

2012 Master Naturalist State Conference Meeting February 14, 2012

Possible Classes:

Jim Van Gundy – **Natural History** – all day

Jim Fregonara - **Bird Walk** – early morning – DONE-Sue olcott will be here for for her presentation and I could ask her to lead a birdwalk.(WSK)

Rich Bailey - **Bird Walk** – early morning-DONE-See below(WSK)

Kent Kariker – **Bird Walk** – early morning

Sue Olcott-**Lepidoptera and Atlas** – all day – Walt will contact-DONE-Sue will fill the day(WSK)

Noah, Jim F and Michael Welch -**Herps** – all day – Walt will contact-Not begun; will happen soon

Dan Cincotta – **Fish** — Walt will contact- BEING DONE(WSK) all day

Rich Bailey – **Birds** – ½ day – Walt will contact- DONE Rich will lead an am birdwalk, teach an hour of “Intro to Birding by Ear” and 3 hours of “WV Birds” (WSK)

Bill Rudy and Donna Mitchell - **Mushrooms** – all day — Jim F will contact

Will Hershberger -**Photo show** – Friday evening Jim F will contact

? **Salamander walk** – Saturday night

Bill Beatty – **Photo Show** Friday evening– Andy will contact

Bill Beatty – **Medicinal & Edible Plants & ?** – Andy will contact

Fran Pope – **Photo Show** Friday evening – Andy will contact

Cheryl Jennings – **Photo Show** Friday evening – Andy will contact

Penny’s instructor – **Native Bees** – ½ day Andy will contact

Zach Loughlin-man – **Crayfish** ½ day – Andy will contact

Emily Grafton - **Ferns and their allies**– All day – Andy will contact

Steve Carpenter – **Soils** – ½ day – Andy will contact Ellen

Invasives? ½ Day –

5 possible all day classes

6 possible ½ day classes

Andy will ask Russ:

- How many people can we house?
- How long will they hold rooms at the conference center?
- We are considering having everyone get a box lunch on Saturday, all day programs would pick up in the morning-is this possible/reasonable?
- Should we require people to eat dinner at the cafeteria or make it an option or have everyone go out- Is the cafeteria going to be open anyway, or if they open will it be only for us? Is this something we need to pre-arrange? What are your thoughts?
- I see breakfast is included with lodging- where will breakfast be, last year it was at Graceland Sunday morning and the dining hall Saturday morning.
- Can we send registration money to D & E – will they be our fiscal agent?
- Can we get 3 vans for Saturday (don’t need for Friday)

Decided:

- **Walt** has agreed to send out a post card for people to mark the date for the conference if we get him addresses. **YES(WSK)**
- **Walt** will also send out E-mail reminders. **YES(WSK)**
- **Jim Van Gundy** will send Walt the E-mail addresses and we will request addresses during the next conference call. JVG has received lists from Canaan, Ohio (Oglebay), Morgantown, Elkins, has not received Potomac Valley and Fairmont.
- We will charge \$10? Registration which will be sent to D & E if they will handle money
- Students will register for their own lodging
- We will ask people to bring own instruments
- People can register through the website
- Vans will be \$.39 cents per mile plus fuel
- Walt spent \$1450.00 last year (\$1,000 D & E) \$450 Honorariums. We charged \$10.00 for registration last year.

To be decided:

- Meal situation-**I'm in favor of everyone getting a box lunch on Saturday (don't forget to include speakers and staff) and requiring the Saturday evening meal at the commons. (WSK)**
- What if people want to register for lodging and not food? Food without lodging? **I'm in favor of not offering or encouraging the not food option but allowing it if people ask. (WSK)**What do we need to put on the website?
- Photo show?
- Bird walk, when and who? **Rich, Jim Kent (WSK)**