

THE Audubon CENTER  
AT RIVERLANDS

MAY 12, 2012

# WINGS OF SPRING

Located at the Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary 30 minutes north of St. Louis & across the Clark Bridge from Alton IL

*Come Migrate to The Audubon Center at Riverlands for a Celebration of International Migratory Bird Day during the peak of spring migration!*

## FESTIVAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### NATURE WALKS

#### ELLIS ISLAND FAMILY BIRD WALK

Two Walks - 9:00am and 1:30pm

If you're new to birding or want to improve your skills, an expert bird guide will give you tips and pointers as you follow a three-mile trail through bottomland forest. Walk lasts approximately 1.5 hours. Meet at Ellis Island parking lot by 8:45am and 1:15pm. All ages are welcomed. Bring binoculars.

#### TWO PECAN TRAIL NATURE WALK

Two Walks - 10:30am and 12:30pm

This family-friendly walk follows a one-mile trail through the prairie and by Riverlands' wetlands where you will learn about the birds, animals and plants of this important ecosystem. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rangers and Audubon Center guides will lead the walks. Walk lasts approximately 1 hour and departs from E.L.F. (Environmental Learning Facility). All ages are welcomed.

### BONKERS FOR BIRDS AWARD PRESENTATION

11:00am in the Big Tent

Celebrate with local 4th and 5th grade students as we honor the Sixth Annual Bonkers for Birds Art Contest participants. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Commander Colonel Christopher Hall will honor this year's published artists in a special awards ceremony. 11:00am in the big tent.

### OWL PROWL



at Pere Marquette State Park  
7:30pm on May 12th

Free! An exciting night-time guided trail walk in search of owls. The first hour will consist of a presentation and video in the Pere Marquette Visitors' Center. At nightfall, a park naturalist will lead you on a night-time hike in search of owls. The hike consists of two miles of moderately

difficult, hilly terrain followed by a hot dog and marshmallow roast around the campfire. Please bring one flashlight per family and wear good hiking shoes. Meet inside the Visitors' Center by 7:30pm.

### BIRD PRESENTATIONS

#### Treehouse Wildlife Center

Two Shows - 10:00am & 12:00pm

Free! Treehouse is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of native American wildlife through rehabilitation and environmental education.



### CANOE TRIPS

#### Big Muddy Adventures' Junebug Canoe Trips

Three Trips: 10:00am \* 12:00pm \* 2:00pm

Enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Ellis Bay in *Junebug*, a handmade 16-person wood voyageur canoe, piloted by Big Muddy Adventures' experienced river guides. Meet at the Big Muddy booth 15 minutes before trips. Trips last approximately 1 hour. No paddling experience necessary. \$10 per person.



#### Big Muddy Adventures' Sunrise/Sunset "Birding by Canoe" trips to Maple Island

Two Trips: 7:00am and 5:30pm

Experience the soft light and a peaceful time on the water when wildlife is most active. This 1.5 hour paddling trip will take you to the quiet waters behind Maple Island. Space is limited and reservations can be made in advance by calling 314-610-4241 or at [www.2muddy.com](http://www.2muddy.com). Reservations can also be made on the day of the event if space is available. Meet at Big Muddy Adventures booth 15 minutes before the trip. Departs at 7:00am and 5:30pm. \$30 per person. No paddling experience necessary.

#### Carve a Dugout Canoe

Help carve a dugout canoe at the Big Muddy Adventure's booth.

# FESTIVAL INFORMATION

## MORE ACTIVITIES

### BLUEBIRD HOUSE BUILDING

12:00 - 3:00pm

(ages 15 and under)



Build and paint your own bluebird house and take home to your backyard. All materials are provided (while supplies last). No fee, but donations for material costs are encouraged. Outside the E.L.F.

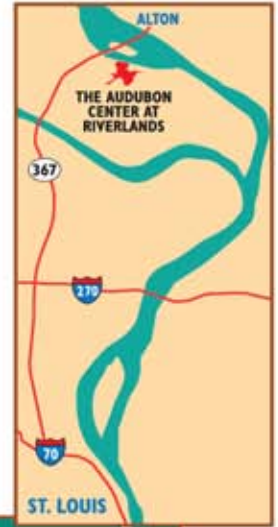
### GEOCACHING - "Eagles, Counting Crows and Other Byrd Bands"

Free. Cache your way to a unique piece of geoswag! Geocaching coordinates can be found at [geocaching.com](http://geocaching.com).

## PARTNERS



Alton Convention & Visitor's Bureau  
Great Rivers Chapter of Illinois Audubon  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources  
National Great Rivers Research & Education Center  
Pere Marquette State Park  
St. Louis Confluence Riverkeeper  
St. Louis Audubon Society  
Sierra Club  
The Nature Institute  
Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge, U.S.F.W.S.  
Treehouse Wildlife Center  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



## FOOD AND DRINK

8:30am - 10:30am - Coffee and pastries

11:30am - 3:00pm - Hotdogs and snacks

All proceeds from food sales benefit Cub Scout Pack 101 of Bethalto, IL.

**GO GREEN!** Please bring your own re-usable water bottle. Free refills will be provided.



## THE AUDUBON CENTER AT RIVERLANDS... a unique partnership

between the National Audubon Society and the Army Corps of Engineers, is located on 3700 acres of prairie marsh and bottomland forest along one of the world's most significant migratory flyways – the Mississippi River. Approximately 325 bird species, or 65% of all North American species, migrate along the Mississippi. Migrating bird families include waterfowl, warblers, vireos, shorebirds, and herons. American White Pelicans, Trumpeter Swans and Bald Eagles are also common seasonal sights at Riverlands. Spring migrant birds common to the sanctuary include Snowy Egret, Marsh Wren, Spotted Sandpiper, Indigo Bunting and the Interior Least Tern, a species that benefits from a unique floating habitat program developed by Corps biologists and supported by the Audubon Center.



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*Wings of Spring is a chance to witness these birds' amazing spring migration and to learn about the fascinating ecosystem of this unique location near the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.*