

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

Friday, May 24, 2019

- 1-7 p.m. **Convention check-in** at the River Prairie Center.
Sign up for the Saturday morning field trips, pick up "extras" (convention shirts, bookstore orders).
- 4-6 p.m. **Member Appreciation Picnic** at Pavilion C in River Prairie Park *(included with registration fee)*
- 7-9 p.m. **Conventions opens** in River Prairie Center with brief remarks by WSO and area co-host organization.
WSO award presentations and reception to honor award winners *(included with registration fee)*
Assorted bars, coffee and cash bar.

Saturday, May 25, 2019

Early Morning Car Caravan Trips meet rain-or-shine at the River Prairie Center.
(The sign-up sheets in the convention check-in area will indicate departure times and destinations.)

- 10 a.m. **Convention check-in continues until 1 p.m.**
- 11 a.m. **Buffet luncheon in River Prairie Center** *(included with registration fee).*
"South of the Border" taco bar with chicken tortilla soup plus dessert.
- Noon **WSO Annual Meeting** with election of officers
80th Annual WSO Convention - Group Photo (time and weather permitting)

1-4:30 p.m. **Presentations & Workshops: River Prairie Center**

- 1:00 Bird School: A Successful Program for Beginners (Brenna Meyer)
- 1:25 Bird Banding at the Beaver Creek Reserve; Citizen Science and UWEC (Dr. Paula Kleintjes Neff, Jeanette Kelly and Brandon Polzin)
- 1:50 Life History Traits that Relate to Hunting Sandhill Cranes East of the Mississippi (Jeb Barzen)
- 2:15 Wisconsin's Important Bird Areas (Karen Etter Hale)
- 2:40 Break
- 3:00 Two Authors on an Unusual Ornithologist (B.J. Hollars and Sumner Matteson)
- 3:45 The Challenge of Identifying Baby Birds! (Tom Schultz)
- 5:30 p.m. **Social Hour** with cash bar begins (cash bar continues through evening events).
- 6:30 p.m. **Plated Banquet** – Cost: \$27/person (Cost is NOT included with registration fee)
- 7:30 p.m. **Keynote Presentation:** "Soft Spot, Hard Sell: The Problem with Promoting Birds in the Media"
Keynote Speaker: Steve Betchkal, Award-winning journalist and President of Gaylord Nelson Audubon.

Sunday, May 26, 2019

- 5 a.m. All-day field trips assemble and leave rain-or-shine from the River Prairie Center.
Be in the parking lot at 5 a.m. to find your group, meet the trip leader(s), and get your box lunch (if ordered).
- 5 p.m. **"Birds & Beers"** at Cowboy Jack's (River Prairie Park) – food/drinks available for purchase out of pocket.

Monday, May 27, 2019

- 5 a.m. Part-day field trips assemble and leave rain-or-shine from the River Prairie Center.
Be in the parking lot at 5 a.m. to find your group and meet the trip leader(s).