

# Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

May—June 2015

## Spring Fishing Clinic

**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 1pm**

100 FREE poles for the first kids to sign up for a day filled with fishing tips and giveaways! Please call Nature Center for reservations at **303-659-6005**.

We'll meet at the boat ramp. The kids pole drawings are at 8AM, 9AM and 10AM. Participant must be present to win.



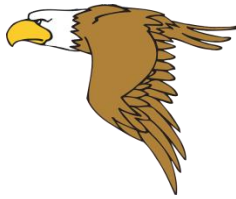
## Eagle Express\*

Reserve your spot for a trip to great wildlife watching opportunities aboard our universally accessible, motorized Eagle Express! Your destinations are the gazebo with a great view of the bald eagle nest and the heron and cormorant Rookery at mile marker three. But you never know what will fly, crawl, or gallop past the Eagle Express on the way there!

Reserve your spot for a Saturday trip from 10am-12 pm (except July 11<sup>th</sup>) or a Sunday trip from 11am-1 pm by calling the Nature Center at 303-659-6005.

**Regular scheduled runs begin Mother's Day, May 10.**

*\*Weather and trail conditions permitting. The Eagle Express is a gift of Anheuser-Busch, Inc. Barr Lake encourages and appreciates donations for vehicle fuel, care, and maintenance.*



## National Safe Boating Week



May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup> is designated safe boating week. The theme of this year's campaign – focused on promoting life jacket use – is "Ready, Set, Wear It!" If you're planning to spend time boating this season, always wear your life jacket.

## Wear Your Life Jacket at Work Day

May 15<sup>th</sup>, All Day

This is an easy event to participate in and document – just send us pictures or post it on our Facebook page [www.Facebook.com/BarrLakeStatePark](http://www.Facebook.com/BarrLakeStatePark)

Our staff will be wearing our life jackets so come see how handsome we all look! Get spouse/plus one, family, and friends to participate. Then on Saturday is...

## Ready Set Wear It!

**Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – 10am**

◦Last year set a world record with 6,973 participants inflating/wearing their life jackets at 175 events around the world ◦Trying to set new world record on May 16, 2015

- ♦ Good opportunity to inspect all your life jackets for boating season
- ♦ Promote safe boating at your park by having people from community join you at your boat ramp (or location of choice) and have them put on a life jacket for event.
- ♦ Document by sending us pictures and number of participants

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

## Boating Safety Course

Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 9pm

Anyone operating a motorboat, including a personal watercraft or sailboat in Colorado must be at least 16 years old. Fourteen and 15-year-olds who successfully complete a state approved boating safety course, such as the one we are offering can operate a motorboat, jet ski or sailboat in Colorado. The course is open to adults as well as teens. Reservations required. The certification fee is \$15 per student and the student must bring a 1-by-1-inch photo, which will be laminated onto their operator card. Meet at the Nature Center. Please call our Littleton office at 303-791-1954 to make reservations.

## 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 enthusiastically introduce birders of all ability levels to Barr Lake's feathered residents and migrants. May and June are a great time to see nesting birds and their hatchlings.

**May 9<sup>th</sup> - Tammy and Ira**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn**

**June 20<sup>th</sup> - Tammy and Ira**

**June 27<sup>th</sup> - Marilyn**

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

## Sunset Pontoon Boat Tours\*

Fri., May 15<sup>th</sup>, May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 12<sup>th</sup>, and June 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Enjoy the wonders of Barr Lake from a new perspective—the water! Join a Park Naturalist for a one-hour guided tour aboard Barr Lake's pontoon boat. You will meet new people, learn about boat safety and discuss the history of Barr Lake. Reserve your seat today. meet at the boat ramp.

*\*Space is limited to six participants. Registration is required and can be made by calling 303-659-6005. This program is made possible by your generous donations that support the care and maintenance of the boat.*

## Concert on the Prairie

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup> 7pm to 9pm

Join us for a unique evening opportunity to enjoy the sounds of Colorado Southern Band.

Admission is \$10 to support the Friends of Barr Lake.

Refreshments will be available.

Dress for the weather and bring bug spray.



## Lend a "FRIENDS" a Hand

Help the Friends of Barr Lake build a fishing pier.

The Friends of Barr Lake have a big project in mind: an ADA accessible fishing pier. They have the drawings and a budget. Now all they need is attain matching funding for grants.

