

UPCOMING EVENTS

If you would like to earn service or advanced training hours for any listed events, please see the instructions for submitting projects for approval under the "Volunteer Opportunities" or "Advanced Training" sections.

Saturday Morning Science, Saturdays through the semester

These free, one-hour lectures are held in the Monsanto Auditorium of the Life Sciences Center at MU at 10:30am on Saturdays. More information on the program and individual presentations may be found at <http://.SatScience.Missouri.edu>. Upcoming topics:

Oct 3: An Injection of Plague

Oct 10: Would Darwin Recognize Modern Darwinism?

Oct 17: How Does Malaria Jump from Mosquitoes to Humans?

Oct 24: Charles M. Rick's Hunt for The Wild Tomato

Oct 31: How Are Drugs Designed?

Nov 7: Autism's Causes & Treatments

Nov 14: Cure You or Cripple You?

(break)

Dec 5: What Is Superconductivity?

Dec 12: The Chemistry of NASCAR.

In Touch with Nature Event at Lincoln University, Oct. 3

Lincoln University Cooperative Extension's "In Touch with Nature" field day in Jefferson City will be held Saturday, Oct. 3 from 10am to 2pm at the university's Alan T. Busby Farm, 5124 Goller Road off US-54 W.

The event will feature a variety of walking and wagon tours, hands-on demonstrations and exhibits for adults and children, including storytelling, tours of the aquaculture lab and grassland and savanna restoration projects, games and face painting, petting zoo (goats, sheep, chickens), nature photography, and demonstrations of raised bed gardening, native plant landscaping and dutch oven cooking.

Directions: From US-63 merge onto US-54 W via the ramp to Jefferson City, continue past the junction to MO-179, the junction to MO-CC and the bridge over Neighorn Creek. At the top of the long hill move to the left lane. Turn left onto Goller Road. Goller Road is on the opposite side of the Phillips 66 gas station. Watch for signs.

For more information about the event, contact Nadia Navarrete-Tindall at navarrete-tindalln@lincolnu.edu or call 573-681-5392.

Missouri Prairie Foundation Annual Meeting Oct. 10 in Cole Camp

MPF members are invited to the annual MPF meeting in Cole Camp on Saturday, Oct. 10. MPF will hold its Fall board meeting that morning at 9:00 at a private prairie under a big tent just outside of 7

town. MPF members are welcome to attend the meeting and encouraged to take part in the many Prairie Day activities in town. Bus tours to MPF's nearby Drovers and Friendly Prairies will be available, as well as guided hikes at Hi Lonesome Prairie, just outside of town.

This year's annual meeting includes a very special joint reception at 5:30 for MPF and Audubon Missouri members on a private prairie just outside of town. Enjoy complimentary wine and cheese, and take part in a special sunset tour of the prairie with the prairie's owner. *RSVP to the reception at info@moprairie.com or to 1-888-843-6739 by October 1.* Cole Camp is approximately 20 miles south of Sedalia. To reach the MPF meeting and reception from Cole Camp, take Hwy. 52 west and turn north on Klink Road (gravel) at the propane distributor. Go north on Klink to the T with Hi Lonesome Road; go west on Hi Lonesome; watch for signs and the big tent. To see the Cole Camp Prairie Day schedule of activities, visit www.moprairie.org or <http://mo.audubon.org>.

Midwest Environmental Education Conference, October 14-17, Champaign, Illinois. The Environmental Education Association of Illinois invites you to attend the 2009 Midwest Environmental Education Conference! The conference strands of Sustainability, Natural History, Administration & Interpretation have created an amazing conference lineup. For more information, go to: www.eeai.net/annual_conf.

MEEA Conference, October 16-18, Ozarks Community Technical College. The Missouri Environmental Education Association Conference will be held at the new Richwood Valley Campus of Ozarks Community Technical College, south of Springfield, MO, between Nixa and Ozark, MO, on October 16-18. The Theme this year is Outdoors in the Ozarks. More information will be available at <http://www.meea.org/2009conference.html>. This is an excellent learning and networking opportunity. In past years, some sessions have been submitted for advanced training.

