

# Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

March-April 2018

## Bird Conservancy of the Rockies

### 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8am - 1pm**



Join Bird Conservancy of the Rockies for a morning celebrating 30

years of progress in conserving birds and their habitat. Festivities include guided bird walks, bird banding demonstrations, live bird presentations, educational activities for kids and adults, lunch, and birthday cake, plus a kite festival hosted by the Friends of Barr Lake. Admission is \$5 per vehicle and includes park entrance fee, lunch and kites. To register, please visit:



[www.birdconservancy.org/30years](http://www.birdconservancy.org/30years)

### Earth Day Eagle Express Rides

**Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> 10:00am, 11:30am and 1:00pm**

Celebrate Earth Day by enjoying an Eagle Express ride to the Gazebo and Great Blue Heron rookery. Three tours available. **Seating limited to 13 adults so reservations are required! Call the Nature Center to RSVP 303-659-6005.**

### Saturday Guided Bird

#### Walks at 9am



Grab your binoculars and field guide, or check out a loaner set of ours, and enjoy an exciting morning of birding at Barr Lake. Park Naturalists introduce birders of all ability levels to Barr Lake's feathered residents and migrants. March and April are great months to view birds before the trees grow their leaves and the birds become more difficult to find. In addition to a variety of wintering songbirds, you may find the raptor and waterfowl watching this time of year to be exceptional!

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, Tammy and Ira**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>, Tammy and Ira**

*Program designed for adults. All ability levels welcome.*

### Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 10am to 1pm**



Bring your family and your Easter basket to gather eggs and fun nature facts. There will be crafts (by Bird Conservancy of the Rockies), face painting and lots of FUN!

Reservations are required.

**Call 303-659-6005 to register! Ages 3-10**

#### **Activities include:**

- \* **10-10:30am** Join the Bird Conservancy of the Rockies for a fun filled program, "All About Eggs"
- \* **10:45am**-Easter Egg Hunt - Kids will find Easter eggs filled with candy and fun nature facts
- \* **11:00am-1:00pm**- Face painting and crafts.

## Spring Fishing Clinic

**Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 1pm**

100 FREE poles for the first kids to sign up for a day filled with fishing tips and giveaways! The kids pole drawings are at 8AM, 9AM and 10AM. Participant must be present to win. We'll meet at the boat ramp. Please call Nature Center for reservations at **303-659-6005**.



## Bald Eagle Nesting Tour

**Saturdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am**



Make a date to come to Barr Lake for an Eagle Express ride to view the bald eagles! If all goes well, eaglets hatch in late March.

As of 2017, Barr Lake bald eagles have fledged 56 young! **Join us for a unique opportunity to view our bald eagles guided by a naturalist!** Eagle Express rides to the Gazebo seat 13 so seats are limited – reservations required! Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP.

## Spring Break Day Camp

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm for ages 4-6**

**Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 9am – 12pm for ages 7-12**

Spring Break Camps are designed to connect kids to the outdoors while building their appreciation for science. Our camps will feature age-appropriate activities such as crafts, hikes and exploration of the natural world. *Limited to 25 kids per camp. Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP.*



## Full Moon Walks

Explore Barr Lake at dusk! Envision yourself taking a short brisk evening walk with a Park Naturalist. *Moon walk programs are designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. Limited to 15 participants; RSVP required by calling 303-659-6005. Meet at the Nature Center.*

### **Spring is Sprung!**

**Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm**

Barr Lake's wildlife is responding to the coming of spring. Discover these changes while on a vernal equinox walk to the gazebo.

### **Myth Busters**

**Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

Are bats really blind? Can owls turn their heads 360°? Do prairie dogs have a vocabulary? Dispel common myths, misunderstandings, and widespread folklore about wildlife and nature while on a full moon walk.

*\$7 daily or annual parks pass required for all programs*

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## Barr Lake Birders

A Birders' Club for kids ages 6-15

**Saturdays, March 24<sup>th</sup> & April 21<sup>th</sup> 10am – 12pm**



Children will enjoy a community atmosphere while learning about the birding world during once a month club meetings and during participation in various field trips to other birding sites.

