

# Barr Lake Oasis...

A Collection of Exciting Learning Opportunities and Nature Center News

March-April 2016



## 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. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, Tammy and Ira**

**March 19<sup>th</sup>, Marilyn**

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>, Marilyn**

**April 30<sup>th</sup>, Tammy and Ira**

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

## Centennial Bioblitz Dance

**Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 10am**

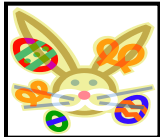
The Bioblitz Dance is a celebration of the outdoors and diversity in the conservation movement. The Bioblitz Dance has one rule: It must be done outdoors! Join the Barr Lake staff and volunteers in creating our own unique dance moves, including the Eagle and the Mule Deer. Bring your dancing boots and bust your best moves with other nature lovers.

To be inspired, watch the how-to video on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/\\_B6MUBHGxCw](https://youtu.be/_B6MUBHGxCw)

## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, March 26<sup>th</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

## Kite Festival

**Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

Get a FREE kite sponsored by the Friends of Barr Lake. Check out other kites and meet experts from other kite clubs. **Please RSVP 303-659-6005** so we have enough for all participants.



## Celebrate Earth Day

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am-2:00 pm**

Come celebrate Earth Day with many fun activities.

- **9:00 am** – Bird walk
- **10:00am, 11:30am and 1:00pm** – Eagle Express rides to the Gazebo and Great Blue Heron rookery. **Seats are limited – reservations required!**
- **12:00am -2:00pm** Face painter & Kids' Crafts

## Full Moon Walks



Explore Barr Lake at dusk! Envision yourself taking a short brisk evening walk with Park Naturalist, Larry. *Moon walk program is designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. They begin at the Nature Center and conclude with refreshments back at the Nature Center.*



### **Spring is Sprung!**

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm**

Barr Lake's wildlife is responding to the coming of spring. Discover these changes while on a vernal equinox walk to the gazebo *Program is designed for adults and families with children age 6 and up. They begin at the Nature Center and conclude with refreshments back at the Nature Center.*



### **Myth Busters**

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 pm**

Dispel common myths and misunderstandings about wildlife and nature while on a full moon walk: are bats really blind, can owls turn their heads 360 degrees, do prairie dogs have a vocabulary, and other widespread folklore.

## Toddler Story Time

**Thursdays, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 7<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, beginning March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. for a different story sure to entertain your little one. **March will be about toads and April's topic is chicks!** *Program designed for children 3-5 accompanied by an adult.*

**Please RSVP 303-659-6005**

## e-Mailing list

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## Bald Eagle Nesting via the Eagle Express

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am**

Make a date to come to Barr Lake for bald eagle viewing! If all goes well, eaglets hatch in late March. As of 2015, Barr Lake bald eagles have fledged 51 young!



**Join us for a unique opportunity to view our bald eagle population at its peak!** Eagle Express rides to the Gazebo **Seats are limited – reservations required! Call 303-659-6005**

## Spring Fishing Clinic

**Saturday, May 7<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! 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.

## Barr Lake Birders

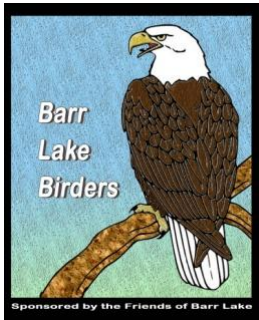
A Birders' Club for kids ages 6-15

**Saturdays, March 19<sup>th</sup> & April 16<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 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 6<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<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.

## Adult Coloring Workshop

**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm to 3pm**

Reignite your child-like creativity, even if you choose to color outside the lines. Join Ranger Michelle for a coloring party with a wildlife & nature theme. We'll provide coloring pages, pencils, snacks and beverages. You bring your imagination.

**RSVP by calling 303-659-6005 Recommended for ages 10 and up.**

## Spring Break Day Camp

**Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am – 12pm Ages 4-6**

**Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</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.



## Meadow Lark Picnic Pavilion



Host a family gala, company gathering, day outing, wedding, or club meeting in a fresh and comfortable outdoor facility at the oasis on the prairie. Barr Lake's universally accessible, sheltered pavilion includes two charcoal grills, 15 picnic tables, electrical outlets, counter tops, running water, restrooms, volleyball court, horseshoes, and a natural setting.

**The reservation fee is \$100 and each vehicle must have a \$7 daily or annual park pass. The pavilion can accommodate a party of 100. Reserve the Meadowlark Picnic Pavilion for your event by calling the Nature Center 303-659-6005.**

## Friends Corner

### **News from the Friends of Barr Lake Fourth Annual Raptor Run**

**Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – 5k @ 9am,  
Fun Run @ 10am**

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 [www.RunningGuru.com](http://www.RunningGuru.com) and search for

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Raptor Run**

### ***Lonestar Dine & Donate***

**April 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>**

Dine & Donate is an easy way to raise money for the Friends of Barr Lake, just by dining at your local Lonestar Steakhouse. For every guest that presents the Dine & Donate flyer April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>, Lonestar will donate 15% of your check back to your organization. Go to [www.FriendsofBarrLake.org](http://www.FriendsofBarrLake.org) to get the Lonestar D&D flyer.

### ***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 \$3-\$5 per child. Accompanying adults are free.



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