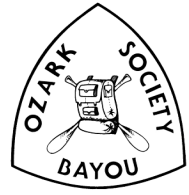




# BAYOU BYLINE

Bayou Chapter, Ozark Society

March 2014



## Centenary College Campus Map



Our monthly meetings are held at Mickle Hall in the Carlisle Auditorium on Centenary College campus on the first floor.

X marks the spot on the map.

Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. (except December) Program starts at 6:30 pm. Business meeting follows.

**Plan to join us after the meeting for pizza and socializing.**

## March Meeting

Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 6:30 pm  
Carlisle Auditorium, Mickle Hall, Centenary College

Speaker is Louis Covington

**"Inspiration and Perspiration"**

Experiences and tips on making this the BEST DECADE of my life in outdoor adventures, focusing on "bagging" new rivers each year, adding one new personal challenge, fitness enhancement.

**Don't let this be your last newsletter!**

Be sure to renew your membership now if you haven't done so.  
You may also be deleted from the Yahoo groups list.

**"Like" us on Facebook! [www.facebook.com/bayouozark](http://www.facebook.com/bayouozark)**

**Check out our website [www.bayouozark.com](http://www.bayouozark.com)!**

# BCOS Planning Calendar

**More details will be posted on the BCOS yahoo groups list and on the BCOS Facebook page as the events approach. [www.facebook.com/bayouozark](http://www.facebook.com/bayouozark)**

March 15 - Duck Pond Clean-Up - Roy O'Neal, 318-272-0259. [roneal2@bellsouth.net](mailto:roneal2@bellsouth.net).

March 18 - BCOS Meeting: Louis Covington presents "Inspiration and Perspiration."

March 28-30 - Trail maintenance on Athens-Big Fork Trail - Contact Roy O'Neal: 318-272-0259; [roneal2@bellsouth.net](mailto:roneal2@bellsouth.net)

April 11 - 13 - All Society Ozark Society Meeting; no actual meeting, just a "fun" event.

April 12 - Canoe and Kayak Clinic - Contact Adam Willard, Cell: 318-423-1690; [ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net](mailto:ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net).

April 15 - BCOS Meeting: Donna Curtis presents "Keep Louisiana Beautiful / Shreveport Green: Working Together Locally"

April 18 - Planning meeting - Jack & Marsha's place at Sugar Creek, 318-423-1026  
[jland1@bellsouth.net](mailto:jland1@bellsouth.net).

April 21 - 26 - Paddling in Southern Missouri. Driving up Sunday, April 20 to paddle the Current, Jacks Fork, Eleven Point rivers: clear, fast running Class I streams. Base camping on the banks of the Jacks Fork River near Eminence, MO. Camping at Circle B Campground where there's tent sites, cabins, RV pads, hot showers. Drive to a river each day, 30 minutes - 1 hour, return to camp each evening. More to be posted on BCOS message board.

May 20 - BCOS Meeting: Dan Nash presents TBA (Satori Adventures: <http://satoriexpeditions.com>)

July 4 - Downtown bike ride from Stoner Boat Launch - Contact John & Cathy Joyce: 318-221-4441; [johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net](mailto:johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net)

October 31 - November 2 - Hike Fest - Contact John & Cathy Joyce: 318-221-4441; [johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net](mailto:johncathyjoyce@bellsouth.net)

## Other Events of Interest

4/26 Orienteering Meet: Bodcau Recreational Area  
Contact Jenny & Gary Hackman: 318-288-9096; [jandgman@bellsouth.net](mailto:jandgman@bellsouth.net)

4/26 Caddo Lake Earth Day Regatta  
Registration will be from 7-9 am and the drawing for prizes will be at 1. This year we are spotlighting the paddle trails from Backwater Jack's RV Park on Highway 134 between Uncertain and Jefferson. More details later.



**SAVE the DATE!! for the  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Regatta- April 26, 2014**

on the paddling trails launching from Backwater Jack's in Karnack, TX

For more info call (903) 672-5524, (903) 679-9817 or (512) 482-9345.

Or visit the Caddo Lake Paddle Trail page on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Caddo-Lake-Paddle-Trails/360949490595348>

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/caddo-lake-2014-earth-day-paddling-regatta-registration-10808575741>

Sponsors: Cypress Basin Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Backwater Jack's RV Park, Greater Caddo Lake Association and Caddo Lake Institute.