Factoid from Summer 2009 MEEA Newsletter

An oribatid mite and over 100 other species of mites, very distantly related to ticks, are herbivores, slowly but steadily consuming the dead and decaying leaves on the forest floor. There may be several dozen different oribatid species and hundreds of individuals in a single handful of leaf litter. Without them, mineral cycling in forests would slow way down!

Know the Dark, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, Sat, Oct 17, 7-9:30pm. Learn about nocturnal creatures and night vision and go on a guided hike. Lots of fun, hands-on activities will help you explore the darkness and the science behind the night. *(This cool program has been part of our training classes the last few years. This is your chance to bring a friend to experience it. Ed.)*

Reservations required.: 573-449-7400. Free. Recommended ages: 8 to adult.

Fall Color Hike, Rock Bridge Memorial State Park, Sat, Oct 24, 12:30-4:30. Absorb the colors of autumn. . . while hiking the scenic trails of the Gans Creek Wild Area (about 3 miles).

- See breath-taking bluff-top views, enjoy the gravel bars of Gans Creek and explore two small caves (optional to enter). 8

- Learn why leaves change color and learn about the wildlife that make their homes among the forests, glades and streams.

Free. Reservations are required: 573-449-7400. Recommended ages: 8 to adult.

350.org Climate Event- in Warrensburg, Oct 24

Warrensburg's Planetary Day of Climate Action will take place on Saturday, Oct. 24. This will be one of 1,400 community events held around the world to encourage positive steps to slow and reverse climate change, organized at this time in anticipation of this winter's World Summit on Climate Change in Copenhagen.

350.org, an international coalition organizing the planetary day of action and the inspiration for local activities, chose its name to call public attention to the importance of the number 350, as in parts per million, the upper safe limit of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere.

Protecting and restoring native grasslands in Missouri is important not just for plant and wildlife conservation but for combating climate change: prairie plants sequester large amounts of carbon in the soil, up to 1.8 tons of carbon per acre per year.

The Oct. 24 event will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a short walk from Shepard Park on North College Ave. to the Courthouse, City Hall, and Central Missouri University, ending at the university's Union Atrium. There, conservation groups will have exhibits from 2 to 5pm. In addition, there will be an energy workshop, exhibits on the new UCM Energy Park, a demonstration of solar energy production, music and more. Governmental agencies will explain the steps they are taking to increase energy efficiency and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

Citizens for Environmental Action, a Johnson County group, is organizing the event to focus public attention on the urgency of addressing climate change and the importance of public demand for action by national and international officials.

Inland Bird Banding Association Meeting, Nov 6-8, St. Louis.

Anyone interested in birds is invited to attend the 2009 Inland Bird Banding Association (IBBA) meeting, November 6-8, hosted by the World Bird Sanctuary. IBBA is a regional association supporting bird banding as a useful tool in the study of migration and biology of inland birds. The inland region stretches from Saskatchewan and Manitoba in the north to Texas in the south. It includes most Midwestern states.

The meeting will include a presentation by Brad Jacobs, Missouri State Ornithologist of the Missouri Department of Conservation regarding his work at Pico Bonito on Friday evening and a live bird presentation by Walter C. Crawford, Jr. and staff of the World Bird Sanctuary on Saturday evening.

Saturday morning sessions will include an early morning driving tour of the Lone Elk St. Louis County Park and then a behind the scenes tour of the World Bird Sanctuary.

Presentation of Papers and Workshops will be Saturday afternoon.

For more information, and to register for the conference, visit the IBBA website. Contact Linda Tossing (also Chair of the Missouri Bird Conservation Initiative) with any questions. 9

National Association of Interpreters National Workshop, November 17-21, Hartford, CT. The 2009 NAI National Workshop will provide a wealth of information and rejuvenation. The professional development and networking opportunities at every NAI workshop include inspiring and informative keynote speakers, concurrent sessions and preworkshop training in 13 different tracks, special events, and offsite sessions that allow you to learn about a unique corner of the country.

The workshop slogan, "Navigating Change, Revolutionizing Interpretation" is an apt one, as our world, our audiences and our economy change at an ever-quickenning pace. The NAI workshop will provide you with the tools needed to adjust and adapt to these changes. Join interpreters from around the world to share your experience, interests and ideas. Join us at the 2009 NAI National Workshop in Hartford. For more information, go to:

<http://interpret.net/workshops>.