



Ozark Society Spring Meeting

Date: April 15 (board meeting), 16-17

Location: Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center
1720 Ferncliff Road, Little Rock AR 72223
(501) 821-3063, www.ferncliff.org

Lodging: Various levels of comfort: Camping (\$12/night), cabins (15-\$22/night plus linen), hotel style rooms (\$70 single, \$94 for double)

Dining: On site cafeteria (\$9.50 B, \$10.50 L, \$11.50 S), Saturday continental breakfast, Saturday evening potluck/Dutch oven cook-off

Proposed program: Solar energy (Chris McRae), Ecological innovation (David Gill), Arkansas native plants tour (Don Culwell), student paper sessions (karst, well water/spring contamination, Ozark oaks, etc.)

Recreation on site: 7.4 miles of maintained hiking trails, 4.8 mile mountain bike trail, 2 small lakes for canoeing/kayaking, 120' shady shoot slide, hammock circle, labyrinth

Nearby recreation

Hiking - Pinnacle Mountain State Park, Ouachita Trail

Flat Water - Grassy Lake (secluded cypress/tupelo gum swamp), Maumelle River, Lake Maumelle (flat water touring),

Whitewater - Cadron Creek (class 1,2), South Fork of Fourche River (class 1,2)

Biking - 10-40 mile cycling tours starting and ending at Ferncliff

Saturday night entertainment: Live music & swing dance

Important information

- Please pre-register and pay for sleeping arrangements and cafeteria meals by the **April 1 deadline** so that Ferncliff can plan staffing and accommodations appropriately (see financial page)
- The Ozark Society has reserved the north 40 acres of Ferncliff for our exclusive use, but there are lots of things to do at Ferncliff (swimming, canoeing, fishing, biking, hiking, etc. on site). They have found that a **\$12/person facilities fee** is reasonable for all that is available – it is a good deal. In order to encourage families and students though, we have decided to reduce the facilities fee for students to \$5.

Go to www.Ferncliff.org for maps of the facility and pictures of sleeping accommodations.

Directions from Little Rock: From I-430 go west 8.41 miles on Hy 10 (Cantrell Road), turn left onto Ferncliff Road. Ferncliff is on the right after 4.87 miles, 0.4 miles past the 4-way stop at Kanis Road.

Financial Sheet for Spring Semi-annual Meeting of OS

Camping/Lodging – all prices, except linens, are **per night**

Key: \$8L = Linens available for \$8 (onetime fee), LI = linens included, GS = gender separated, NGS = can be gender separated but need not be upon request, BB = bunk beds, PBR = private bathrooms, SBR = shared bathrooms, BF = bathhouse facilities, #B = beds per room, F = female, M = Male

Cancellation date (1/2 of fee returned) – March 15, 2016

Registration deadline for guaranteed lodging and meal tickets – April 1, 2016

Name(s) _____
 Contact information: e-mail _____, telephone _____
 Address: _____

	Specify Fri and/or Sat	Total Cost
Tent/camper: \$12 (no hook ups, BF)	_____	_____
Tree house \$15 (GS, 9 BB, \$8L; BF)	_____ F - M	_____
Stackwood Cabins \$15 (GS, 8 BB, \$8L; BF)	_____ F - M	_____
Retreat House \$22 (NGS, 3 quads, 1 sextuple, 1 upstairs 7B, \$8L; PBR)	_____ F - M	_____
Eco Center \$30 (NGS, 2 doubles, 4 quintuples, LI; PBR)	_____ F - M	_____
Brown Center (Hotel Rooms) (\$70 single, \$94 double, LI; PBR)	_____	_____
Meals (new cafeteria, breakfast – 8 am, lunch – Noon, supper – 6 pm)	FS - \$11.50	_____
	StB - \$9.50	_____
	StN - \$10.50	_____
	StS - \$11.50	_____
	SuB - \$9.50	_____
Subtotal		_____
Facilities fee (registration, meeting rooms, etc.)	<u>\$12/adult, \$5/student</u>	_____
Total Payable to the Pulaski Chapter of the Ozark Society		_____

Mail check and itemization to:

% Kay Ewart, Treasurer
 4508 Valley Brook Dr.
 North Little Rock, AR 72116

Questions: David Peterson, Pulaski County chair, drpdrp@windstream.net, 501-679-2935h; Kay Ewart, kayewart@sbcglobal.net

Schedule/Program, Ozark Society 2016 Spring Meeting at Ferncliff

Friday, April 15

6:00 **Board** – Supper at the Cafeteria (\$11.50)

6:30 **Board meeting** in Ferncliff Retreat House (#16 on map)

Saturday, April 16

8:00 **Breakfast** Cafeteria (\$9.50) **or**

Continental breakfast at Eco Center

Program & Registration 9:00-Noon at Eco Center

9:00 – 9:50 **Solar Energy**, Chris McRae, world-wide solar energy expert

10:00 – 10:50 **Ecological Innovation**, David Gill, director of Ferncliff

11:00 - 11:50 **Arkansas Native Plants Tour**, Don Culwell, founder of the Arkansas native plant society

Noon – 1 PM **Dinner** at Cafeteria (\$10.50) **or on your own**

1:00-3:00 **Student papers** at the Eco Center

6:00 **Pot Luck** at Eco Center, note: there are covered fire rings at the Eco Center and the Tree House, **or**

Supper at Cafeteria (\$11.50)

7:00 Entertainment at Eco House, TBA

8:00 Swing dancing, Eco House

Sunday, April 17

8:00 **Breakfast** at cafeteria (\$9.50)

9:00 Ozark Society discussion/cleanup at Eco House, no agenda

Organized recreational activities:

1 PM, Sat **Grassy Lake canoe/kayak tour – Leader, Charline Manning, meet at Ferncliff tunnel**
29.6 miles from Ferncliff (34 min)

Grassy Lake is a cypress/tupelo gum swamp south of Lake Conway. Margaret Bartlett and Charline developed and marked the official canoe trail so you won't get lost. Bring your own water vehicle or there may be a borrowed canoe to share. Contact Charline Manning or David Peterson for more information.

1 PM, Sat **Bike touring, 10-40 miles cycling tours – Leader, Janet Nye, meet under the tunnel**

Janet will lead a circuit on hard surface roads that will appeal to various riding goals.

9 AM, Sun **Whitewater canoe and kayak (depends on water levels) – meet at Ferncliff tunnel**

Cadron Creek - 56 miles N on hy 65 (64 min)

or

South Fork of the Fourche River – 65 miles west of Ferncliff in the Ouachita Mts.

Recreation on site:

7.4 miles of maintained hiking trails, 4.8 miles mountain bike (bring you own bike), 2 small lakes for canoeing and kayaking, labyrinth, 120' shady shoot slide, hammock circle

Nearby Hiking: Ouachita Trail (see FoOt website) **Hillary Hollow, Nancy Mt.** (4.6 miles round trip), 4 miles south Williams Junction (hy 9 & 10) on hy 9. **Flatside Wilderness** (access at Flatside Pinnacle, 11 miles to fr 124). **Pinnacle Mt.** (round trip, see directing signs along hy 10)

Note: With prior notification it may be possible to shuttle hikers to trailheads on the Ouachita trail

