OUR NEXT CHAPTER MEETING
& 2017 OFFICER ELECTIONS
Thursday January 12th @ 6:30PM
MU Extension Building

Catching a Ride on NASA’s Flying Observatory

Presented by Melanie Knocke, NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassador (and wife of Phil Knocke, Class of 2006)

In November 2016, Melanie Knocke, as a NASA Airborne Astronomy Ambassador, had the opportunity to fly onboard the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA), a modified Boeing 747SP with a 100-inch infrared telescope mounted in its fuselage. Melanie will share lots of pictures from this amazing opportunity – as well as answer questions like “Why mount a telescope in an airplane?”

Melanie Knocke is the Director of Columbia Public Schools and the wife of MN Phil Knocke.

This program is approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training. Members count 1 hour of Advanced Training in addition to 1 hour of service plus travel time. Advanced Training does not require a timesheet code, and does not include travel time. The timesheet code for service/travel time is ADM.

Sweets: Linda Karns  Savories: Phil Knocke  Drinks: Sally Swanson
For the first newsletter of the year -- and my final article -- I decided to share a poem.

Winter

I will gaze at the stars,
And maybe even Mars,
They are all so bright,
On a wonderful clear winter night,
Feeling the breeze,
Watching the trees,
They're swaying with grace,
In this peaceful little place,
Time moves on, more and more,
It's getting colder than it was before,
People are sick and sneezing,
Because this weather is so freezing,
One of the prettiest times of year,
Winter season is finally here,
32 is the magic number,
For a white blanket as you slumber,
Yummy things like hot chocolate and s'mores,
Cookies, treats, and sweets galore,
A fascinating season Winter is,
With it's beauty, peace, and bliss,
Christmas is almost here,
A holiday filled with such cheer,
Giving and getting so many things,
Being with family, enjoying everything it brings,
You had already made your list,
You wake up and hope to find your wish,
Unwrap the box and look inside,
You saw your wish and nearly cried,
Oh man, how wonderful Winter can be,
From the holidays to the scenery,
My favorite thing, however, I'm having trouble deciding,
Everything is great, and it's only just arriving

Source: http://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/wonderful-winter-wonderland
MEMBER’S CORNER

2017 CHAPTER OFFICER ELECTION

We will elect our 2017 chapter officers during our January 2017 chapter meeting. According to the Bylaws of the Boone’s Lick Chapter, voting membership in the Chapter shall be extended to Missouri Master Naturalist Members and Certified Missouri Master Naturalists who have logged at least one hour within the last 12 months. Nominees may also be accepted from the floor the night of the meeting. You must be present at the meeting to cast your vote!

As per Boone's Lick Master Naturalist bylaws, the nominating committee is submitting the following slate of nominees for officers for 2017:

SLATE OF CHAPTER OFFICER CANDIDATES FOR 2017

PRESIDENT: Jill Edwards (Class of 2013)
VICE PRESIDENT: Robbie Scholes (Class of 2013)
SECRETARY: Sonja Berry (Class of 2015)
TREASURER: Linda Karns (Class of 2011)

For more information about the duties of each office, please refer to the November Dragonflyer.

STILL NEED TO TURN IN YOUR 2016 TIMESHEET?
It’s time to submit your Master Naturalist 2016 Timesheet!
You can find the timesheet template here.

Your completed 2016 timesheet (preferably in Excel format) is due ASAP! You can find the timesheet instructions and the timesheet template at this link (click XLS for Excel but PDF is an option too if you wish): http://extension.missouri.edu/boone/masternaturalist.aspxeither.

Please send your completed timesheet by email attachment to mmnvolopps@gmail.com or mail to MMN Program, University of Missouri Extension, 1012 N. Highway UU, Columbia, MO 65203-9545.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

✓ Remember that you can count ONE HOUR OF SERVICE for attending a chapter meeting PLUS TRAVEL TIME to and from the meeting. Record this under service code ADM.
✓ If a portion of a chapter meeting (usually the featured program) has been designated as ADVANCED TRAINING, you will record the number of hours of the program, without including travel time.

For example, if it takes you 15 minutes to get to the chapter meeting (half-hour round trip), our November 2016 meeting should be recorded as follows:

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RE-CAP OF 2016 MISSOURI MASTER NATURALIST BOONE’S LICK MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETINGS:

✓ Remember that you can count ONE HOUR OF SERVICE for attending a chapter meeting PLUS TRAVEL TIME to and from the meeting. Record this under service code ADM.
✓ If the chapter meeting was designated as ADVANCED TRAINING, record the number of hours of the program IN ADDITION to the one hour of service (and travel time) noted above.