## Watershed Education

At the February 2014 Bayou Chapter meeting, Jon Soul and Dionne Procell gave a presentation on how they are educating teachers in the area about the local watershed. So far, they have presented this education to 800 students. Before the students can attend, every teacher has to attend the watershed class. There are play dates set for afterwards. If the students are able to get on the water, then the training is a lot more effective.

Jon and Dionne had the chapter members do an exercise in working together to clean up an area. One person picking up plastic bottles vs. 10 people picking up the bottles, and how much more quickly that can be done. This is one of the activities they use with the students, and it's very effective.

None of the local sewers is treated; they are all direct lines to the river, for the water runoff after a rain and everything in the streets with it. The Bayou to Bay project starts in Shreveport on Bayou Pierre, and ends at the Atchafalaya Basin, which is one of two Louisiana coastlines that is not losing land.

Sci-Port works with and helps Bayou to Bay by contacting all the teachers and getting all the forms out to them and the students.

The weekend of Feb 21-22, the **Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium** is meeting in Shreveport, and Jon and Dionne are presenting a short course, along with a short canoe trip, on the local watershed.

Ways our Bayou Chapter can help Bayou to Bay:

Use our 501(c)3 to be able to apply for grants.

Help with water play dates: 4/21, 5/2, and 5/5 at the Red River National Wildlife Refuge.

## Learn to Kayak or Canoe - April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014

If you would like to learn to paddle a kayak or canoe proficiently and safely, the Bayou Chapter Ozark Society is hosting an introduction clinic for those wanting to learn how to paddle kayaks and canoes. Paddling skills and safe boating techniques will be taught in a fun, hands-on environment. The classes will be taught on Cypress Lake on still water, and the skills learned will be essential to those who may want to progress later to paddling on moving water. The classes will be taught by instructors who are certified by the American Canoe Association.

Participants may bring and use their own boat and gear once it passes a safety inspection by a certified instructor, or boats and gear are available to rent.

### More Info:

Location: Cypress State Park

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Bring a sack lunch)

Minimum age: 12 years

Cost: \$60.00 per person & \$25.00 BCOS Membership fee

Boat Rental:

Kayak \$20 (includes paddle and PFD)

Solo Canoe \$20 (includes paddle and PFD)

Tandem Canoe \$40 (includes paddles and PFD)

Deadline to Apply: March 31<sup>st</sup> 2014

For application, contact:

Adam Willard 423-1690 or Brenda Stephens 518-5896

**All members, please invite your friends to the canoe/kayak clinic on Facebook.**

[www.facebook.com/events/1421711754738788/](http://www.facebook.com/events/1421711754738788/)







**BAYOU CHAPTER OZARK SOCIETY  
INTRODUCTION CANOE and KAYAK CLINIC  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Welcome to the Bayou Chapter Ozark Society Introduction to Canoe and Kayak Clinic. We have lots of fun and learn basic paddle strokes, maneuvers, safety procedures and more, on calm water. We are an *American Canoe Association Paddle America Club* and this clinic is sanctioned by the *American Canoe Association*.

Our Introduction Course can prepare you for more advanced river training. All classes are taught by volunteer Certified Instructors who donate their time each year. The clinic will be held at Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation & Lake, Saturday, April 12th. Classes in canoeing for tandem and solo along with recreational and river kayak begin at 9:00 AM. The instruction will be on land for the first part of the course with the second half "on the water" ending the day at 4:00 PM. It is open to persons 12 years or older, in average physical condition, and who are not hesitant about being near, on, or in the water. Anyone under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Please read the instructions carefully and fill out the application. A separate application with an *ACA* Waiver and Release of Liability form must be completed for each participant. If paying by a single check for multiple applicants please submit all completed applications together and note on the check for which you are paying. If you want to be in the same class with someone, please make your request on your application and, if possible, send all applications together. We allow no more than 2 people per tandem canoe during the clinic.

