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May 11

Second Saturday Bird Walk in Chisholm Creek Park. Meet in the Great Plains Nature Center parking lot at 8 a.m. Questions? Kevin Groeneweg, kgroeneweg@ sbcglobal.net, 706-9116



May 18

Quivira NWR & Cheyenne Bottoms field trip. Meet at the Quivira NWR headquarters at 8 a.m. Bring a lunch. See migrant shorebirds and other unique wetland wildlife. Leader: Kevin Groeneweg, kgroeneweg@ sbcglobal.net, 706-9116

May 21

Monthly program, Members Photography,, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. Join us for dinner before the program at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Road, at 5:30 p.m. Page 1

May 29 - 31

Roaring River Extended Evening kayak float at Field Trip. We will *explore the Ozark* woodlands around Roaring River State Park, Missouri. For more info: Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com, Kevin Groeneweg, kgroeneweg@

June 1

Chaplin Nature Center, 7 -9 p.m.

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June 15

Derby Canoe Launch field trip. Meet at the Derby canoe launch on 71st Street at 8 a.m. Leader: Cheryl Miller, avian67226@gmail.com

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May Meeting

The Wichita Audubon Society is full of adventurous people capturing nature, wildlife, scenery, sunsets and excitement in photos. Jim Marlett has put together images that have been submitted by members and others into a single presentation. Each photo may include stories and the high adventures is took to capture these amazing images. Come and join the fun!

The presentation will be on Tuesday, May 21, 7 p.m. at the Great Plains Nature Center. You can also join us for dinner at Panera Bread, 1605 N Rock Rd, at 5:30 p.m.



Magnolia Warbler

Slate of Officers

Our nominating committee (Atcha Nolan, Carol Cumberland, and Pete Janzen) have put together the following slate of officers for election at the May meeting:

President: Bob Gress

Vice-president: Rachel Roth

Secretary: Niall Horton

Treasurer: Patty Marlett

Director: Bill Langley

Director: Mark Nolen

Thanks to our outgoing officers and board members: Tom Ewert, president; Jim Marlett, vicepresident; Kevin Groeneweg, treasurer; and Atcha Nolan, director.

Chaplin Nature Center Thanks

Despite the threat of rain for most of the day, nineteen puddle-loving souls showed up to help get the Chaplin Nature Center ready for another year. A BIG thank you goes out to Brandon & Jak Vanderpool, Jayde Brooks, Makenna Frehse, Kira, Kevin & Ryan Endicott, Patty Marlett, Rod Haney, Jeri & Briar Grayum, Logan Mckown, Garth, Amy & Elias Moon, Jeff & Evan Silliman, Rex Herndon, and Boy Scout Troop 318 of Winfield.



Birdathon

It's that time of year again for our annual Birdathon. This fund-raiser is a very important source of funding for Chaplin Nature Center. Just contact a team member and tell them you would like to help. Pledges can be made based on the number of species the team finds or can be a fixed amount. After you make a pledge, the team will send you a report of their big day, along with an envelope to return your donation.

The CNC team plans to go out on the weekend of May 4-5. To support the CNC team contact Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, cnc@wichitaaudubon.org.

The Painted Buntings plan on April 29 for their big day. To support them contact Patty Marlett, 942-2164, pmarlett@mac.com. Our third team, the Roadrunners, is organized by Tom Ewert, trewert@yahoo.com, 670-3140. They plan to do their Birdathon in Marion County mid-May.

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Dan with Kenn Kaufman at the WAS 50th anniversary celebration in 2014

In Memory of Dan Kilby

Dan Kilby died last November at age 91. He was one of our longest and most loyal members. He faithfully attended every field trip until his body failed him. After a successful career as an architect, he took up painting birds in his retirement. He provided drawings for the Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas as well as other publications. His artwork was featured on many KOS t-shirts. We plan to have a display of his artwork at the May meeting in his memory. If you have a WAS t-shirt from our 50th anniversary, which features his meadowlark painting, please wear it.





Chisholm Creek Park Cleanup Thanks

A big thank you to all the people who helped with the trash pick up on Saturday, April 13. As you can see by the pictures we found a lot. It was chilly and windy, but we were not deterred. Thanks to Teegan, Tranden & Heather Daerr, Mitch & Payton Guthrie, Pete Janzen, Curt VanBoening, Kevin Groeneweg, Jeremy Birket, and Patty Marlett. A special thanks to Seth from Flavors Coffee and Ice Cream Bar in Clifton Square, who not only picked up trash but also brought coffee. Our organizers Brian and Nohora Talarico brought donuts from The Dapper Donut and provided a lovely hand-painted door prize, which was won by Seth





Mitch & Payton Guthrie



Seth & Brian



The door prize

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Chaplin Nature Center Programs

Saturday, June 1, 7 -9 p.m. Evening Kayak Float

Take a 3.5-mile float trip down the Arkansas River to take in the scenery and search for wildlife. This trip is open to beginners and experienced kayakers. Bring water, a complete change of clothes (including shoes), and be prepared to get wet and muddy. Space is limited. Pre-registration required. All proceeds help support the Chaplin Nature. Cost: \$25.00 per person.





For more information about any Chaplin Nature Center programs call Shawn Silliman at 620-442-4133, or e-mail cnc@wichitaaudubon.org.