



THE LIMPKIN CALL

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COMING EVENTS

January 11, Tuesday

Regular Meeting: 2:00PM. Lake Apoka Restoration, Dr. Gian Basili, SJRWMD Project Manager.

January 12, Wednesday

Field Trip to Clay Island (6 miles from Mt. Dora) Meet at 8:30AM at Golden Triangle parking lot Mt Dora. Leader- Margaret Carlyon- 735 2505

February 6, Sunday

Regular Meeting 2:00PM, Audubon of Florida- David Anderson- Executive Director Audubon of Florida (see biography below)

February 12, Saturday

Note change of date- Field Trip to Emerald Marsh. Meet at 8:00AM Emerald Wood Duck parking lot. Leader- Bob Rogers 357-3005

February 14-16, Mon-Wed.

Overnight Trip to Wakulla Springs State Park. **Deadline to sign up and pay deposit, Jan 11.** Leader- Joyce Wutke 589-2837

February 26, Saturday

Field Trip to Lake Norris (9 miles

from Eustis) Meet at Winn-Dixie
parking lot Eustis at 8:00AM
Walking or canoeing (provided)
Leader- Val Hitt 728-6163

March 9, Wednesday

Heritage Boat Trip- Dora Canal and
Dead River. Meet at 8:00AM in front
of JC Penny Lake Sq Mall to car pool
for 10 minute drive to landing. Limited
to boat capacity- 38, Cost- \$10.
Leader- Elizabeth Ballard 735-2623

THEATER BENEFIT

**Saturday, March 26- Melon Patch
Players- Leesburg. 2:00PM**

**The 1966 Broadway Hit Musical=
MAME.**

**Music & lyrics by Jerry Hermann,
author of "Hello, Dolly" & "Cage aux Folles"
Tickets- \$15, available from David
Wilson (407-332-1757) and from all
board members.**

**Enjoy a first rate performance and
support Audubon Adventures**

**DAVID ANDERSON- DIRECTOR OF
AUDUBON OF FLORIDA**

**Our speaker on February 6 will be David
Anderson, who became director in April 2004.
Prior to his appointment, he has been very
active in the zoology field.**

**He has been Director of the San Francisco
Zoo, General Curator of the Audubon Park and
Zoological Gardens New Orleans, and Assistant
Director at the Duke University Primate Center.
He helped found the Madagascar Fauna Group,
an international collaboration of zoos working to
preserve the fauna and habitat in Madagascar,
as well as the Zoo Conservation Outreach Group,
a consortium of American zoos working with zoos
in Central America to foster greater conservation
efforts.**

BILL GOOD- LOCAL AUTHOR

At the start of our January 11 meeting, we have invited Bill Good, former Lake County Commissioner to say a few words about his new book *By the Light of the Lighter Pine*, about growing up as a Florida Cracker. He will be glad to sign any copy you purchase.

OVERNIGHT TRIP- FEBRUARY 14-16

Wakulla Springs State Park is a real treat. It has the deepest springs in the state (even if you don't test this point!), a great river flowing from them, overflowing with birds and reptiles, a rather grand lodge to stay in with first rate food.

Don't Miss going plus the excursions to Bald Point State Park and St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge.

DEADLINE FOR DEPOSIT PAYMENT- Jan 11

Leader- Joyce Wutke 589-2837.

AUDUBON ACADEMY 2005

What is it? - A program to help train members to become chapter leaders

Who- It is open to any member who wishes to volunteer for future leadership positions.

When- March 18-20, 2005

Where- Eckerd College, St. Petersburg

The program is sponsored by both Audubon of Florida and National Audubon who contribute to keep costs to a minimum.

This means that registration is only \$25 for the 3 days.

Participants are responsible for travel, meals and accomodation costs. Eckerd College offers normal motel rooms and cafeteria food at modest prices.

Contact- Mary Remer 365-0934.

President's Message

Those of us who believe that the environment is the world we live in, the air, the water, the earth, are disappointed by the results of November 2. What should encourage us though, is that it is only a tiny minority of the earth who vote to assault the environment. The US total population is only 5% of the world's and barely 1% voted to continue this attack. All the rest of the world has rallied to make the Kyoto protocols effective without US support. In Lake County, the great majority, over 70% of voters

**agreed to protect land from endless development by
approving an increase in property taxes to buy land.
Let us continue to make our voices heard and hold elected
officials responsible for the future.
Jerry Bohmann**

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to Audubon-

Frances Belyea	The Villages
Dorothy K. Birrille	Lady Lake
Pamela Brown	Lady Lake
Sherese Gifford	Leesburg
Jamye Green	Umatilla
Alison M Hobson	Leesburg
Shirley Lee	The Villages
Stephen C Robie	The Villages
Gary D Stewart	Leesburg
George M Waddell	Mt Dora
Pamela Higgins	Eustis
Robert Crawford	Fruitland Park
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**OVAS CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
REMINDER**

If you haven't renewed (or even joined!) now is the time to do it for 2005. If you join locally, the cost is only \$10 per family and it includes all Audubon benefits except the magazine. If you wish to receive this and continue as a National member, you will receive renewal notice directly from National Audubon.

**Names _____ Please send \$10 check to OVAS
Treasurer**

Address _____ PO Box 641

**City _____ St _____ Zip _____ Eustis, Fl
32727**

RALLY FOR THE RIVER- REMOVE THE RODMAN DAM

The Rally for the Oklawaha River, February 19-20 is a weekend full of great field trips and fun. It is not a conference or a seminar but an event with two main features; mostly free field trips during Saturday and Sunday morning; and a Pep Rally Saturday night with live music with Dale Crider and Al Burt as guest. This is sponsored by the Putnam County Environmental Council and in order for them to make an impact they need to demonstrate that nature-based tourism brings in money.

It is therefore important that those who attend, stay overnight locally and eat in restaurants so show that eco-tourism brings in at least as much funds as bass fishing!

There are so many field activities you need to contact- Karen Ahlers at 352 546-3560 or better, visit the web-site at <http://fladefenders.org/events>.

KEEP YOUR CAT INDOORS !

Keeping your cat indoors is not just for the birds but for the cats too. Cats are many things to many people, but one thing is common to all, they are extremely skilled hunters. Yet cats that have never hunted don't miss it nor do they miss the outdoors if they never experienced it.

The Florida outdoors is a dangerous place for cats and home is the best place for a happy, long-lived cat. So do them and the birds a favor, **KEEP YOUR CAT INDOORS.**