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Lake Sherry

February is the month that we host the Spring Volunteer Rendezvous. At Oxley Nature Center and Redbud Valley, volunteers are a constant part of the fabric of the park. You meet them at the front desk, see them fixing signs and fence posts, mowing fields, clearing paths and taking groups of school children on nature hikes. Volunteer Rendezvous is held twice a year to invite new members to this wonderful group. How about it?

# Do you know your Sparrows?

Wintertime is Sparrow-time at Oxley Nature Center. We see these unsung little brown birds in many variations. Here are a few our clever photographers captured in the past few weeks. Can you name them?

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1. Harris, 2. Song, 3. White-throated, 4. Swamp, 5. Lincoln, 6. Field

# **Volunteer Rendezvous**

#### What gifts do you bring to the New Year?

This year Oxley Nature Center is sponsoring their Volunteer Rendezvous on three different dates. These will be Thursday, February 11, from 10:00-12:00 noon, Saturday, February 13th, 2:00 - 4:00p.m., at Oxley Nature Center, and Saturday, February 20th at Redbud Valley Nature Preserve from 9a.m. - 11a.m.

Join us on one of these dates to learn about the many different volunteer opportunities we have to offer. We will have question and answer sessions, as well as staff and volunteer staff to visit with. Have you got some time to share? Please call 918-596-9054 to register. We look forward to hearing from you!

A joy shared is a joy doubled -Goethe

# Mary K. Oxley Nature Center - February Programs

Ages: All; Saturday, 8:00-9:45 a.m. Free, registration not required

Join us for birding at Oxley. All skill levels are welcome. Bring binoculars if you have them.

#### 11 February "Volunteer Rendezvous at Oxley Nature Center"

Ages: 18 and up; Thursday, 10:00-noon Free, registration required, call 918-596-9054 to register. Join us to learn about the many different volunteer opportunities we have to offer.

#### 13 February "Junior Naturalists"

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Ages: 8-12 years; Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Free for Members, Non-members \$5 per session; Please bring exact change (cash); Registration is required by Thursday, February 11 at 4:30 p.m. Call 918-596-9054 to register.

Join the junior naturalists to explore a special topic in nature. Please pack a journal and a sack lunch. It's perfect hot tea weather! Meet at the Fawn Grove at Oxley and dress warm!

#### 13 February "Volunteer Rendezvous at Oxley Nature Center"

Ages: 18 and up; Saturday, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Free, registration required, call 918-596-9054 to register.

Join us to learn about the many different volunteer opportunities we have to offer.

#### 20 February "Volunteer Rendezvous at Redbud Valley Nature Preserve"

Ages: 18 and up; Saturday, 9:00 p.m.-11:00 a.m. Free, registration required, call 918-596-9054 to register.

Join us to learn about the many different volunteer opportunities we have to offer.

#### 27 February "Explore the Flora"

Ages: All; Saturday, 10:30-noon Free, registration not required What will we find on the trail to day? Will buds be breaking dormancy? Join us to find out!

#### 27 February "Full Snow Moon"

Ages: All; Saturday 7:00-8:30 p.m.; \$3 members, \$5 non-members Please bring exact change (cash); Registration required by Thursday, February 25 at 4:30 p.m.; Call 918-596-9054 to register. Will we have another snow? What tracks can we follow as we explore the winter wilds? Who has moved silently before us: fox, deer, coyote, bobcat? Dress in layers and join us to find out.

## Mary K. Oxley Nature Center Hours

The Interpretive Building will be open Monday through Thursday, and Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 4:30

p.m. and Sunday, noon - 4:30 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.

Gate and parking lot is open daily, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. except most City holidays.

Hiking trails are accessible during Mohawk Park hours, 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### **Redbud Valley Nature Preserve Hours**

Redbud Valley Nature Preserve is open Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The visitor center is open from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.







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