Here's how you can help! As part of the Concert on the Prairie, the Friends are having a fundraising raffle with wonderful prizes, including a full-sized handmade quilt worth nearly \$300. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.



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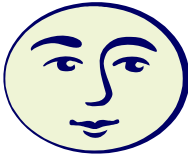
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## Full Moon Hikes

Explore Barr Lake at dusk! These two programs are designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. They begin at the Nature Center and conclude there with refreshments after the hike.

### The Man on the Moon Speaks

Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm



And man does he have a lot to share with you! Come discover some interesting relationships and little known moon facts. Is there really a dark side of the moon, what are its phases, and much more?

### Summer Strawberry Full Moon

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 pm



Did you ever wonder if the plants in your backyard are edible or medicinal? Enjoy a full moon adventure exploring the uses of plants around Barr Lake. Be enchanted by the folklore of strawberries and other plants on this summer solstice journey.

## J.A.T.T. Bike Ride

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> & June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm

Explore the Barr Lake 9-mile trail at dusk by bike "Just At Twilight Time". Call 303-659-6005 to RSVP. Be sure to bring a light, water and a helmet. Twilight is a quiet time in the park and wildlife abounds. Come join a naturalist for this special time of day at the Park.

## Basic Archery Instruction

Sundays, May 17<sup>th</sup> and June 14<sup>th</sup> & June 21<sup>st</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.

## Alerts for Equestrian and Trail Users

On Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be hundreds of runners circling the lake for the Adams County Deputy District Attorney Sean May Memorial Run/Walk.

## We Need Your Help

Show your appreciation for Barr Lake State Park through our annual Lake Appreciation Day volunteer event on **Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am-3pm**. Bring your family, friends, scout group, and/or coworkers for

- Volunteer projects from 8:00-11:00am
- BBQ lunch at 11:30am
- multiple fun activities from 12:30-3pm.

Free park admission for volunteers! **RSVP necessary for groups of five or more by calling 303-659-6005.**

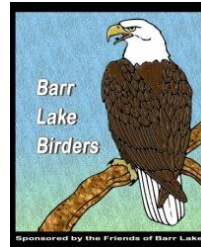
## Kids' Age-specific Programs

**Please pay particular attention to the different age requirements for each program. No younger or older children are allowed! Only 15 slots are available for each program, the overnight camp has a fee. Reservations are required by calling 303-659-6005.**

### Toddler Story Time

Bring your pre-school child to listen to stories about the natural world. Join Ranger Danyel the first Tuesday of every month, at 10 a.m. for a story, a snack and an easy craft. The subject on May 5<sup>th</sup> will be **Cows** and on June 2<sup>nd</sup> will be **Frogs**. Please RSVP to 303-659-6005  
*Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult*

### Barr Lake Birders



Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> & June 20<sup>th</sup>  
10am – 12pm

Children will enjoy a community atmosphere while learning about the birding world during once a month club meetings of the Barr Lake Birds, a new birding club exclusively for

kids ages 6 -15. No experience is required, just an interest in birds and the outdoors.

In addition to the monthly club meetings, we will enjoy field trips to off-park birding sites, dates & times to be determined.

Call the Nature Center to sign up! 303-659-6005

### Adventure Overnight Camp (ages 7 to 13 only)

Sat, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm through Sun., June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10 am

Take advantage of a rare opportunity to spend the night in the park. Kids will eat dinner, play games, work in teams, exercise their nocturnal skills in observing wildlife on a night hike, sleep under the stars, and relish a hearty breakfast with new friends. No accompanying adults. Fee per child is \$15. An outline and list of supplies will be shared after registration.

### Summer Eaglet Explorer and Eagle Ranger Programs

Barr Lake Summer Camp for Kids will cover a wide range of science and nature topics. Archery, a craft, and a nature hike are some of the activities the kids will enjoy. We will host an award ceremony on the final day of both camps.

- Eaglet Explorer June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - 10am-12noon

This Camp is for explorers ages 3-6 only, with accompanying adult.

- Eagle Ranger June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>
  - 9am-12noon

This Camp is for rangers ages 7 - 13 only.

Accompanying adults are welcome but not required.

### e-Mailing list

Would you like to receive the Barr Lake Oasis via email? If so, please send a request to [barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us](mailto:barr.lake.nature.center@state.co.us)

*Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.*

**Hans Christian Andersen**



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