



Cooper's Talk

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Join us for our annual picnic!



On Sunday, September 18, our annual fall picnic will take place at Summit Lake State Park's Sunset Shelter from 1-4 p.m.

Please bring (1) a hot or cold dish, salad, or dessert to share and (2) your own tableware. RCAS will provide hamburgers and hotdogs as well as a number of outdoor games and activities for all ages.

Afterwards, we will have a bird hike lead in English and Spanish by Audubon member John Velasquez, who is also current President of the Mississinewa Audubon Club in Marion, IN.

The picnic is free, but entrance into Summit Lake State Park is \$7 per vehicle.

Radio Tracking Fledgling Cerulean Warblers

Wednesday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.

Our speaker will be Ball State graduate student, Clayton Delancey. Clayton is the 2016 RCAS Fox Student Grant Recipient. Clayton's research focuses on Cerulean Warblers, a neotropical migrant species that is considered a 'Species of Concern' range-wide and endangered in Indiana. Clayton will speak about his current research, which involves using radio telemetry to track fledgling Cerulean Warblers. Additionally, Clayton is investigating migration by using geolocators to track movements to their wintering grounds!

Programs are held at Muncie Public Library, Kennedy Branch.

7:00 pm: chapter business & refreshments, 7:15 pm: scheduled program.



Upcoming Events

Film Showing: *The Story of Stuff*

Thursday, September 8

Living Lightly will show *The Story of Stuff* at 4:30 p.m. at the Maring-Hunt branch of the Muncie Public Library. The showing is free and open to the public. *The Story of Stuff* is Annie Leonard's 20-minute film about "the way we make, use and throw away all the stuff in our lives," according to storyofstuff.org.

Susan Eichorn will lead a discussion after the film's showing.



Send Us Your Nominations!

Our Fall awards banquet will honor individuals and organizations that have made contributions to the environment in our region in these categories:

Robert H. and Esther (Munro) Cooper Conservation Award: the chapter's highest honor, for overall contribution to, conservation of, and appreciation for, the natural environment.

Phyllis Yuhas Wildlife Habitat Preservation Award: for development of habitat that contains significant wildlife and/or native plant life populations.

Richard Greene Public Service Award: for active involvement in

serving the public's environmental interests and concerns.

Clyde W. Hibbs Conservation Education Award: for excellence in educating the area's children, youth, and/or adults on conservation issues and practices.

Charles Wise Youth Conservation Award: for excellence in conservation practices by a youth under the age of 18.

To make the event a success, we need your help. If you know of an organization or individual who deserves recognition for his or her service in any of these

Categories, please send your nomination, along with a description of the nominee and his or her contact information to Sarah McKillip at sarahmckillip@gmail.com.

Be sure to include your own name, phone number, address, and email. Nominees need not reside in our 7-county region or be affiliated with the Audubon Society. A list of past recipients is linked from our website at the bottom of the "Monthly Programs" page.



Living Lightly Fair

Saturday, September 17 from 9-4

The 10th annual Living Lightly Fair returns to Minnetrista offering practical ideas and inspiration for living more sustainably. Celebrating its 10th year with a new logo, the free event offers speakers, activities for kids and adults, a green marketplace of 50+ vendors, and expired medication drop-off. Food will be available for purchase from Payne's Restaurant and Afghan cuisine from AWAKEN.

Featured speaker, Madi Vorva, will speak at 11 a.m. about her Girl Scout campaign to have Girl Scout cookies use responsibly sourced palm oil. She will lead an interactive session for kids and teens at 2 p.m.

Other speaker topics include installing solar energy systems, starting your own honeybee hive, climate change, monarch butterfly gardens, and working with legislators to make a greener state.

For a full event schedule, visit www.livinglightlyfair.org.



RCAS participated in Camp Prairie Creek! The campers learned how to bird-watch, went on a bird hike, and learned more about common birds. The kids had great questions, demonstrating their interest and concern. We have a bright future with conservation-minded kids like these!



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Dates for Your Calendar

Sept 3: Fox Island and Eagle Marsh
 Sept 8: Film Showing: *Story of Stuff*
 Sept 10: White River Clean-up
 Sept 17: Living Lightly Fair
 Sept 18: Annual Picnic
 Sept 25: Mounds Bird Hike
 Oct 2: Eagle Creek Park
 Oct 8: Cool Creek Park
 Oct 19: Cerulean Warblers—Clayton Delancey
 Oct 22: Muscatatuck NWR
 Oct 30: Mounds Bird Hike

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