**Confirmation Information:** Required equipment, clothing, directions, etc. are included in the confirmation materials. Call Adam Willard 423-1690, if you have any questions. No applications will be accepted without fee's and signed *ACA* Waiver and Release of Liability form available at

[http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/insurance-documents/aca\\_waiver\\_aug\\_2013\\_adult\\_p.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/insurance-documents/aca_waiver_aug_2013_adult_p.pdf)

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Please pay close attention to the waivers, one is for ADULTS and one is for MINORS

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 31st, 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS.**



**BAYOU CHAPTER OZARK SOCIETY  
INTRODUCTION CANOE and KAYAK CLINIC  
APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ -- \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Make extra copies and complete a separate application and liability waiver for each participant and submit with payment. Copy of Liability Waiver is available at [http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/insurance-documents/aca\\_waiver\\_aug\\_2013\\_adult\\_p.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/insurance-documents/aca_waiver_aug_2013_adult_p.pdf)**

[http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/insurance-documents/aca\\_waiver\\_aug\\_2013\\_minor\\_p.pdf](http://c.ymcdn.com/sites/www.americancanoe.org/resource/resmgr/insurance-documents/aca_waiver_aug_2013_minor_p.pdf)

- \_\_\_\_\_ \$60 per person for Introduction to Canoe and Kayak Clinic includes \$10 American Canoe Association Insurance, ACA 6 months membership, *Paddler Magazine* and park entrance fee (MANDATORY)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 per person Boat Rental Fee (OPTIONAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$30 Individual/\$40 Family--American Canoe Association Membership--A membership includes 6 issues of *Paddler Magazine* and paddle gear discounts. (OPTIONAL)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 Yearly Family Membership – Bayou Chapter Ozark Society (MANDATORY)
- \_\_\_\_\_ \$ TOTAL-payable to Bayou Chapter Ozark Society.  
Mail to: Adam Willard 113 Rolling Meadow Ln Bossier City La. 71112 318-423-1690

**CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES:**

- \_\_\_ Recreational Kayak
- \_\_\_ River Kayak
- \_\_\_ Solo Canoe
- \_\_\_ Tandem Canoe

Tandem Partner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Paddling experience within the last 2 years: (lakes/ivers, and how often?) \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify any previous training you have had \_\_\_\_\_

Swimming ability: \_\_\_strong \_\_\_ average \_\_\_ poor \_\_\_ non-swimmer

Athletic ability: \_\_\_strong \_\_\_ average \_\_\_ poor \_\_\_ I deplore physical activity

How often do you engage in physical activity weekly? \_\_\_ three or more \_\_\_twice \_\_\_once \_\_\_ none

What knowledge or skills do you want to obtain from the clinic? \_\_\_\_\_

List any medical concerns (i.e. allergies, medications, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 31<sup>st</sup> 2014. NO EXCEPTIONS**



**BAYOU CHAPTER OZARK SOCIETY  
INTRODUCTION CANOE and KAYAK CLINIC  
April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014**

**FIRST AID**

First Aid will be available at base camp in event of emergency or medical needs. Each group will carry first aid on the water. You should inform your instructors if you should become ill and unable to continue. You should also inform your instructor of any special medical needs/allergies.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

|                                 |                     |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Bossier Parish Sheriff</b>   | <b>318-965-2203</b> |
| <b>Bossier Parish 911</b>       | <b>911</b>          |
| <b>Cypress Black Bayou Park</b> | <b>318-965-0007</b> |

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**Canoe/Kayak Clinic**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| <b>8:00AM</b> | <b>Instructor's Meeting</b>                                       |
| <b>8:00AM</b> | <b>Registration</b>   |
| <b>9:00AM</b> | <b>Group meeting and "On Land Course" <u>Bring your Chair</u></b> |
| <b>LUNCH</b>  | <b>On Land – Bring your own Lunch and Drinks</b>                  |
| <b>4:00PM</b> | <b>End of program</b>   |

**DIRECTIONS:**

Cypress-Black Bayou Recreation & Lake, 135 Cypress Park Dr, Benton, LA. From I-20 and Airline Drive go north for 7.9 miles. Turn Right onto Linton Road go east for 4.3 miles and turn right onto Cypress Park Drive. Follow the brown park signs. 318-965-0007

**Necessary Equipment/Clothing:**

1. Life vest (USCG approved) & one paddle per person are provided with rental boats.
2. **Lunch and comfortable chair. Bring plenty of water to drink.**
3. Plastic water bottle with loop or strap to tie in boat (2 liter suggested). NO GLASS
4. Sunscreen and insect repellent.
5. Strap for eye glasses.
6. Hat or visor.
7. Water shoes or old sneakers with wool or polartec socks.
8. Warm clothes: long pants and shirt - quick dry fabric (nylon, polypropylene, etc.) and worn in layers. NO COTTON, NO JEANS, and please, no jewelry on the water.
9. Extra change of clothes in case you get wet or chilled.
10. Rain jacket (ponchos are not suitable, as they get in the way of the paddle strokes).

