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APRIL CALENDAR GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 10th

7:00 p.m. Neighborhoods at Quail Creek

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, APRIL 19th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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TWEETS

By David Catlin, Chapter President



Every once in a while, you get a chance to do something good and generous and fun all at the same time.

As a bicyclist, I have had a number of opportunities to participate in an annual riding event organized by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Officially, it is known as “Bike MS,” but most everyone knows it by its old name, the “MS 150”—a title that reminds us just how many miles we have to ride to finish it. Despite how sore it makes your butt, the event is an enormously successful fundraiser, partly because it is devoted to such a worthy cause, and partly because it is a wonderfully enjoyable challenge.

The Greater Ozarks Audubon Society has its own version.



Ours is called “Birdathon.” Here’s how it works: Sometime in the next six weeks or so, you assemble a team of up to four people, and then you go count birds. Before you go, though, you invite your friends, neighbors, coworkers, and fellow Audubon members to pledge to contribute a certain amount per bird. If you get 20 people each to pledge 20 cents per

bird, and you and your team spot 100 species on your Birdathon quest, you have raised \$400! Those dollars go to support the important work we do in conservation education. Most notably, they allow us to bring the *Audubon Adventures* curriculum to elementary school classes in the Ozarks (62 classes last year!) and to offer our *Green Leadership Academy for Diverse Ecosystems* (GLADE) program for high school students—a program that inspires and supports the conservation leaders of tomorrow.

You’ll be accomplishing vitally important work . . . and you’ll be having a blast in the process!

To make Birdathon even more appealing to you—as if we needed to!—we are offering awards this year to the top fundraiser and the top fundraising teams. GOAS members Bob and Barbara Kipfer have generously offered a weekend at their beautiful cabin on Bull Creek (south of Ozark) to the top fundraiser, and the top fundraising teams will receive an assortment of bird-related prizes. And to make Birdathon easy to participate in, we have put together a “Birdathon Kit” that contains instructions, templates for letters, and all the other tools you need (except for the birds) to make your Birdathon a success.

So come on and join us! Contact Birdathon Coordinator Myra Scroggs (417-883-4015, myrascroggs@sbcglobal.net) and sign on as a participant. You will do good work, and have fun, too! And no sore butts!



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Our mission is to promote bird conservation in southwest Missouri through birdwatching, education, habitat preservation and restoration, and public awareness, for the benefit of humanity and wildlife.

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Don't Forget! Call Sue Schuble, 619-3060 for details

The Lake Springfield Spruce-Up Day is Saturday, April 14, 9:00 am to noon. We'll work on trails and place plants in the glade area. Meet at the Boat House. Wear sturdy shoes and work gloves. Lunch will be served from noon to 1:00 pm, but you **must** call Ellen, 864-1051 at The Parks to reserve your hard-earned meal! Thanks for joining us.

Announcing the Annual Business Meeting of the
Greater Ozarks Audubon Society

Thursday, April 19, 2012, 8:00 p.m., Springfield Conservation Nature Center,
 4601 Nature Center Way (off Highway 65)

Election of Chapter Officers and Directors

GOAS Nominating Committee's Slate of Officers and Directors

- Vice-President Ruth Grant
- Secretary Ann Liles
- Treasurer Dick Stiefvater
- Director Ruby Ball
- Director Kathleen Cowens
- Director Marvin De Jong
- Director Andrew Kinslow
- Director Dan Liles
- Director Greg Samuel
- Director Sue Schuble
- Director Greg Swick

Dave Catlin retains the position of president: The office of president is a two year term.
Myra Scroggs continues to serve as immediate past president.

A big thanks to retiring officers, board members, and chairs for your service!

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THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Bob Ball presents the **25 Must See Birds in the US.**

Bob Ball, long-time GOAS member and nature photographer shares his view of the top 25 birds to see in the US. He will make his case, and hopes the crowd will join in friendly repartee with their own votes for the top 25 best birds.

Bob has been a nature photographer hobbyist for over 40 years, and likes to share his love of nature through his images. His photos have appeared in many local, regional, and national publications, including MDCs Natural Events calendars. He has participated in numerous craft shows, exhibiting his prints at various locations across Maryland, Missouri, Virginia, and Washington D.C.

Join us at 6:30 pm, Thursday, April 19th for refreshments. The program will begin at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business 65).

Ann and Dan Liles, Program Chairs

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