

WVSAC MEETING
Master Naturalist Conference Planning
North Bend State Park
November 7, 2015

The meeting was called order at 10:00 am by Chairman Hrabovsky.

In attendance were: Ellen Hrabovsky, Chairman
 Bernie Howe, Secretary
 Jim Fregonara, DNR
 Emily Grafton
 Rebecca Linger
 Sam Muncy
 Anne Wakeford
 Sue Flowers
 Russ Flowers
 Ken Zebo, North Bend SP Naturalist
 Kristi Steed, North Bend SP Group Sales Coordinator

The purpose of this meeting was to plan the 2016 Master Naturalist Conference at North Bend State Park on June 9 through June 12, 2016. All activities are tentative pending final agreement by those leading the workshops.

***Note: Carpooling will be the transportation for all workshops and preconference activities.

Thursday evening there will be an information/registration table and volunteer(s) will be needed to help early arrivals.

Friday Registration will be available from 8:00 am until 6:00 pm in the lobby of the Lodge.

Friday will feature four optional pre-conference activities.

Biking on the rail trail – all day

12 rentals available on site; others available in area or bring your own. Bike rentals need to be scheduled and Kristi will help with this.

Blennerhasset Island Historical tour

The fee will be negotiated by Kristi Steed to cover all aspects of the tour and will be included with the room reservation.

Kayaking around the lake– 2 hours minimum

Bring your own kayak or canoe if you have one.

5 canoes, 7 kayaks, and 2 tandems are available as rentals.

There will be a morning trip and an afternoon trip led by Ken Zebo.

An historical tour of Harrisville

This tour will be “on your own” with literature available.

A welcoming Campfire/Cookout will be Friday evening at 6:30 pm in Shelter 3. It is covered.

Cost will be included in registration fee.

Menu

BBQ Chicken, Hamburgers, and Hot Dogs

Baked Beans

Cole Slaw

Unsweetened Ice Tea

Lemonade

Assorted cookies

Alcoholic beverages may be brought to the cookout by each individual. (BYOB)

There will be a campfire adjacent to the Shelter weather permitting.

Sam Muncy will arrange the program.

Each chapter is asked to do a skit.

Sue Flowers will lead sing-alongs.

Bring an instrument if you wish.
Individuals should bring their own lawn chairs, as bench seating is limited.

Saturday and Sunday, there will be a 6:00am Bird Walk
Workshops Saturday will be all-day leaving by carpooling between 8:00 am and 9:00 am; returning by 4:00 pm. (There will be no half-day programs on Saturday.)

Proposed Programs

Fresh water mussels and Aquatic Habitats – Doug Wood
Insects – Dave McAffrey
Ohio River Ecology – Patty Morrison
Kroger wetlands – Mike Williams
Richie Mines/Boiling Springs – Ashton Berdine
Project Wet
Birding

Saturday night Business Meeting 7:30 to 8:30 in Lodge Conference room– All need to attend.

Agenda posted on flip chart
Election of committee members
“Sundae bar” after meeting (cost included in registration fee)
Optional Campfire outside lodge weather permitting

Sunday workshops will run from 9:00 am until noon.

Programs

Guided Nature hike
Lake Trail hike – Ken Zebo
Wildlife Sciences
Project wet – Kim Maxwell

General comments

Campsites

\$20 wo/electric; \$23 w/electric

Send reservation immediately after Feb. 15th

Lodge room reservations can be done immediately.

Box lunches for Friday and Saturday

Choices – Ham& cheese; Turkey; Humus all with whole grain bread

Includes chips, fruit, cookies and water

Counts need to be to Kristi 2 weeks in advance.

Breakfast buffet available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday on your own.

It was determined that Hawks Nest State Park will be the 2017 Conference site.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernie Howe, Secretary