

**MERAMEC HILLS CHAPTER MISSOURI NATURALISTS
JUNE 2010 NEWSLETTER**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nature Explorer Program

This is a new program for kids ages 8 through 15. It will be held on the first Saturday of the month from 10:00 am - 12:00 noon at Bray Conservation Area. The program is designed for kids curious about the natural world. There will be four activities available each Saturday. It will be set up so that some can be completed at Bray and others kids can take home to work on. Connie needs help from Master Naturalists on these days. If you would like to volunteer, contact Connie at Connie.Schmiedeskamp@mdc.mo.gov or call her at home (573-422-3447) or work (573-368-2225).

Core Training Class

Lorely Lather and Pam Barnabee will co-chair this committee. The class will be held in the Fall. If you would like to help, please contact either Pam or Lorely.

JUNE EVENTS

June 1 (Tuesday)

"Discover Nature Family Night," for children ages 7 and older and their families, is held the first Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Bray Conservation Area. The program for June 1 is "Bats, Bats, Bats." To help with these programs, contact Connie at Connie.Schmiedeskamp@mdc.mo.gov or call 573-368-2225 (office) or 573-422-3447 (home).

June 5 (Saturday)

Applebee's in Rolla will sponsor a fundraiser to benefit Rich and Sherry Hashagen's foundation (Camp Brimshire). The breakfast will be held from 8:00 am - 10:00 am at the restaurant. Cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

June 15 (Tuesday)

"Discover Nature Pre-School program, for children up to age 6. There will be two sessions on the 3rd Tuesday of each month: 10:30 am - 11:30 am and 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The program for June 15 will be "Bats, Bats, Bats."

To volunteer, please contact Connie at Connie.Schmiedeskamp@mdc.mo.gov or call the office (573-368-2225) or Connie at home (573-422-3447).

June 28 (Monday)

Regular monthly meeting of the chapter. The June meeting will be held at Tanager Trails Nature Center at 6:00 pm. The program will be Mike Doyen speaking on the bird-mist netting project that occurred in May. Program qualifies for Advanced Training hours. This will also be a work time for the following projects at Tanager Trails:

1. rail fence repair
2. pick-up trash
3. clean-up at side creek

Volunteers please bring gloves, insect repellent (ticks and chiggers are ready to attack), and wear long sleeve shirts and long pants. There is poison ivy. Also, bring water bottles.

Volunteer work qualifies for volunteer hours.

Refreshments:

Connie Roberts

Janet McKean
Denise Matlock
Ann Murphy

Directions to Tanager Trails: Take E highway exit off I-44.

Go around "round-about," getting off on White Columns Drive.
Go past the nursing home and half way down the hill. Turn
right on Meriwether Drive.

Follow the drive to the parking lot for Tanager.

Note: In case of rain, the meeting will be held at the Methodist Church. Connie will present a program on Tanager Trails.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 6 (Tuesday)

"Discover Nature Family Night," for kids ages 7 and older and their families. These are held on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm at Bray Conservation Area. The program for this Tuesday will be "Fire in the Night Sky - Lightning Bugs." To volunteer to help, contact Connie at Connie.Schmiedeskamp@mdc.mo.gov or call the office (573-368-2225) or Connie at home (573-422-3447).

July 20 (Tuesday)

"Discover Nature Pre-School Program," for children up to age 6. Programs are held at Bray Conservation Area. There will be two sessions: 10:30 am - 11:30 am and 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The program for this Tuesday will be "Fire in the Night Sky - Lightning Bugs." To volunteer to help, contact Connie at Connie.Schmiedeskamp@mdc.mo.gov or call the office (573-368-2225) or Connie at home (573-422-3447).

July 26 (Monday)

Regular monthly meeting of the chapter, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, at the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Program: Butterfly Identification, presented by Dave Dawson, MN. Qualifies for 1 hour advanced training. Dave is conducting a survey for MDC at Montauk State Park

Refreshments:

Gary Morford
Judith Dudley

August 23 (Monday)

Regular monthly meeting of the chapter, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Camp Brimshire, rural St. James

Program: Bats of the Ozarks and Bat ID, presented by Carol Mahan, MDC. Qualifies for 1 advanced training or 1 volunteer hour.

Rich Hashagen has invited members to come early (about 4:30 pm) to swim. Rich and Sherry will provide a picnic before the meeting. They need to know how many to plan for, so please contact Rich or Sherry at 573-699-4351 if you plan to attend.

Directions to Camp Brimshire will be included in the July and August newsletters.

September -

Field trip on a Saturday to Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area, near Columbia

Program: Wetlands management and Bird Identification, Tim James (qualifies for 5.5 advanced training hours)

September 27 (Monday)

Regular monthly meeting of the chapter, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Rolla, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Program: Karst Topography and Karst Features in the Meramec Hills Chapter area, Neil Elfrink. Qualifies for 1 hr. Advanced Training

Refreshments:

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October 14 (Thursday)

Native Plant School - "Native Small Flowering Trees and Shrubs, Shaw Nature Reserve, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. This is the third in a series of workshop: January 14, April 15, and October 14. Focus will be on native small trees and shrubs for home landscaping. For more information or to register: call (636) 451-3512 or go to: www.shawnature.org

October 25 (Monday)

Regular monthly meeting of the chapter, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Rolla, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Program: Open for recommendations.

Refreshments:

Lynda Richards

Pam Barnabee

November 27 (Monday)

Regular monthly meeting of the chapter, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Rolla, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Program: Training on Animal Track Identification, Missouri Trappers' Association.

Qualifies for 1 hour advanced training.

Refreshments ?????

December: No Meeting

Chapter social

CHAPTER COMMITTEES and COORDINATORS

Volunteer Opportunities Committee - Neil Elfrink and Ineke Vander Meulen Co-Chair this committee

The following members will be liaisons with centers, projects, and programs with which we are working (The plan is for them to bring to the committee and the membership information about volunteer work at these places):

Rich Hashagen - Camp Brimshire, St. James

Nancy Moenster - Bonebrake Center of Nature and History, Salem, and Ozark Natural and Cultural Resource Center, Salem

Connie Roberts - Tanager Trails

Pat Perry - Bray Conservation Area, Rolla

Bob Perry - Truman Elementary School, Rolla

Publicity Committee - Susan Wrasmann

Advanced Training Committee- Emily Brown chair

Core Training Committee - Lorley Lather and Pamela Barnabee.

Newsletter - Janet McKean

Website - Jerry Barnabee

Note: If anyone is interested in working with any of these committees, please contact the chair. We want everyone in the chapter to be involved!

