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FROM ANN'S AERIE

Ann Liles, Chapter President

As you read this, we are embarking on our Chapter's busiest time of the year—fundraising. The success of our programs and accomplishments represents our commitment to networking with other organizations to do more than GOAS could alone. Helen Keller's quote: "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much," describes our primary strength. Our collective success is predicated on members' dedication to the whole – the big picture. Harry Truman said, "It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." Our members step up, many times behind the scenes to protect and restore habitat in our southwest Missouri communities, to lead field trips, to chair committees, to give programs, all for the simple desire to make a difference. We raise money, not for ourselves, but for the greater good, across the Ozarks – together we can do so much.

This weekend, will be filled with ASM meeting participants and birding across southwest Missouri, including a dinner and program with Keynote speaker, Ted Floyd, at the University Plaza Hotel. If you didn't register, you may still do so on Friday evening, or Saturday morning before field trips leave.

Simultaneously, and continuing through mid-May, teams of Birdathoners combine fun and fundraising, as they fan out to record as many different species as possible in one day. Bob and Barbara Kipfer have again offered a night at their cabin on Bull Creek along Red Bridge Road, to the team that raises the most money for our Education projects. A picture of the cabin in early spring is at the right.

Give Ozarks Day begins at 12:01 a.m., May 9. Brooke Widmar will administer our Chapter's GO site all day. She and Sarah Harp, both MSU students who have volunteered at South Creek (Brooke's on our Board), provide their perspective and more details on the following page.

May is the last month Chapter meetings are held until next fall, but GOAS doesn't take vacation over the summer, so don't toss your Field Trip Schedule just yet! Field trips extend into August; in July, Andrew Kinslow will host a bird banding session, open to 10 registrants; we'll hold our annual Summer Planning Meeting brunch, TBA; and the Green Leadership Academy's ninth summer begins June 18–24 at Bull Shoals Field Station. Sue Schuble is recruiting volunteers to help with many aspects of the week-long residential camp. If you've never attended, Please consider volunteering this summer. It is an experience as amazing for adults as it is for the teens.

Our Annual Meeting and election of officers and board members will take place at the September 21 Chapter meeting. Watch for a postcard announcement with the slate in August. If you are asked to serve in some capacity, please consider that you could contribute by joining the GOAS Board, or chairing a committee. Do you know someone who wants to make a difference? Please let me or a Nominating Committee Member know!



The Kipfer's Cabin on Bull Creek

MAY CALENDAR GOAS BOARD MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 9th

7:00 p.m. Environmental Resource Center

GOAS MEMBERSHIP MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 18th

7:00 p.m. Program

Springfield Conservation Nature Center

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YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE

GREATER OZARKS CHAPTER

OF THE

NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY

Membership in the National Audubon Society includes:

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Contact Mary Sturdevant, GOAS Membership Chair with questions, or Lisa Berger, Secretary, if you want to receive the newsletter by mail.



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Give Ozarks: A Day of Giving By Sarah Harp

It is likely that you have already heard about Give Ozarks, an online day of giving on Tuesday, May 9. You likely know that it is an opportunity for the Greater Ozarks Audubon Society to raise money for various projects throughout the year. You might have received a sticker, an email, or Facebook message reminding you to mark your calendar for the special day. While there is a lot you already know, I'd like to offer some insight into the importance of the online campaign and the work we've been doing to ensure its success.

While I am not a member of GOAS, I became involved with the organization earlier this year when my cousin, Brooke Widmar, invited me to a volunteer day at South Creek. When Brooke asked me to help with the Give Ozarks campaign, I couldn't refuse. I am inspired by the Audubon Society's dedication to making the world a better place, for birds and for all. Realizing that the organization is making considerable contributions to the education and preservation of Southwest Missouri, I wish I would have become involved sooner.

Although Give Ozarks is more than a week away, Brooke and I have already made considerable efforts to promote and organize the event. We have developed a strategy to reach our social media audiences, constructed documents to ask for matching donations, and designed tools to market our cause. So far, my favorite part of the endeavor has been making stickers for the GOAS meeting last month. I am thrilled to use creativity and fun to get others excited about this extraordinary event.

Give Ozarks is not only a donation drive, but rather a place for an entire community to come together. It is a way to stand behind the hundreds of organizations, including GOAS, that work continuously to improve our community. When you donate to Give Ozarks, you are not just giving monetarily. You are promoting your passions and showing your commitment to making the Ozarks a better place. How inspiring is it that on May 9, thousands of people, businesses, and organizations will come together to support the causes they are passionate about: art, theater, children and education. And here you are, Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, about to raise money to protect and promote the very things you care most about.

I am writing this because I truly believe in the strength of community and the mission behind Give Ozarks. Thank you for letting me work with you and for allowing me to share in your enthusiasm for the environment.

Donate on May 9th at giveozarks.org/2017/goas and follow along on social media for special prize hours, donor giveaways, updates and more!
Facebook: facebook.com/GOASBirds **Twitter:** twitter.com/goasbirds

MAY CALENDAR

THIS MONTH'S PROGRAM...

Andrew Kinslow, presents, ***A Birds-Eye View of Scientific Reasoning***, at the May meeting, and will discuss what he has been up to at Mizzou for the past three years: Re-connecting with birding mentors, banding birds in the footsteps of Chandler Robbins, learning much, and ultimately sharing insights into how we can best educate and inspire the next generation of conservation leaders.

Andrew has been active with our Chapter since his college years, currently serves as a GLADE Co-Director, and is a National Board Certified Teacher with 18 years teaching experience. He operates a research station with high school students in partnership with the Institute for Bird Populations and the USGS Bird Banding Laboratory. Presently, he is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Missouri researching environmental education through socio-scientific issues.

Come at 6:30 pm, Thursday, May 18th for refreshments and to socialize. The program begins at 7:00 pm, followed by the membership meeting at the Springfield Conservation Nature Center, 4601 Nature Center Way (off Business Highway 65).
Ruth Grant, Program Chair