



BAYOU BYLINE



July 2026

Calendar of Events

July

21 Brandy Branch Paddle in Marshall - 9:30 am - contact Wayne at wkiefer59@gmail.com

21 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - 1st Annual BCOS Trivia Night - see page 4 for more details

24 Lower Mountain Fork Paddle - Join us for paddling on Lower Mountain Fork/Presbyterian Falls near Broken Bow, OK! Contact is Jill at rubyriver105@gmail.com

August

1 Caddo River Tubing/Paddling - contact Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com

18 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm

28 Moonlight Paddle - Location TBA - contact Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com

September

5 Castle Tree Paddle at Chemin-a-Haut - Contact TBA

6 Irwin Lake Paddle - contact is Melissa Leporati at melissa_axb@yahoo.com

15 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm

26 National Hunting and Fishing Day at Bodcau - Tom Merrill Recreation Area - 9:00am to 2:00pm - contact Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com

October

17 Red River National Wildlife Refuge Celebration - 10:00am to 2:00pm - contact Tammy at tjerni88@hotmail.com

20 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm



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.



1st Annual BCOS Trivia Night!! - see page 4 for details.

BCOS Meeting Minutes - June 16, 2026

By: Secretary Jenny Hackman

Meeting was called to order by Tammy J

Minutes were approved with the exception by Mark R that a deposit of \$145.05 was made prior to the last meeting that wasn't included in the Treasurer report. Minutes to accept the minutes as written in the prior newsletter with the exception was made by Anna L and 2nd by Philip W



Treasurer report by Mark R: Checking balance: \$6351.67, Savings balance: \$5.00; 134 active members

Captain Ron was our speaker tonight. He presented a very interesting history of Caddo Lake. Captain Ron has been running Swamp Tours on Caddo Lake for 8 years. Caddo Lake crosses into Texas and Louisiana. The Caddo Indians were advanced and found small arrow heads for fowl and spear heads made of materials from the west. They gathered and traded with the plains Indians. The Caddo Indians were known for their pottery. They were able to do glazing on the pottery. The Caddo Indian's pottery was found as far west as Arizona. They were also known for domesticating animals and clearing land for crops. The Caddo Indians were not nomadic. In the Red River, there was a raft for hundreds of years. Clearing of the raft began about the time of the Civil War between 1840 and 1880. After this point, the steamboats became obsolete due to the railroad having been built. The Red River was cleared to Fulton, AR. The Library of Congress Newspaper archivers go back to the 1700's. Captain Ron found a lot of history between Shreveport and Jefferson. The Red River was dredged due to cotton needing to be moved. Steamboats that carried cotton only took 4 to 4 ½ feet of water. The cotton was moved down the river to New Orleans and then exported to Europe. The clerk on the steamboats was the deputized postman. The steamboats carried the mail. After the railroads were built, the mail started traveling by train. When airplanes came to be, the transport of mail by railroad was ended and airmail became the mode of transportation.

On Caddo Lake, there is a pileated woodpecker which is year-round and is about the size of a crow. There are also eagles, Spanish moss, and Marshmallow hibiscus which is related to okra. Spanish moss is an air plant. It has fuzzy fingers on it and acts like nature's HEPA filter. It needs rain and humidity to live. Spanish moss also has a lot of seeds like cottonwood trees. There is the paddle fish in Caddo Lake. The paddle fish loves rivers with sandy bottoms and has a snout that has a lot of nerve endings. Caddo Lake is also one of the largest bald Cypress forests. The Cypress sap repels mosquitoes.

Tammy J presented Harvey K with 2 commendations. One was from the LA Wildlife Federation from 2011 and the other was from the State of LA for putting up the duck boxes on Dorcheat Bayou in 2013. These commendations were recently found in archives.

Conservation report was presented by Sandy R. Carbon capture and storage at an industrial level. The goal is to recover CO2 from emissions. There are 3 stages which are capture, transport, and storage.

4 types of capture: 1/3 to 1/2 is absorbed by the ocean which increases the acidity.

Pros: Post-conduction uses solvent and changes CO2 into liquid

Pre-conduction removes CO2 prior to burning

Oxygen fuel combustion can capture 100% of the CO2

Direct air capture creates carbon salt pellets

Cons: high costs and it takes a lot of energy to capture the CO2

In the US, 30 million tons of CO2 is captured in pipes each year. Worldwide in 2021, 44 million tons of CO2 were transported and stored.

Next month, Sandy R will present what we can do to protect our environment.

Upcoming events:

Thursday mornings in June from 8:30 to 12 Wild Child Camps on Bodcau

June 27: Bike ride at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Karnack

July 12: Safety boats for Sunrise Triathlon on Cross Lake

July 18: possible Paddle on the Ouachita River in Arkansas led by Stephanie P

July 22: Paddle in East Tx

September: LA waterway clean-up work. BCOS is partnering with Keep Bossier Beautiful. Provide suggestions to Tammy J

Jill and others were working on creating new fishing poles for the kid's area.