**Non-prescription intoxicants, controlled substances or alcohol are not allowed.**

**Contacts: Adam Willard 1-318-423-1690 / [ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net](mailto:ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net)**

All classes will be taught by Bayou Chapter Certified ACA Instructors who volunteer their time and knowledge for the event. Others will volunteer time, vehicles and equipment. We ask your full cooperation, so the needs of everyone can be best served. Classes will be taught rain or shine.

## Eddie Jones Park Day Hike

MARCH 1, 2014

By: John Joyce

There was no “monkey” business that day, as I recall. It was ALL seriousness that brought all of us together. Not a lot of “chatter” at the initial gathering” Oh, it was the usual greeting and all of that, but you could sense the anticipation of the group and the pure “thumping of the chests” as we anticipated what we were going to be doing.



Far less that 23 people showed up at the Wendy’s restaurant that early morning to prepare for the big event. All came by automobile or truck. Some came early, some came late, and some just didn’t come at all. As I recall some of the names; Dick Maxwell; Sandy Roerig; John Chang; Rick Miller and John and Cathy Joyce. Once again, neither Mayor Glover nor Bobby Jindall were there nor was Steve Prator. Disappointing as that may seem to some, to others it was, well, they simply weren’t invited. There, I said it again.

The ride out to the park was quiet, serene, anticipatory, nostalgializing, scary, an awakening so to speak. It was early, as you recall. To the perspicacious leaders, it was just a “walk in the park”. Nothing to get all sweaty about. Been there, done that sort of mentality.

There is nothing like a hike in the woods to help clear the mind. Six miles of up and down and over and around on a path carved by hundreds if not thousands of bikers, hikers, horses and etc. Careful of the scat. Keep an eye out for falling limbs and runners that were doing orienteering out there. Stop and eat lunch among the fallen trees and the limbs. Across verdant meadows and over creeks or “cricks” as some people say. And then on to the finish line. We all came in first as it should have been; after all, “We Are the Monkeys” that walked the path.

Later that evening; I heard her cry. I had wondered about it as we left the parking lot. I felt as though we had forgotten someone; that there was a woman who had joined us on the trail but you couldn’t see her.....but we left her there.....

Just another walk in the park.....





## Exploring the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge

By Sandy Roerig

Bayou Chapter members, curious about the recently developed Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge, gathered at the McDonald's on Pines Road at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 22, for an exploratory trip there. Their first miscalculation was to follow their leader (Sandy) who drove right past the refuge site, near Uncertain, TX. But, not to worry, the professional orienteers, Jenny and Gary Hackman, led the group right to the headquarters building.

After an initial inspection of the facility, Todd Richardson provided a brief history of the refuge. Todd and his wife, Susan, who live in Michigan, have been spending January through mid-April at the refuge for the past 4 years.



The group, in a bunker



Viewing a concrete structure on the refuge.

They serve as the refuge 'hosts' and Todd has built several structures on the grounds. Susan is the official inspector of the 67 bluebird houses that are placed all around in the 8,500 acre refuge.

Todd told the group that the Taylor family had owned most of the refuge land. T.J. Taylor was the father of Claudia Atwood Taylor, who later became known as Lady Bird Johnson. In 1942, the US Army established the Longhorn Ammunition Plant on the land, with the primary mission of producing TNT for the war effort (WW II). Production of TNT continued until 1945 when the plant went on standby status. In 1952, the facility opened again and the plant produced other types of ammunition and rocket motors. Production on the original Nike-Hercules rocket motors began at Longhorn in 1956. In 1977, the plant was designated a CORE facility for the production of solid propellant rocket motors and pyrotechnic-type ammunition. This facility produced both the first and second stages of the Pershing IA missile. On September 9, 1988 Longhorn played a significant role in history when it was the site where the first U.S. missiles were destroyed as a part of the U.S. and Soviet INS (Intermediate-range Nuclear forces) treaty, the beginning of the end of the nuclear arms race between the world's atomic age superpowers. During the next 5 years, the plant was dissembled under the watchful eye of the visiting Russians. In 1997, the Army declared the Longhorn facility to be "in excess of its needs" and the following year the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service requested that the site be transferred to them for the purpose of establishing a national wildlife refuge. The refuge opened to the public in 2009, but the Army still maintains 1,100 acres within the refuge land that is off-limits to the public. Todd explained about the unexploded ordnance hazards that still exist on the refuge, and warned the group not to dig anywhere, or wander too far off the trails.....

