

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURALIST NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

Newsletter:

Articles for the last newsletter were fairly light. Please submit your articles. The deadline is the same date as the change of the seasons: the 21st day of: March, June, September and December.

Club Calendar:

A calendar of yearly meetings, events, and newsletter deadlines is being developed by the executive to be distributed through the newsletter. If you have any ideas of events that should be included please contact Greg – gsross@shaw.ca

Rocky Mountain Naturalists Website:

Our website is: www.kootenaynaturalists.org.

Please have a look, submit pictures and other related info.

Upcoming presentation:

Australia through the eyes of a birder. Saturday, February 17, 2007 at COTR.

Upcoming outings:

10 Feb 2007: Snowshoeing the buttes – Ruth – end of McClure Rd. 10:00 AM

21 Feb 2007: Wasa birding – Kathy – meet at Black Bear Dinner at 9:30 AM

10 Mar 2007: Owling – Tony and Peter – Meet at Husky/Staples Parking lot at 7:00PM

18 Mar 2007: Slaterville walking tour - Greg – Salvation Army Parking lot at 10:00 AM

Next meeting:

The main focus will be organizing outings, please come prepared with an idea and willingness to lead us to one of your favourite spots.

Club Camp:

June 8 - 10, Creston - Friday through Sunday

Individuals make your own accommodation booking with Del at Mountain View Inn (877-992-2299) a nice rural, treed property with 13 cabins on the way out of town toward the Wildlife Center. There is a nice picnic, BBQ area that we will book for Friday and Saturday evening for group meals. RV's can park on the property; cabins have a variety of combinations of rooms/beds and can be booked from \$79 to \$100.

Prices going up May long weekend. Tenters would be welcomed but there are no facilities so they could make arrangements maybe with some cabin folks. There is also a municipal campground near by. Please don't wait till the last minute to book! There will be lots of fun naturalist activities planned. Come for the weekend or come for a day but to get a cabin or camping spot book soon!

BC Nature Camps 2007:

Join us now for springtime in the sunny Okanagan or late summer at Bamfield, on the wild West Coast of Vancouver Island!

Last year, both these camps were sold out. However, there are still some places available this year for these two Camps. Contact Pat or Anne to find out more about these fun adventures.

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Okanagan

Leader: Pat Westheuser

The Okanagan Camp will take place May 6 to 11, right after BC Nature's Annual Conference and General Meeting at Vernon (May 3 to 6).

The camp will focus on bird, wildflowers and hikes, in the spectacular scenery around Okanagan Lake. Accommodation is either in cabins or tents (your choice) and the cost is only \$450 for five days, which includes field trips and food – an amazing deal! This is an excellent chance to make friends and see a renowned nature destination in B.C. Register now by calling Pat Westheuser at 250 769 6605 or emailing hughwest@shaw.ca

Bamfield

Leader: Anne Murray and staff of the Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre

The Bamfield Camp will be held at the Marine Sciences Centre on the shores of Barkley Sound, Vancouver Island. The date has been extended by a day: September 7 to 13. We go to Bamfield via the historic Lady Rose or Frances Barkley boat from Port Alberni, a four hour trip down the Sound. The Camp is a wonderful chance to learn more about the marine life of the rocky shoreline and ocean waters around the Broken Islands. There are also opportunities to learn more about the local Huu-ay-aht First Nations and the heritage stories of this remote area.

The cost, including meals, accommodation, field studies and labs, is \$900 per person. To register call Anne Murray 604 943 4460 or email sanderling@uniserve.com

These camps are members only, but non-members need only pay an additional \$15 direct member fee to join in.

**Next meeting March 21, 2007 at 7:30 pm; Location – Super Store community room
to the right after entering the store**

**All future meetings are the 3rd Wednesday of every 2nd month
January, March, May, June, August(BBO*), October and December(Dinner*)**

*** = date may change**