Tammy asked if BCOS would consider being a possible sponsor for the River Rat Paddle Challenge. There are a 3 mile and 8-mile paddle. The sponsorship levels are \$250, \$500, and \$1000. The funds go to an Autistic school and for a park in the Monroe area. A \$250 sponsorship gets a logo on the shirt and put swag in the bag. \$500 allows for a larger logo on the shirt, 2 free entries, and allows for putting swag in the bag. \$1000 is the top tier with a larger logo on the shirt and 5 free entries along with putting swag in the bag. Last year, \$150 was spent on swag for the bags. Sandy R made a motion that \$250 be donated and was 2nd by Gary H. Wayne amended the motion to donate \$500 and 2nd by Sharon W. Discussion: Susan R asked if it is wise to spend half of our yearly income on one event. A vote on the motion to support at a \$500 level was taken. Motion passed.

Swag order: there will be another swag order placed with possible long sleeve t-shirts and additional hats will be ordered.

Upcoming events:

July 24-26: paddle Broken Bow. Contact person is Jill F. If you want to stay in the cabin, get with Jill. The cabin will be on the river and has kayaks.

Wayne K announced that the canoe trail along HWY 162 will be cleaned.

Tammy J announced that the Cypress Black Bayou is voting this evening on whether or not to fund the signage for the canoe trail

Door prizes were awarded

Meeting was adjourned.



Sunrise Triathlon Safety Boat Crew

BCOS Trivia Night at July Meeting

By: Sharon Windham

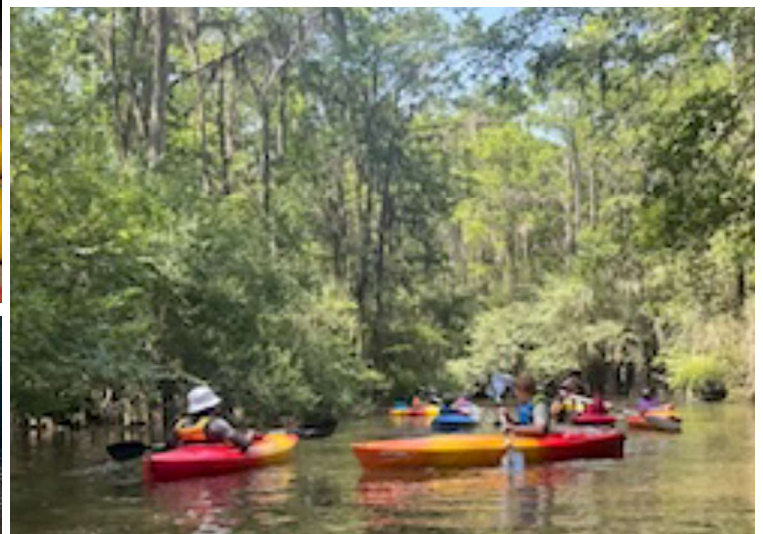
Hey BCOS members! Are you the next Trivia Superstar? Get your game on; Tuesday, July 21st will be our First Annual Trivia Night!! Brush up on all facts/interesting info on kayaking, hiking, Louisiana facts, national parks, etc. There will be teams and competition so bring it!! Look forward to seeing you then.

**Sunrise Triathlon Safety Boats**

Thanks Mark, Barbie, Kim, Jill, Cheryl, Teresa, Larry, Becky, Jenny, Gary, Marian, Sandy, Scott and Roy!

Wild Child Camp #4

The last Wild Child Camp this summer was held Thursday morning June 25th at Bodcau and things went great, just as in the prior 3 camps! Thanks to Walter B Jacobs for providing the kids with this opportunity to "Get Outside and Play" and to all the BCOS volunteers who came out to help. Special thanks to Wayne for taking the lead on this very worthwhile project for BCOS.



Bike Ride at Caddo Lake National Wildlife in Karnack

Great group of 9 bike riders on Saturday morning June 27th at Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge in Karnack, Texas. Eight were BCOS members and one was someone who saw our post on bayouchapter.com and thought it would be fun to join us! We rode about 15 miles and then went to Big Pines Lodge for lunch. What a fun day!



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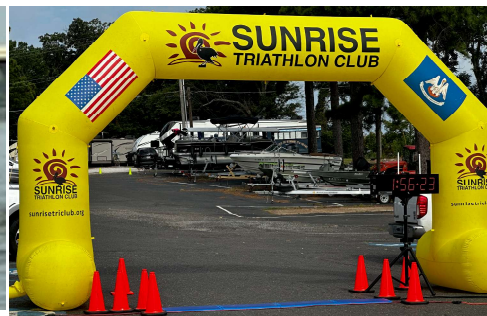
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