Starting in 1997, portions of the Longhorn lands were declared an Environmental Protection Agency Superfund site and extensive remediation was undertaken to remove chemical wastes and other hazards. The management of the habitat for the conservation and protection of the migratory and resident waterfowl and migratory birds that utilize these important wetlands continues.

Following the history lesson, Todd and Susan, and the rest of the group, Jenny and Gary, Karen and David Pitts, Toni Spitale, Cathy Joyce, Jill Bytner, Dick Maxwell and Sandy, climbed into the refuge van for a guided tour. Although weapons had not been manufactured on the site for many years, there are still many concrete structures remaining. The concrete is gradually being recycled – ground up and used for roadbed construction. Todd drove the group to sites that are not open to usual refuge visitors. The group saw concrete bunkers, concrete structures that were used for testing rockets, small concrete buildings in which people could sit and watch the rocket tests, and firebrick floors that were blackened from the heat generated during rocket tests. Todd pointed out some of the many wells that have been drilled around the refuge for the purpose of monitoring the extent and spread of chemical contamination. All during the tour, Todd provided a running commentary about the site and stopped the van frequently so the group could get out and explore the various sites. Everyone was disappointed when there were no bats to be found at one of the buildings where they usually ‘hang out’. At one point, Todd even stopped and led the group on a short hike through the woods. Cathy took lots of pictures, some of which are included in this newsletter.

Another highlight of the tour was the visit to the Star Ranch house. In 1941 the land that included the Star ranch was taken over by the Longhorn Ammunition Plant, so is now part of the Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge. The stone ranch house still stands and there are plans for renovation so it can again be used for festive gatherings.

By this time, everyone was ‘starving’ so Todd drove the group back to the headquarters building. As usual, there was plenty of food to share, while eating on the covered deck.

The next event was a tour of the two greenhouses in which giant salvania-eating weevils are being cultivated. Todd said that there are hopes that when the weevils are released into Caddo Lake, they will thrive by destroying the giant salvania that is slowly destroying the lake. It’s the tiny larvae that eat the plant, so this is a very long-term project.

After the tour, several of the group had to go home to take care of other obligations, but some hardy souls remained to hike a loop trail that started and ended at the Star ranch house. It was a beautiful day for a hike!

I hope all BCOS members will take some time to visit this refuge. It encompasses one of the few virgin old growth bottomland hardwood forests in Texas. It includes habitat for waterfowl as well as for a diverse community of plants and other animal species. It is included as part of a Ramsar Site - a ‘wetland of international importance’. The best part is - it’s only about 35 min from Shreveport! Go there!



Dick and Toni on a site where rockets were tested.



Sandy and Jill on the hiking trail.



## Wintertime in Webster Parish

BCOS had a very nice Valentine's Day paddle down Bodcau Bayou on Saturday, February 15. Jack Land planned the outing and it went off without a hitch.

We met early Saturday at the Huddle House Restaurant at Dixie Inn. After dropping a shuttle vehicle at the Cotton Valley take-out, our caravan traveled to the put-in at the Wink's Corps of Engineers launch site near Sarepta.

Weather and river conditions were close to ideal for the five-mile paddle. Bodcau Bayou is part of the state's Wild and Scenic River system, and it lived up to its billing. Lots of hardwood bottomland Louisiana scenery.

As usual, there was plenty to eat and a nice sunny spot for lunch.



Jack and Marsha Land were accompanied on the trip by Cheryl and Jerry Bertrand, Sandy Roerig, Toni Spitale, John and Cathy Joyce, Drew Jones of Ruston, Andy and Tu McCarly, Dee Jaye Teutsch and her granddaughters Abby and Daisy, and Bill Robertson and Tobie Morvan.

