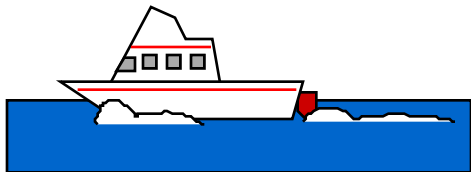




The Limpkin Call

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Breakfast – Boating – Birding

This month's highlight is a trip to DeLeon Springs where we enjoy a pancake breakfast at the Old Spanish Sugar Mill Grill & Griddle House, where shaped pancakes are a speciality. We will then take an excursion on a St John's River Boat. We will leave the Winn-Dixie parking lot at 8:00 AM, Nov 17, eat breakfast at 9 AM and boat ride for 2 hours into the Lake Woodruff Natl Wildlife Refuge. Bring your binoculars and camera if you wish. Cost of breakfast is up to you, the boat trip costs \$10.00. Reservations are required. Call Ruth Duesing at 324-3452.

Message From The President

We are now "in full swing" with our field trips and interesting programs. Our first trip is a return to Forester Haven, followed by a picnic at Trimble Park. A special treat is the pancake breakfast at De Leon Springs and our very first boat trip there, which takes us into Lake Woodruff. Following the dairy farm bird trip on December 8 we will, along with Trout Lake Nature Center, honor our many volunteers with a luncheon in the education building. This will not be a picnic format as in the past. Just come and enjoy!

Elizabeth Ballard, President

Nature Education

Mary Anderson

During this 2001-2002 school year, all 87 fifth grade classes in 22 elementary schools in Lake County will receive AUDUBON ADVENTURES environmental education kits. The 4 units are titled:

- So Different, So Alike – The Diverse Mammals
- They Call Us Cold Blooded
- Who needs a Backbone?
- The Feather Factor

This has been made possible by the Oklawaha Valley chapter member donations and a very successful theater benefit. (Continues. See Adopt-a-Bird.)

Coming Events

- Nov 1-4 – Thurs to Sun – Audubon Assembly 2001 – Orlando Marriott, Sea World & Animal Kingdom
- Nov. 7 – Wed. 8 AM, Winn-Dixie PL – Field Trip at Forester Haven
- Nov. 17 – Sat. 8 AM, Winn-Dixie PL – DeLeon Springs Breakfast & Boat Trip
- Nov. 27 – Tues. 1:30 PM, Trout Lake NC – Mtg: "Great Florida Birding Trail"
- Dec. 8 – Sat. 8 AM, Winn-Dixie PL – Field Trip at Dairy Farm
- Dec. 8 – Sat. 12 PM, Trout Lake NC – OVAS/TLNC Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
- Dec 28 – Fri. 7 AM, Wood Duck PL in Emerald Marsh – Christmas Bird Count
- Jan 12 – Sat 8 AM, Golden Triangle Shopping Center PL – Dikes of Zellwood Truck Farms
- Jan 13 – Sun 1:30 PM, Trout Lake NC – Mtg: "Cryptic Critters"

Christmas Gift Ticket Order for "Man of LaMancha" Musical – Jan 26

Gift Giver _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Email Address: _____

Number of Tickets _____
 At \$ 15.00
 Total Enclosed \$ _____
 Please make check to OVAS

Please Return Check and this Order Slip to: O.V.A.S. P.O. Box 641 Eustis FL 34727-0641 Order by Dec 14th.



We hope each 5th grade class receiving an Audubon Adventures kit will also adopt a bird from the Florida Audubon Birds of Prey Center. To successfully implement this program enhancement, we will need 1 to 2 volunteers for each school. We will need continuing funding too. Please consider volunteering and donating. Each kit costs \$41.50. For information, please call Mary Anderson, 787-9320



Man of LaMancha

Saturday January 26, 2002
Melon Patch Playhouse
2:00 PM

Man of LaMancha
(Don Quixote) is a remarkable

musical show and one of the great theater successes of our time. We're excited to have this show as our 2002 fund raiser for Audubon Adventures. See the OVAS web site for a song list. Tickets are \$15 and will be available at OVAS / TLNC meetings or you may call Martha Anderson at 735-2499. Checks should be made out to OVAS. Tickets will make a great Christmas gift.

SJRWMD Bird Survey Report

John Stenberg, Environmental Scientist SJRWMD

Each 4th Saturday SJRWMD and OVAS join together in a bird survey at Emerald Marsh. Recent results:

	July 28	Aug 25
Species	55	47
Total Bird Count	1793	1101

Specials: Blue Grosbeaks and Prairie Warblers.

OVAS Board Meetings

At the September 10th Board meeting the 2001-2002 program was finalized. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Nov. 5 at 1:30 PM at the Trout Lake Nature Center. All members are welcome to attend.

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Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Nadine Foley

The Oklawaha Valley Audubon Chapter and the Trout Lake Nature Center will be honoring their volunteers at a luncheon to be held Saturday Dec. 8 at 12 PM, at the Trout Lake NC. All are invited to come, enjoy and honor the volunteers.

"The Peace of Wild Things"

When despair for the world grows in me
And I wake in the night at the least sound,
In fear of what my life and my children's lives may be
I go and lay down where the wood drake
Rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron
feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things,
Who do not tax their lives with forethought
Of grief. I come into the presence of still water
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
Waiting with their light. For a time,
I rest in the grace of the world, and I am free.

Wendell Berry, From the Birding Forum Newsletter

Web Site Comments

www.oklawaha-audubon.org

Where could I find pictures of the bird- Black Skimmer?. I have been unable to find anything at my local library. Do you have any suggestions?

Laurie Scott Savannah, GA

(OVAS sent 4 pictures by return email.)

Just went through the web site. What a lot of work that must have taken to present. I am really impressed. See you in 2002.

Mary Hall <maryhall@adelphia.net>

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