January 14th: Mussels and Endangered Aquatic Species (Bryan Simmons, USFSW)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

February 11th: Missouri River Relief (Kristen Schulte, Education Coordinator, MRR)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

March 10th: Flint Knapping with Bryan Simmons
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

April 14th: Ecology and Conservation of Missouri Crayfish (Dr. Amanda Rosenberger)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

May 12th: Tour of Mizzou Botanic Garden (David Massey, MU Landscape Services)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1.5 hours of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

June 9th: Potluck & Survival Skills/Missouri Animal ID Lesson with Brian Flowers and Kim Cole
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1.5 hours of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

July 14th: Wildlife Management Issues (Avian Influenza & Airfields (Kevin McGrath and Bobbi Davis)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

August 11th: Soils, Microbes and Plant Interactions (Dr. Kristen Veum, USDA)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

September 8th: CANCELLED DUE TO RAIN ☔: Big Muddy Boat Rides & River Picnic

October 13th: The Fish of Missouri (Dr. Amanda Rosenberger)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

November 10th: Overview of Climate Change (Carolyn Amparan, Climate Reality Project)
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)
Approved for 1 hour of Advanced Training (hours in Advanced Training Hours column)

December 8th: Holiday Potluck, Silent Auction & Officer Elections
Count 1 hour of service plus travel time (code ADM, hours in Volunteer Hours column)

If you have any questions about how to complete your timesheet, please contact Phil Knocke: mmnvolopps@gmail.com. THANKS in advance for turning in your timesheet ASAP!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
SERVICE PIN FOR 2017: THE BUMBLEBEE (Image coming soon!)

For updated information on volunteer opportunities, please see the online calendar on the chapter website. Please contact the person indicated for more detailed information on any of the projects.
To submit a project for consideration for service hours, fill out a Volunteer Opportunity Approval Form, and email it to MMNVolOpps@gmail.com for consideration.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Birding Trip with Bill Clark Every Wednesday: January 25th, February 1st, February 8th from 7:30am to 4pm, Destination TBA, meet at SW Corner of Parkade Center parking lot, call Bill at 573-474-4510 to RSVP. (Timesheet Code CAS)
Check out the online Chapter calendar for more details!

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

For updated information on advanced training opportunities, please see the online Chapter calendar. To submit an opportunity for advanced training consideration, use the form on the chapter website and email it to MMNATrain@gmail.com.

FREE and Open to the Public

This event is hosted by the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry. The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Tom Newmark from the American Botanical Council: “Healthy Planet, Healthy Lives, Making the Case for Medicinal Plants and Agroforestry”. Presentations include: Forest Management and Medical Plants, Medicinal Plant Conservation: Sanctuaries, Outreach and Forest Farming, Plant Development, Metabolomics and Application in Pecan, Health-Promoting Compounds from Waste Plant Materials, International Partnerships, and Plant Growers and Entrepreneurs.

You can find more details here.

For more information, contact: Gregory Mori, Outreach Coordinator | Tel: (573) 884-2874

Advanced training does not require a timesheet code – only volunteer hours require you to enter a timesheet code.
FREE
Prescribed Burn Workshop
for Landowners
Wednesday February 22nd from 6-9pm
MDC Columbia Regional Office &
Conservation Research Center

Workshop Topics:
* Proper methods and techniques for implementing controlled burns.
* Burn equipment, how it is used and availability.
* Developing burn plans.
Free Drinks and Snacks will be provided courtesy of the Missouri Department of Conservation during the Workshop. Registration Deadline: February 17th. For Reservations: Call Private Land Conservationist, Ryan Lueckenhoff - (573) 875-5540 x114

Advanced training does not require a timesheet code – only volunteer hours require you to enter a timesheet code.
Upcoming Monthly Meeting
Thursday February 9th @ 6:30PM
MU Extension Building

Bryan Simmons from the U.S. Fisheries & Wildlife Service returns to present “How Can the Endangered Species Act Help Listed Species?”

Look for more information about Bryan’s program in the February Dragonflyer!

Photo Credit: Noppadol Paathong, MDC

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