Special recognition to Abby, age 8, for paddling by solo kayak the entire way. My arms were aching a bit towards the end of the day but we didn't hear a peep from the young lady the entire day.

Bill Robertson



## **Bayou Chapter Ozark Society February 18, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**By: Cathy Joyce**

Karen Pitts called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. George Gehrig introduced the speakers: Jon Soul and Dionne Procell with the Bayou to Bay Watershed Project. They spoke on watershed education, and how they teach students all over the area to become watershed protectors. *See article elsewhere in this newsletter.*

The **business meeting** was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Secretary Report:** Minutes from January were published in the February newsletter. Grace Eyler moved, and Steve Eyler seconded the motion for the minutes to be accepted as published. Motion passed.

**Treasurer:** Crystal Whitman reported we have \$3,28625 in our operating fund, and \$1,941.10 in the Instructor Development Fund, with a total balance of \$5,227.35.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS** (If a committee is not listed, there was no report)

**Canoe Clinic:** Joe Goodwin talked about the upcoming April 12 clinic at Cypress Lake. It's an all day clinic, with a possible follow-up float on the Ouachita River. He suggested we tell friends and family about the clinic. And it was mentioned it needed to be posted on our web page and face book page. Harvey Kennedy was asked to get publicity on this event.

**Conservation:** Dick Maxwell said we need to get on the Ozark Society website to stay updated on the Buffalo River hog farm. Dick also reported that the bayou sinkhole in south Louisiana is finally slowing down. Lastly, The Fukushima reactor #3 is dry, and getting worse and worse. There is nothing that can be done about it.

**Membership:** Crystal, as treasurer, requested that the membership forms be filled out completely, so she can update all the records accordingly.

**Local Hiking:** Cathy Joyce mentioned the Feb 1 hike, and the upcoming March 1 hike. Articles on both of these were in the February newsletter.

**Paddling:** Tom Thompson will be leading an overnight paddle trip on the Angelina River in East Texas, March 8-9. Karen will ask Tom to post something about this trip on BCOS Yahoo messages and Facebook.

**Duck Pond Clean-up:** Roy O'Neal - March 15, after all the Mardi Gras parades are finished.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Canoe/Kayak Committee - feasibility of BCOS owning this equipment. David Pitts reported that the committee has not officially met yet. They are to discuss the practical use of the boats and where to go from here.

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Instructor Development Fund - a yearly assessment of continuation of this program. Cathy Joyce said the committee has not met yet, as they were waiting for an updated financial report from Crystal.

**501(c)3 status** for the YWCA (climbing wall, pool repair), and Bayou to Bay. Crystal spoke with Bob Richie (treasurer for the whole Ozark Society), and her boss (a CPA). The general consensus is it's not a good idea to lend our 501(c)3 status. The OS would have to be very careful in following the IRS rules and regulations. There could not be another organization under our chapter's umbrella. We can support these projects (Rainforest Art Foundation and Bayou to Bay) as much as possible. But it was not recommended to lend the 501(c)3 because of tax status, legality, limitations.

Sandy Roerig suggested each write a proposal and she will forward to the Ozark Society Board. These have to be approved at the top level before we can do anything on the local (chapter) level.

Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge - Sandy reminded everyone of the outing on Feb 22. We will meet at 9:00 a.m. at McDonald's at Pines Road and I-20. Then we'll caravan to Uncertain, TX. We'll have a personal guided tour of the Wildlife Refuge (an old munitions plant). Afterwards there are hiking trails and canoe trails to explore. Bring a lunch and plenty of water.

**John Barry** will be in town March 17 and 18. There will be a reception March 17 in the evening at the Robinson Film Center. It's free. Sandy suggesting reading *Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927* before going to meet Mr. Barry.

## NEW BUSINESS

Sandy Roerig Jenny Hackman and George Gehrig reported on the January All-Society Meeting. There was much talk about the hog farm. The OS is now taking reservations for the Colorado trip, which is July 13-19. The OS is looking for someone to lead the Buffalo River trip.

Karen requested **all previous Chairs, Vice Chairs, Secretaries and Treasurers** look for records from previous years. Please check your closets and attics for any of these records. They need to be consolidated, and easily accessible to current officers.

Harvey Kennedy won the **door prize!**

Joe Goodwin reported on **roll classes**, starting Friday nights at the LSU pool. The ACC is sponsoring these classes, now, and the cost is minimal. He will post information on the roll classes on the BCOS Yahoo message board, and Facebook.