No experience is required, just an interest in birds.

**Please RSVP: 303-659-6005**

*Parents, please plan to attend our first meeting of 2018 to help us make a few decisions such as dates and times for club meetings, car pools for field trips and the use of technology. We want to make this easy for you and exciting for your children.*

## Basic Archery Instruction

**Sundays, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11am – 1pm**



Join the Barr Lake rangers for this Introduction to Archery event. Loaner equipment will be on hand for use during class. Number of participants limited to 16

students, ages 6 to adult, registration is required. *Call the Nature Center at 303-659-6005 to register.*

## Housebuilding for Kids

Birdhouse building, that is!

**Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00pm**

Kids ages 9-13 will put together a birdhouse kit to take home for decorating. We will talk about why we put up birdhouses, what else you can do after mounting the house and then talk about the house wren, a species to which the house is geared.

**Limit to 10 kids/10 houses.**

**\*\*\*RSVP required. 303-659-6005\*\*\***

## Nature Walk & Talk

**Fridays, March 2<sup>nd</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

**Saturdays, March 17<sup>th</sup> & April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10am**

Share your knowledge, experiences and enthusiasm with other Barr Lake visitors and volunteers as we discover and rediscover the park's hidden treasures.

*No RSVP required. Program designed for adults. Meet at the Nature Center, dress for the weather.*

## Toddler Story Time

**Thursdays, March 1<sup>st</sup> and April 5<sup>th</sup> 10am**

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger Danyel the first Thursday of every month for a different story sure to entertain your little one. **March will be about baby animals and April's topic is rain!** *Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.*

**Please RSVP 303-659-6005.**

## Adult Polymer Clay Workshop

**Sundays, March 25<sup>th</sup> & April 29<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 3pm**

Unleash your creativity while learning how to make a cute nature-themed ornament out of polymer clay. Supplies and instruction provided for this fun make it, take it and bake it (in your home oven) craft.

Limited to 10 participants, 16 or older, so be sure to RSVP by calling **303-659-6005.**

## Friends Corner

News from the Friends of Barr Lake

### *Sixth Annual Raptor Run*

**Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – 5k @ 9am,**

Friends of Barr Lake's fun event to benefit educational programming

at the park. Please wear your favorite raptor hat or t-shirt to show your wild side. For more details and preregister, go to [rgtiny.com/E/raptorrun18](http://rgtiny.com/E/raptorrun18).

**Nature's Educators will be there during the post-race breakfast, featuring live raptors!**



### *Themed Birthday Parties at the Park!*

Have you ever wanted a unique birthday party to honor your child's birthday? Parties will include a nature related craft and hike. Call the park to schedule your next celebration. Cost is \$5 per child or \$7 per child if requesting a cake provided by the park. Accompanying adults are free.

*\$7 per vehicle entrance fee still applies. Contact the Nature Center 303-659-6005 for additional information.*

## Bird Walk at Barr Lake State Park

**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 10am – 11am**

Join DVD author Joe LaFleur for a guided bird walk. The walk features hands-on identification of migrant and resident birds in habitats like woodland, shrubby areas, grassland and lake. Beginners are welcome. Meet at the Visitor Center. Ages 10 and up. Bring binoculars and good walking shoes/boots. **Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP.**

## Volunteer at Barr Lake State Park

**New Volunteer Basics, March 10, 11am – 2pm**

Do you love beautiful scenery, getting fresh air and that great feeling after a hard day's work? How would you like to meet friends, learn a new skill, and work together as part of a project team? Join Barr Lake's family of volunteers in helping the park to thrive and improve. Sign up at the CPW Volunteer Page to contact our park manager.

<http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Volunteers/Pages/Opportunities.aspx#/>

Previous signup online required before attending training.

### PARK UPDATES!

- ❖ 3D archery range reopens March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Gazebo Boardwalk is repaired and open for Bald eagle nest viewing.
- ❖ The Equestrian Playground is available.
- ❖ Boat ramp opening date T/B/D soon.
- ❖ The tipi will be erected this spring.
- ❖ ADA compliant fishing pier scheduled for Fall, 2018.



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