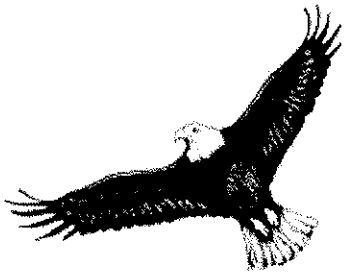

Spring Fling

Dunbar Cave State Park
Saturday, May 4, 2013

Sponsored by: Friends of Dunbar Cave, Warioto Audubon Chapter, Tennessee Trails Association
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and Tennessee State Parks

ALL ACTIVITIES BEGIN AT THE VISITOR CENTER AND ARE FREE OF CHARGE.
EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE. **Children must be supervised by an adult.**

8:15-9:30 am – Morning Bird Watching Hike

Hike the trails at the park; watch & identify birds with members of Warioto Audubon Chapter. Bring binoculars & field guides if you have them. . (NOTE: This program overlaps with the Wildflower/Plant Walk)

8:45-10:15 am – Wildflower/Plant Walk

Austin Peay State University botanist Rob Shepard will lead you on a hike to appreciate the abundant wild flowers & other plants found in the park. (NOTE: This program overlaps with the 1st raptor program, but there is a 2nd)

10:00-10:50 am – Raptors with Wings to Soar (formerly SOAR)

Wings to Soar (formerly SOAR) will give an educational program showing various native birds of prey. They will tell about each bird & its personal history, describe its species & how it fits into the natural world. Several of the birds are flighted which should make for some lively audience encounters. (Program repeated at 12:40PM)

11:00 am-11:45 pm – Cold-blooded Critters

Michael Fulbright, APSU biologist, talks about & shows some local native fishes, salamanders, frogs and snakes.

11:45-12:30 pm – Urban Wildlife (Will be cancelled if weather is rainy.)

Carolyn Pendarvis from Walden's Puddle Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center will discuss some of the animals that you will find living in town. Live animals commonly found in urban settings will be displayed.

12:40-1:30 pm – Raptors with SOAR, Inc.

Save Our American Raptors will provide an educational program showing various birds of prey.

1:45-2:35 pm – Snakes and Reptiles

Sherry & Donny Howell, local reptile experts, & their Reptiliac friends show you native & exotic snakes & other reptiles. Learn why these gentle creatures are so important to our ecology.

2:45-3:45 pm – Trail Hike with Suva Bastin

Suva Bastin, member of Clarksville's Tennessee Trails Association, will lead us on a hike on the park's trails. She can provide valuable pointers for day-hiking in our region.

2:45-4:45 pm – Canoeing

Enjoy the beauty of Swan Lake and Dunbar Cave State Natural Area from a canoe. Canoes, paddle and life jackets provided for brief excursions on the lake. Sign-up will begin earlier in the day.

EXHIBITS AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Backpacking with Tennessee Trail Association (TTA)

Clarksville Chapter of TTA will demonstrate needed equipment for backpacking, day hiking and camping.

Bats and White-nose Syndrome

Researchers from Austin Peay State University will discuss issues of bats, caves and the White-nose Syndrome.

Birds in Your Backyard

This TWRA-sponsored exhibit covers how to make your place friendly to birds and other wildlife.

Renewable Energy

Students Organization to Advance Renewable Energy from Austin Peay State University will discuss and demonstrate ways to conserve energy and employ renewable sources of energy.