# BAYOU BYLINE

## November 2026

## Calendar of Events

### November

11 Veterans Day Paddle on Big Cypress Bayou - meet at 9:30 am at the Jefferson Boat Launch - contact Wayne at wkiefer59@gmail.com

14 Ozark Society Fall Meeting at Buffalo Point - contact Sandy at sandra.roerig@lsuhs.edu

17 Planning Meeting at 5:30 pm at the Refuge - regular monthly meeting will follow at 6:30 pm. Refreshments will be served.

17 Monthly Meeting at RRNWR - 6:30 pm - Speaker is Rick Owens with the Louisiana Wildlife Federation - see page 6 for details

21 Cross Lake Supermoon Paddle - 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Richard Fleming Park

27 Grand Ecore Paddle - contact Tammy Jernigan at tjerni88@hotmail.com

### December

5 Orienteering at Caney Lakes in Minden - contact Jenny and Gary at gandjman2@gmail.com

6 Annual BCOS Christmas Party - 5:00pm - 8:00pm at Red River National Wildlife Refuge - White Elephant Gift Exchange and Ugly Sweater Contest - contact Sandy at sandra.roerig@lsuhs.edu

13 Monkey Trail Hike - 8:00am at Eddie Jones Park - contact Marian at marianehoward@comcast.net

### January

1 First Day Hike - TBA

8-10 Camp and Hike at Indian Creek Recreation Area and Wild Azalea Trail - contact Tricia at triciagrayson@bellsouth.net




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 - October 20, 2026

By: Secretary Jenny Hackman

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Tammy J
Grace E notified the group that Cathy Joyce recently passed away. Her service/visitation will be on Saturday in Glenwood, AR at Smith Family Funeral home.
Minutes were approved as written in the newsletter. Motion was made by Philip W and 2nd by Wayne K




Chris Brown from Centenary college spoke about BCOS history and brought some photocopies of various items for the individuals present to assess the information that is included. There was a letter to the governor, a couple of pages from a catalog, minutes from a meeting, an outing report, and a page of photographs. The archives at Centenary go up to 1983. Chris received a couple of boxes of old BCOS papers that were at Roy's house. He is taking them to archive them at Centenary. The items in the archives cannot be checked out. None of it has been digitized. To view the archives the contact information is: phone 318-869-5462, open M-F 9-5, but closed from 12-1 for lunch. It is best to make an appointment. They are at Magale Library Basement Room 6B. www.centenary.edu/archives.

Treasurer Report: Mark R reported Checking: $6840.95 and $5.00 in savings. There are 143 members.
Conservation Report: Sandy R spoke about the possibility of LA having the risk of being home to a new nuclear life cycle campus. There are looking at 4 places in the state being concerned. They are looking at an area around Baton Rouge for the support and research, NWLA to deploy a small active reactors, Barksdale for the use of small microreactors to test, and Port Foucheon for the storage of the nuclear waste below the Gulf of Mexico. The nuclear plant is the most expensive form of energy production. 99,000 tons of storage, 2,000 tons per year are produced. There currently is no permanent storage, no commercial place for processing and storage.

Social Media: presented by Tricia G. Tricia suggested that we have some type of new member welcome. Tammy reported that she sends an email for the google groups email welcome and information on how to use the website. Roy said that he used to call new members to remind them about the upcoming meetings. A suggestion was made to send a post card reminder of meetings

Past outings:
River Rat Paddle: BCOS has a team of 13 people signed up to paddle, Tammy was admitted into the hall of fame, a few individuals go medals
Jefferson: a good trip and outing
Bodcau Hunting and Fishing Day: 200 people were put in boats. The Corp of Engineers are planning to put in a boat ramp and possibly have it ready for next year.
Red River Refuge Celebration: there were 12 volunteers and only 25 people were put into boats, the overall attendance was down this year due to numerous activities going on the same weekend.
Upcoming events:
Crater of Diamonds: Nov 6-8, contact Misheal B
All Society Meeting: Nov 14 at Buffalo Point
This is a perfect time of the year for pop-up events
A planning meeting will be held in November for the spring events
Shreveport-Bossier Tourism is trying to get the outdoors writers convention to the area. They want to take some of the representatives on a paddle on Bodcau Bayou on Tues Oct 27 at 10. There will be BCOS kayaks available. There will be 4-6 representatives.
Children's Play area at the RRWR: We are still taking care of the area. Misheal weed eated the area recently. Tammy has an idea for a new area.
Swag: Sharon W reported that T-shirts, caps and pens have been ordered, but haven't heard yet when they will be ready to be picked up.
The Bayou State Hiking Trail can get a membership and there will be trail maintenance on Nov 14.

Officer Nominations: Wayne K reported the line-up of nominees
- Chairperson: Phillip W
- Assistant Chairperson: Tricia G
- Secretary: Kim C
- Treasurer: Mark R
- The new officers will set up the committee leads.

We were encouraged to share Facebook posts, comment on posts and send suggestions for speakers.
A door prize was handed out.
The meeting was adjourned.

# Bodcau Bayou Paddle

By: Tammy Jernigan

The Bayou Chapter was happy to take a group from Shreveport Bossier Tourism out to Bodcau Bayou to show off some big trees and Fall foliage. It's always a joy to orientate new paddlers to our scenic areas.













## Bodcau Wildlife Management Area Hike

By: Kim Cox

6 Ozark Society, Bayou Chapter hikers (and their furry friends Buddy, Heidi, and Milo) enjoyed the amazing weather on Sunday morning October 18th with a 4 mile hike on the trails at Bodcau WMA!











# Bayou Chapter Ozark Society

## Annual Christmas Party

## Sunday December 6, 2026

**Where: Red River National Wildlife Refuge**

**When: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

**Pot Luck Supper - Bring a dish to share**

We'll have an Ugly Sweater Contest and a White Elephant Gift Exchange!!

Contact Persons: Sandy Roerig sandra.roerig@lsuhs.edu

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## November Meeting Speaker - Rick Owens

By: Sharon Windham

Hello BCOS!

I hope you've been taking advantage of our nice weather and getting outside!

Our speaker for this month is Rick Owens with the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Rick is based in Monroe and covers the entire state for the LWF. He will speak to us regarding our waterways - current concerns and issues.

We also hope - if time allows - to discuss some useful apps we all can utilize. Bring your favorites to add to the list we will make. Should be fun!; and our speaker very informative.

Let's all show up and support!

Looking forward to seeing you there!