



# BAYOU BYLINE



June 2025

## Calendar of Events

### June

- 14 Briarwood Tour - contact is Steve Birmingham at [stevebirmingham@icloud.com](mailto:stevebirmingham@icloud.com)
- 15 Jeem's Bayou Paddle - contact Harvey Kennedy at [harvlee@bellsouth.net](mailto:harvlee@bellsouth.net)
- 17 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - Speaker is a representative of the Friends of the RRNWR speaking on resolutions they are proposing to Congress to restore refuge funding
- 21 Fun Day at Cypress Black Bayou - basic water safety and putting kids in boats - contact Tammy at [tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:tjerni88@hotmail.com)
- 28 Lower Mountain Fork Paddle - Broken Bow - contact Tammy at [tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:tjerni88@hotmail.com)

### July

- 5 Dorcheat Moonlight Paddle - TBA
- 13 Sunrise Triathlon on Cross Lake - TBA - safety boats
- 15 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - Speaker TBA
- 19 Black Bayou Lake Paddle in Monroe - contact Steve at [stevebirmingham@icloud.com](mailto:stevebirmingham@icloud.com) or Melissa at [melissa\\_axb@yahoo.com](mailto:melissa_axb@yahoo.com)

### August

- 3 River Cities Triathlon on Cypress Black Bayou - safety boats
- 16 D'Arbonne Bayou Paddle - contact Steve or Melissa at [stevebirmingham@icloud.com](mailto:stevebirmingham@icloud.com) or [melissa\\_axb@yahoo.com](mailto:melissa_axb@yahoo.com)
- 19 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - Speaker TBA



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.



A representative from the Friends of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge will speak on resolutions they are proposing to Congress to restore refuge funding.

**BCOS Meeting Minutes - May 20, 2025**

By: Secretary Jenny Hackman

Meeting was called to order by Tammy J at 6:30

The April meeting minutes were approved as written in the newsletter first by Barbie H and second by Marian H

**Treasurer Report** given by Tammy J (prepared by Cindy B)

Checking balance April 1, 2025: \$6,765.14

Receipts: 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2025 membership – OS: \$500.00

Crawfish boil: \$360.00

Total Receipts: \$860.00

Deduct Disbursements: Pamphlets and April meeting expense: \$99.69

Total Disbursements: \$99.69

Checking Balance April 30, 2025: \$7, 525.45

Savings Balance: \$5.00

\$1,696 is earmarked for the Athens Big Fork Historical Marker



A suggestion was made that by Tammy J, on behalf of Cindy B, that we cancel the PO Box due to it costing \$210.00 per year and the only mail that goes to the PO Box anymore is the crawfish boil money. Otherwise, the only mail that is received is junk mail. The OS sends the funds from membership electronically. The mail box renewal is scheduled for June. Cindy doesn't feel that the PO Box is needed anymore at this time. The PO Box number has been removed from all of our literature that is handed out. Cindy reports that when things need to be mailed in to the club, they can go to her home. Grace E made a motion that we cancel the PO Box and it was second by Kim C. Discussion that was added was the possibility of sending the mail to the RRNWR by Phillip. All were in favor of cancelling the PO Box. Tammy J will let Cindy B know.

Presentation: Canada summer 2024 Part 2 by Catherine and Steve T. They shared their adventure through the Yukon Territory, Northwest Territory, Alaska and British Columbia. The photos were beautiful. There are very long roads that go north and south, but very few that go east or west. There are also many miles between gas stations.

**Past Outings:**

Black Bayou paddle was cancelled due to high winds and it was moved to Bayou Desiard and was a pretty paddle.

Big Cypress Paddle was cancelled due to water release and the high water situation. The paddle was moved to the Buffalo Bayou on the Big Cypress Bayou. It was a pretty paddle and there are plans to return. It is about an hour away.

Crawfish Boil: Marian did a great job, as usual. A huge thank you to Steve and Grace E for hosting the event and for all of the volunteers who assisted in preparations and clean up.

Lake Bistineau paddle/Webster Parish Paddle: It was a nice paddle, rescue skills were demonstrated, the food and fellowship was good.

**Upcoming events:**

Coast guard event on Thursday at 3pm - the Honor Guard from Magnolia HS will play. There will be tours of the coast guard boat.

Red River Paddle May 31 – cancelled due to high water and all of the sandbars are under water. There will probably be a Dorcheat bayou paddle

June 7 Keep Bossier Beautiful: Our group will do the cleanup at the Bossier Parish Camp. We will be cleaning up along the shoreline. Following the cleanup, there will be a paddle to a local food restaurant. You need to register for the event.

June 14 - Steve Birmingham has arranged for a tour at Briarwood/Caroline Dorman Trail

June 15 - Harvey K will be leading a Jeems Bayou float

We have 111 paid family units

Donations Discussion: Tammy discussed that we adopt a yearly budget so that we will know how many funds are available for donations each year.

