mushrooms
- Lots of delicious desserts
- Lots of hungry BCOS friends to share the day with!





 **CRAWFISH BOIL** 





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 and click "JOIN US."

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) _____

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
- \$ _____ Foundation Endowment Fund

My Total is: \$ _____

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

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