Thursday, January 12, 2012 6:30pm
** Note the Change in Location**
Eagle Bluffs Conservation Headquarters
6700 W. Route K – close to McBain

Turtles: Not Just Another Pretty Face
Vic Bogosian III
Wildlife Biologist, MDC
Eagle Bluffs Conservation Area

Turtles and tortoises represent the oldest living group of reptiles on earth. Slow moving, varied in shape, size, and habitat preference, turtles play a vital role in the checks and balance system in Missouri’s waterways. The presentation includes an up close and personal look at an alligator snapping turtle presently overwintering at Eagle Bluffs headquarters. Joining “Mr. Happy” will be common snapping turtles of various sizes. Vic will demonstrate proper turtle handling techniques, and describe his ongoing turtle trapping project.

This program has been approved for one hour of advanced training.

Refreshments: Dessert – Phil Knocke, Non-dessert – Linda Karns, Beverages – Katrina Thomas

Do you make New Year’s resolutions? I don’t, because I never keep them, so why make them! I am looking forward to being able to spend more time volunteering this next year though, thanks to having gotten a new knee! Since most volunteer activities require quite a bit of walking, often over rough terrain, having knees that don’t work makes that difficult. Hopefully you don’t have knee problems, but I hope you will join me in “resolving” to volunteer a few more hours in 2012 than you did in 2011 😊

Every extra hour counts!!
2011 TIMESHEET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

DON’T FORGET – Tomorrow, December 31st is the Deadline!!!
Time Sheet Deadline & Drawing

The deadline for submitting your volunteer timesheet is December 31, 2011. The Volunteer Opportunities Committee will be analyzing the chapters’ volunteer timesheet data during the first week of January 2012.

A timesheet data summary will be submitted to Chapter Advisor, Kent Shannon. Based on the timesheet data summary, he will then order all recertification and milestone pins in January, to be presented at the February 2012 General Membership Meeting.

As an incentive to members to get their timesheets in by December 31, 2011, this Missouri grown gourd, handcrafted by Chris Egbert, will be put up for drawing at the February 2012 General Membership Meeting. Everyone who gets their timesheet in by December 31, 2011, is eligible for the drawing. You don’t have to be present to win.
Instructions on submitting your timesheet are located at the top of the timesheet form. Timesheet forms and instructions for completing it can be found on the website: http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/index.html

UPCOMING EVENTS

Big Muddy Speaker Series

For a list of future presentations and directions to the meeting place, check the website: http://riverrelief.us1.list-manage1.com/track/click?u=e19adac188abf87e09113de49&id=edb2bd5a10&e=f7877a26de

January 10, 2012 - "Rivermiles Documentaries" - Jodi Pfefferkorn, Flaming Fiddle Productions
February 14, 2012 - TBD - Mike Chapman, US Army Corps of Engineers
March 13, 2012 - "Big Muddy Clean Sweep" - Steve Schnarr, Missouri River Relief
April 10, 2012 - "Missouri River Turtles" - Stephanie Zimmer, University of Missouri

ADVANCED TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

For updated information on advanced training opportunities, please see the online Chapter calendar at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia. To submit an opportunity for advanced training consideration, use the form on the chapter website and email it to MMNATrain@gmail.com.

TreeKeepers

TreeKeepers 2012 class registration is open. General info about the program is on the link, as well as online registration. If you have friends who may want to join you, please share this with them. (On the online form, it wants a phone number for each field -- feel free to copy and paste your cell number or main number into each field, that's fine.) Participants are expected to attend each of the 3 sessions.

2012 TreeKeepers Class Dates:
- Tuesday, February 21, 6pm - 8pm
- Thursday, February 23, 6pm - 8pm
- Saturday, February 25, 9am - noon

To register, go to: https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Volunteer/Opportunities/treekeepers.php
CARP
The CARP 2012 class registration is open. General info about the program is on the link, as well as online registration. If you have friends who may want to join you, please share this with them. (On the online form, it wants a phone number for each field -- feel free to copy and paste your cell number or main number into each field, that's fine.) Participants are expected to attend each of the 3 sessions.

2012 CARP Class Dates:
- Monday, March 12, 6pm - 8pm
- Monday, March 19, 6pm - 8pm
- Wednesday, March 21, 6pm - 8pm

To register, go to: https://www.gocolumbiamo.com/Volunteer/Opportunities/carp.php

STATEWIDE ADVANCED TRAINING & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Missouri Master Naturalist state website periodically posts advanced training and volunteer opportunities offered throughout the state and open to all MMNs. To view these postings, go to the state website at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist and click on the link “For Volunteers.” State Advanced Training is also posted on our chapter calendar.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

For updated information on volunteer opportunities, please see the online calendar on the chapter website at: http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/. 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 Service Project Form (available at http://extension.missouri.edu/masternaturalist/columbia/Projectapproval.htm and email it to MMNVolOpps@gmail.com for consideration. You will be notified via e-mail if there are any questions about the project or notified of its approval. Once approval is granted for any person, it is approved for everyone, so it is only necessary to submit one form per project.
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NEXT MEETING
Thursday, February 9th, 2012, 6:30pm
MU Extension Bldg.

Chad King  
PhD Candidate, Forest Ecology Laboratory  
University of Missouri

Chad will give us an introduction to the science of tree-rings (dendrochronology), its application, and how he uses dendrochronology in his research from the Missouri Ozarks. Specifically, he will be talking about how he uses the science to study historic forest fire events, and other disturbance events that can be identified using the patterns of tree-rings. He will also discuss research that he has conducted in the Missouri Ozarks and the White Mountains of California.

Chad will also have some wood materials to pass around that lend themselves to demonstrating the processes that he uses in tree-ring research, and some unique pieces of wood that have been collected.

For info on the lab, go to http://web.missouri.edu/~guyetter/cr.html.

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