Sharon W, Marian H, Mark R and Tammy J spoke about swag. Some items for members to purchase and other items that are to be given away during events for promotion of our club for outreach and recruitment

**Conservation** – Tammy will speak with Sandy and Roy and see if they can find a group that lines up with our mission to help

Emails – we are recruiting for additional moderators for facebook and email. If you are interested in being a moderator or administrator, please contact Tammy J and Dee Jaye T.

Marian H reminded us that when you send out emails to BCOS they go to all of the recipients. There is a setting that can be set up for a reply to the individual or reply to all in your reply properties. Jenny H also reminded the group that the BCOS email is for communication about activities and that emails should be respectful. If you have an issue with someone in particular, please contact them directly. Tammy j reported that she has received some requests to be removed from the email list.

Bayouchapter.com is another way that information is distributed. There is a forum, blog (you have to be signed in), chat feature. You can direct contact people for the events through the chat feature. The forum is for various topics.

Door prizes were given out based on drawings to Steve E, Susan R, and Jenny H

Meeting was adjourned at 8:32.



## Webster Parish Bistineau Paddle

By: Tammy Jernigan

BCOS partnered with Webster Parish for another epic paddle adventure on Saturday May 17th. After a quick orientation, 105 paddlers took to the water for a 5-mile glide through Cypress stands and duck blinds. Special thanks go to Scott and Denise for gleefully accepting the sweep role and to Melissa and Barbie for their water rescue skills.

Many thanks to Webster Parish for continuing to host this ecotourism event and for providing lunch and entertainment. Lots of pamphlets and brochures were handed out so hopefully we'll pick up some new outdoors oriented folks.

### GET OUTSIDE AND PLAY!!!!





## Coast Guard Appreciation Day

The Bayou Chapter of the Ozark Society was well represented on Thursday May 22nd at the Stoner Boat Launch in Shreveport for the Coast Guard Appreciation Day. This program was designed to show our gratitude to the brave men and women of the United States Coast Guard for their dedication and service.

The day was sponsored by the North Shreveport Lions Club and officially recognized by Shreveport Mayor Tom Arceneaux and Bossier City Mayor Tommy Chandler to honor Coast Guard Aids to Navigation Team Colfax, Shreveport Coast Guard Recruiters, Coast Guard auxiliary and Coast Guard reserves and veterans.

After the program, they served hamburgers and hot dogs, along with baked beans, potato salad and brownies and offered tours of the Coast Guard ships. Attending the program were Jenny and Gary Hackman, Susan Rames, Roy O'Neal, Marian Howard, Sharon Windham, Misheal Burney, Mark Robinson, Philip Waters and his mom. Bayou Chapter honors our brave Coast Guard!



## Parish Camp at Bistineau Cleanup

13 BCOS members partnered with Keep Bossier Beautiful on Saturday morning June 7th to clean up Parish Camp on Lake Bistineau. We picked up plenty of styrofoam trash, empty gallon jugs, the usual beer and soft drink cans and even a rod and reel. After the cleanup, Advanced Air Conditioning provided lunch for all participants. Parish Camp is one of the only public launch areas open when Lake Bistineau is at its lowest point during drawdowns. The site has been greatly improved and plans are in the works to have BCOS outings there in the near future.





## Summer Camp at Bodcau

The first of four summer camp events at Bodcau (every Thursday morning in June) are in the books! We had nine BCOS volunteers to help corral kids in kayaks. While we did have some challenges, we learned a lot for the next three events. The volunteers were rewarded not only with knowing that they helped 22 kids and several counselors have a new experience, they also received a BCOS t-shirt and hamburger lunch. We're looking forward to next Thursday and putting a whole new group of kids in the water. Anyone wishing to help with this rewarding endeavor, contact Tammy at [tjerni88@hotmail.com](mailto:tjerni88@hotmail.com).





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## **Keep Bossier Beautiful and Bayou Chapter Teamed up to Clean Up Parish Camp**





## 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) and click "MEMBERSHIP."

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: \$60 = \$50 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Supporter: \$110 = \$100 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Sponsor: \$260 = \$250 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Patron: \$510 = \$500 OS + \$10 Chapter
- ☐ Benefactor: \$1010 = \$1000 OS + \$10 Chapter

#### Chapter: (choose one)

- ☐ Bayou (Shreveport, LA)
- ☐ Buffalo River (North Central, AR)
- ☐ Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- ☐ Pulaski (Central, 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 (North Central, AR)
- ☐ \$10 Highlands (Fayetteville, AR)
- ☐ \$10 Pulaski (Central, AR)
- ☐ \$10 Schoolcraft (Springfield, MO)
- ☐ \$10 Sugar Creek (Bentonville, AR)

### Section C: Donations to our Funds

(Choose any amount)

- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Fund
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Endowment Fund
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Legal Fund
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Grant Fund
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Compton Scholarship
- ☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Hedges Scholarship

My Total is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please remit to: The Ozark Society, PO Box 166, Fayetteville, AR 72702-0166.

You will receive a Thank You email from the Ozark Society. Please contact [ozarksocietymembership@gmail.com](mailto:ozarksocietymembership@gmail.com) for questions.