Roy put a plug in for **Trail Maintenance** March 28-30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.



Witness one of the greatest human feats ever captured on television – when Shreveport native Joby Ogwyn attempts the first wing suit flight off the summit of Mount Everest.

The epic event will broadcast live around the world on Discovery in May 2014.

Learn more here: <http://dsc.tv/tj63K>

## Have stuff you don't need or use anymore?

Bring it to the meeting for Swap/Sell/Giveaway or send the information to Kalli for inclusion in the newsletter classifieds - FREE.

Kalli Bailey

Phone: 318-470-3740

Email: [kallikbailey@gmail.com](mailto:kallikbailey@gmail.com)

See page 7 for our classifieds.



Congratulations to one of Shreveport's new businesses, Gearhead Outfitters. Headquartered in Jonesboro, AR, they are our first business member of the Bayou Chapter. Business members are featured in our newsletter and on our website. Nancy Larned, BCOS Membership Chairman and Facebook Administrator is the manager at the new location at Mall St. Vincent. They sell a full line of outdoor adventure clothing, shoes and gear. General Manager, Heath Gammill has told us that they will soon also have paddleboards available for demonstrations.

Go to <http://www.gearheadoutfitters.com> to view their website or call 318-751-9196 and ask for Nancy.

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# Classifieds

This area is reserved for classified ads to buy or sell by BCOS members. If you have any items for sale you think Ozark Society members might be interested in buying please contact Kalli Bailey.  
Email: kallikbailey@gmail.com

## Bayou Chapter Shirts - \$12.50

1 youth medium, 1 adult large

Contact Jenny Hackman [jandgman@bellsouth.net](mailto:jandgman@bellsouth.net)

## Canoe and Kayak Rental available to BCOS members only!

Kayak rental fee: \$ Kayak \$25.00, Canoe \$45.00,

PFD (life jacket) rental fee: \$15.00

Paddle rental fee: \$15.00

Must be a BCOS member and complete rental agreement. One week notice required.

Call Adam Willard at 318-423-1690 or Email: [ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net](mailto:ashleysbuilding@suddenlink.net)

## 7 year old canoe - \$850.00

It is a Legend, Dagger, material is Royalex. It is in great shape as it has hardly been used. I have always keep it under roof and out of the sun. The few times that I used it, afterwards, it was washed and a coat of "Armor All" was applied. It does have a few scrapes but nothing that would hurt the performance. All the webbing on seats are in tack and solid. Wood has all the varnish and solid. It should last some one for years to come. Contact Craig Watson at 422-3912.



## Throw rope. \$25

Cycling clothing for women: Size Medium Tops \$5

One Piece woman's wet suit, Zips up the back \$20

Portable Toilet for camping \$10. (Never been used.)

Contact Toni Spitala at 318-218-5716 (Cell) or 318-869-1015 (Home)

## "Old Town" Loon 100 series angle - \$300.00 for canoe and paddle

Perfect for fishing and recreational whitewater runs. I purchased it from Bass Pro for \$450.00 and professional inverted paddle for \$85.00. Nice green color, 10 feet, 6 inches long, light weight, and will ride in back of a small Toyota Tacoma. Used four times and is in new condition. Email [m.l.caldwell@comcast.net](mailto:m.l.caldwell@comcast.net).

## Two-seat 14-ft River Rogue canoe and paddles (lightly used) - \$325

Dick Llorens at 773-5166

**Wanted! Used kayak** - recreational or touring. Not white water. Call Leslie Peters 318-925-0464 or email [ptrsleslie@aol.com](mailto:ptrsleslie@aol.com).

**Two outfitted canoes.** A 13 foot mohawk solo and a 17 foot tandem blue hole for whitewater, both have older air bags and custom saddles and thigh straps. My neighbor has a 16 foot Wenona flat water fiberglass solo plus that has a third seat passenger, to sell also. All boats are in good shape. Anyone interested in seeing the boats can call Carolyn Robin at [318-470-3306](tel:318-470-3306).

## Slightly used 6 person tent.

Asking \$250.00 or will trade for precious metals, stones, ammo or used guns.

Email Tom at [attytomnthompson@gmail.com](mailto:attytomnthompson@gmail.com).



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